

High School Activity Report

September 2018

Enrollment:

There are 713 students enrolled at the Erie County Technical School as of September 19, 2018. This is a decrease of 46 students from the 2017-18 school year at this time.

Transition Center Enrollment:

The Erie County Transition Center has an enrollment of 39 students as of September 18, 2018. This enrollment is a decrease from the initial enrollment from the 2017-18 school year by one student. Fort Leboeuf and North East has the largest population with 7 students enrolled, with General McLane and Harbor Creek close behind with 5 students enrolled.

First 8 Days of Activities:

The Erie County Technical School students were involved in a variety of lab and school building activities during the initial 8 days of school. The activities were built around the Minute-To-Win-It theme. Again, these activities were designed to encourage team work and school unity. A special afternoon activity was to have students make the ECTS logo come to life for the seventh year. The images this year were taken by a "drone" owned by a Drafting and Design student named Kyle Forbes from the Wattsburg School District. Please see the images on our website.

Finally, the annual "school" picnic was conducted on Friday, September 7th to allow the students the opportunity to mingle among friends and labs, and to enjoy a hot dog and pop.

A special thank you to the Nutrient group for preparing the hot dogs and set-up of our food line. Kudo's to Lisa Sorensen and the staff for monitoring the students and the activities. Most importantly, a BIG shout out to the students, both the morning and afternoon students were very well behaved-the best ever!!

Faculty Meeting:

The first "after school" faculty meeting of the 2018-19 school year occurred on Thursday, September 6, 2018. The agenda for the faculty meeting was the preparation for the year's "Professional Learning Communities" and the sharing of the faculty expectations for the instructor's individual 2018-19 NOCTI Action Plan.

The Professional Learning Communities will be led by 5 recognized "distinguished" instructors at ECTS; Donna Erdman, Kayla Noonan, Elaine Shaffer, Sherry States, and Mariea Sargent. The 5 topics for discussion over the course of the first semester are intended to support professional development with our instructional staff; topics are Classroom Management, Student Engagement, Collins Writing Strategies, Recruiting Strategies, and Field Trip Strategies.

Student Orientation:

Due to the lack of air conditioning in the cafeteria, Mr. Tarasovitch requested that each instructor present the "student orientation" Power Point to the students on September 12th in their labs to reinforce the expectations for the Erie County Technical School. The process of this delivery will be discussed further due to the positive comments from the faculty.

Advanced Training Day:

Mr. Tarasovitch appreciates the group effort that was displayed to organize this year's Advance Training Day; Peggy Hanson, Sandy Carr and Mary Foulkrod did a superb job with organizing the day from the invitations to the set-up. The post-secondary option day was held on Tuesday, September 18th. This annual event provides our students the opportunity to investigate the educational options after graduation.

Approximately 35 institutions/organizations were represented for student exploration: 10 - Two year colleges, 6 – Four year colleges, 5 Military branches, 8 Apprenticeship Programs, 2 Staffing agencies, 2 Technical Schools.

Safety:

The Erie County Technical School prepared for the yearly safety drills by reviewing the "Navi-Gate Prepared" protocol on Friday, September 14th. The first fire drill was conducted on Thursday, September 21st at both the High School and the Skills Center buildings.