

High School Activity Report November & December 2018

First Quarter Honors: The first quarter of the school year was completed on October 31st. The Erie County Technical School quarterly recognizes three groups of outstanding students; HONOR ROLL students, PERFECT ATTENDANCE students and DISTINGUISHED students.

- **HONOR ROLL:** 190 students; 27% of the student body earned the Honor Roll Status. To achieve this status, the student must have a 95% grade point average.
- **PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** 210 students; 30% of the ECTS population achieved Perfect Attendance this quarter.
- **DISTINGUISHED STUDENT:** 78 students; 11% of the students were recognized as Distinguished. To be a distinguished student, the student must achieve both honor roll and perfect attendance.

Each student received certificates in recognition of the honor. Peggy Hanson and Pam Lasher did a superb job of organizing and creating the list and certificates.

Please see the attached list for your district students that were recognized.

Success of Support - Walk for Wishes: The 9th annual Walk-for-Wishes campaign was held on Wednesday, October 31st. The event is the Erie County Technical School community fundraiser held to support the Make-A-Wish foundation and to grant a wish for an Erie County resident.

Mr. Tarasovitch continues to be astonished with support of the students, faculty and friends of the Erie County Technical School. This year's fundraiser raised \$5125.00, which equates to granting 1.3 wishes! Michael Slupski, a Transition Center student from the Harbor Creek School District, raised \$600.00. He was the highest student fundraiser for the second year. ECTS is extremely proud of Michael's efforts. Mr. Tarasovitch would like to thank Mr. Woodburn, Ms. Erdman and Mrs. Sargent, Skills USA and the National Honor Society for their support of this worthy project.

Principal Meeting #2: On Thursday, November 8th, the consortium of principals met to discuss and share information of value to each district. Mr. Tarasovitch shared ECTS concerns of low grade and poor attendance issues with students. The Principals also discussed topics from Sending Schools such as "weighting" ECTS Level 2 and 3 courses at Fairview HS; re-unification drills – invitation to shadow at Girard HS.

Recruitment/Visitations: Lisa Sorensen and the staff did a superb job hosting the freshman visitations that had been scheduled through October and November. Again, the instructors and the students did an outstanding job displaying the opportunities in their lab and at ECTS. During the span of 10 days and 11 sessions the Erie County 9th grade students had the opportunity to visit 3 programs.

October & November ECTS Pride Students: Please find the attached the monthly recognition of the PRIDE Student of the month from each lab.

Construction Trades, Culinary Arts and Precision Machining - "Welcoming and Involved":

Mr. Dave Yanosko, Mrs. Kelly Schoullis, and Mr. Rob Supryn timer and students from their programs displayed the Be-Attitudes of Welcoming and Involved when they supported the visitation of the life skills group of students from Mill Village Elementary on November 16th. Both the Construction Trades and Precision Machining students worked hand in hand with the Mill Village Students to create bird houses and name tags as a remembrance of their day. The Culinary Arts students provided lunch and cookies for our guest.

Please see the attached pictures of this outing.

Open House for 9th Graders: The Erie County Technical School's doors were open for the 9th graders and their parents to visit and investigate any program of interest on Thursday, November 15th. The evening had over 150 students and their parents walk through the school. The ECTS administration applauds the faculty and the ECTS students with their "welcoming" approach to the informative evening.

Fun Times in Cosmetology: The Cosmetology Lab held a spa night fundraiser on October 23rd from 4-8. The students performed manicures, pedicures, facials, and hairstyling for a minimum donation of \$10.00 per service. It was a great success at bringing in approximately \$2,000.00 toward funding for a future trip to the Chicago Hair show. The students and Mrs. Noonan also hosted another spa night Dec. 11th from 4-8. The results of the evening were not available as of the report.

Skills USA Leadership Conference: Mr. Michael Miller and Mr. Travis Woodburn escorted a group of students to the Skills USA Leadership Conference held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott on Thursday, December 6th. Approximately 7 ECTS students participated in the conference which allowed the students to experience a variety of activities to encourage each of the students to become a positive influence in their school and community.

Giving You the Business Story: On Wednesday, December 5th Paul Wagner toured the ECTS and interviewed several instructor and students for his weekly series "Giving You the Business". Mr. Tarasovitch organized the morning and the programs and students that were interviewed; the hope was to bring attention to the school's 50th anniversary and the outstanding opportunities for students at ECTS.

The segment aired on Monday, December 10, 2018 during the WICU-12 5:30 PM newscast; it can be found on a post on the website: www.erienewsnow.com.

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports: The 2nd Quarter progress reports were mailed home to the Erie County Technical families on Monday, December 10th.

Sharing a Bit of Cheer: The continued generosity and support of the Abiding Hope Lutheran Church allowed for 8 ECTS families to be presented with Christmas food baskets. Lisa Sorensen and Mr. Tarasovitch divided the travel and delivery where each of them witnessed a true appreciation from the families that received this wonderful gift. A special thank you to Mrs. Analee Cree who is an Instructional Aide at ECTS and a member of the Abiding Hope Lutheran congregation; she has been the driving force for the past several years to acquiring the gift baskets.

Sharing Even More.... Cheer: Retired Automotive Technology Instructor Dave Michalak and the Elks Lodge #67 contacted Mr. Tarasovitch to investigate families that could benefit from a Christmas Food Basket. The Elks Lodge #67 provided 15 baskets to be distributed. The staff divided the travel and delivery of these baskets. A special “thank you” to Mr. Dave Michalak and the Elks Lodge #67 for engaging ECTS and our families in their generosity of their food baskets drive.

Best Wishes for the Holidays and New Year.