

Admissions Coordinator Board Report

September 2016

The 2016-17 school year is off to a great start! The students enjoyed 8 days of activities designed to help them get to know each other and work as a team. Students had the opportunity to interact within their program, across other programs, and across districts. This interaction in a high school is a large part of what makes ECTS so unique. As you can see from the photo collage, students are working and playing together!



I have enjoyed attending Freshman Orientations and Open Houses at the sending districts. Any opportunity to be visible to students and parents in the high schools is welcome. These events demonstrate that the sending districts and ECTS are partners in education. I have several more upcoming dates on my calendar for this month, October, and November.

Each September I visit each district's Guidance Counselor to review rosters, gather information about students that may assist ECTS in relating to individual students, set up dates for ECTS 9th grade presentations and tours, and review the details of the admissions process. I appreciate the time the Guidance Counselors take to meet and all of the efforts they put in to assisting me with recruiting.

We have had several new students admitted after the school year started and several that have changed programs. The sending school Counselors do an outstanding job of working with the students, families and I to make sure the students are in the right place at ECTS for the right reason.

Planning for the 9th grade presentations in the month of October is well under way. A new video is being produced with the assistance of the Art and Design class. The video is a short snap shot of each program designed to interest the audience in visiting to learn more. I will present to 45 – 50 different groups of students throughout the month. Each freshman will choose 3 different programs to visit when their class comes in November. ECTS Instructors have activities planned for every freshman that visits. A mailer is being sent at the end of September to every 9th grader which outlines the ECTS admission process. The JOC is included in this mailer to provide you with the same information being sent to the students in each district. Watch your mail for this packet.

I have been attending the Erie Together meetings as part of the action team Aligning Education to Careers. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other members of the community and become involved in solving obstacles students in Erie County face that interfere with their ability to succeed. Great ideas and implementation practices are evolving from this group.

The PACTA Guidance Counselor Conference is being held at the end of the month in State College. I appreciate the opportunity to attend. This conference is always informative and valuable. It is extremely nice to connect with other CTC people in the role I am in to share ideas. I always come away with new tricks and find that ECTS is typically ahead of the curve in current issues and practices.