
Erie County Technical School Leadership Report – Director & Principal September 2024

ECTS Golf Outing Postponed

Due to low numbers, we have postponed the 9/21/24 golf outing. We will be hosting the 1st Golf Outing on Monday, June 16, 2025. We will have more information on the outing in the spring.

Digger & Dumpers – Heavy Metal Rodeo

On September 26, 27, & 28, we are hosting the Heavy Equipment Operators from NWPA for our Diggers & Dumpers Event that is sponsored by ECTS & Chivers Construction. After the JOC meeting on Thursday night, all JOC members are invited to stay for the PUCA regional meeting where will have discussions about Career and Technical Education connecting better to the Heavy Highway Construction Industry.

On Friday, we have two member schools coming for 7th graders field trips and two other member schools bringing a class of students to experience the day. Finally on Saturday, we host a community event from 9am-2pm with food, obstacle course, and some other fun, as well as a Heavy Metal Rodeo that starts at 10am where the operators compete in competitions for the crowd.

Advance Training Day

On September 25, we hosted Advance Training Day with over 35 partners from higher education, the labor unions, military, and other options. All of our programs had the option to send students through to meet the industry, military, and high education recruiters. This is an annual event that gives students exposure to the options discussed with them through ECTS programs to further prepare them for life after high school.

Walk for Wishes

On September 30, we will have our annual Walk for Wishes fundraiser kickoff for raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The fundraiser will run the month of September with a celebration to end the event on October 25.

ECTS Blood Drive

On October 1, we host our first blood drive of the year. This will be the first of 3 blood drives for our students and staff to give back to our community in the form of vital health care resources.

Community Open House & Alumni Association Kickoff

On October 2, we are hosting a Community Open House to show case the finished product of the renovation with an Alumni Association Kickoff. The Networking event and tour will be have some food and refreshments and start at 7pm.

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Showcase Tours & Open House

In the 2nd week of November, we will host the 9th Grade showcase tours for our member districts. These tours are a half-day format over a course of a week and half. Then on November 21st we have open house for the prospective new students and parents to meet the instructors. Our recruiting season then wraps up with Priority Enrollment Application due by December 15.

Staff Openings

We continue to look and we continue to hire, below is a synopsis of where we stand.

- Open: Computer Networking Instructor
- Hired:
 - Donielle Betcher, Instructional Aide
 - Destiny Schley, Part-time Custodian
 - Addison Burwell (TRC) – Part-Time Custodian (Student)
- Hired soon:
 - Josh Hirtzel (FMT) – Part-Time Maintenance (Student)

New Program Discussion

We continue to discuss new programs and our short list is below. We are surveying students in MS grades and pushing out a community survey at our open house.

- Heavy Equipment Operation & Repair
- Veterinary Technician
- Dental Assistant
- Logistics
- Recreational Equipment & Small Engine Repair
- Aviation & Aerospace Sciences
- Plumbing/HVAC

Student Spotlight

We are hiring two students to work for us in paid internship and cooperative education. Then we have several other students stepping up in leadership positions.

Addison Burwell TRC – FLB ECTS 	Josh Hirtzel FMT – NE ECTS 	Melanie Miller COS – FVW Rotary Interact Club 
Ryleigh Kinter STS – HBC Rotary Interact Club 	Dannica McChesney PMT – UC PA Governor’s School 	Ahmed Salem HEA – MLK SkillsUSA Vice President 