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October 23, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to share an upcoming opportunity for our ninth-grade students to explore future career pathways. On Tuesday, November 10, 2026, all ninth-grade students will visit the Erie County Technical School (ECTS) to learn about the programs and opportunities available to them as they begin planning for their futures.

Students will depart from Iroquois at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 a.m. During this visit, students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of technical education programs, discover potential career interests, and learn more about the educational pathways available to them.

Following the field trip, students will have the opportunity to apply online for the ECTS program of their choice. All applications must be submitted electronically through the ECTS online application portal. Families are encouraged to visit www.ects.org for additional information about available programs and the application process.

We encourage all ninth-grade students to attend this valuable experience, as it provides an important opportunity to explore future educational and career possibilities. Please note that there will be no make-up opportunities for the field trip. If you do not wish for your child to attend, please submit a written request to the School Counseling Office by Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

Families are also invited to attend an informational Open House at the Erie County Technical School with their students on Thursday, November 19, 2026, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered, meet staff, and explore the school's facilities.

The Open House will be held at:

Erie County Technical School
8500 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509

If you have any questions about the field trip or career exploration opportunities, please contact the School Counseling Office at (814) 899-7643, extension 1532.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kelly Drahushak
Academic Support & Transition Counselor

November 10, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today, our ninth-grade students had the opportunity to visit the Erie County Technical School (ECTS) to explore the various career and technical education programs available to them. Students were able to learn more about potential career pathways, explore program offerings, and discover opportunities to help them plan for their futures.

We are excited to share that applications for the 2027–2028 school year at Erie County Technical School are now OPEN! Students who are interested in attending ECTS are encouraged to work with a parent or guardian to complete the online application.

ECTS Open House – Thursday, November 19, 2026

Families are also invited to attend the Erie County Technical School Open House with their students on Thursday, November 19, 2026, from 4:30–6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the programs offered, meet instructors and staff, tour the facilities, and ask questions about the programs and admissions process.

Open House Location:

Erie County Technical School
8500 Oliver Road
Erie, PA 16509

How to Apply:

1. Visit www.ects.org.
2. Click on the orange "Create or Complete an ECTS Application" button on the home page.
3. Parents/Guardians should create an account or log in to an existing account. (If your account from a previous student is more than two years old, you may need to create a new account.)
4. Be sure to check all notification and communication preference boxes to receive important emails, updates, and reminders from ECTS.
5. Search for your student by name in the database and click "Get Started."
6. Enter the requested student information, including the student ID number (or school email address), first and last name, and date of birth.
7. Both the parent/guardian and student must complete their required sections of the application.
8. Students should carefully read the instructions and thoroughly complete all sections of the application.
9. Select your preferred program as your first choice and your next favorite program as your second choice.

Important Application Reminders:

- Students must obtain two teacher recommendations and one guidance counselor recommendation from Mrs. Drahushak (kdrahushak@iroquoissd.org).
- All three recommendations are required for the application to move forward in the admissions process.
- Please double-check that all email addresses are entered correctly.
- Keep your SchoolMint login information in a safe place. You can log in at any time to check the status of your application.
- In the spring, families will receive an email notifying them whether the student has been offered a seat or placed on the waiting list.

We encourage all interested students and families to take advantage of these opportunities. Today's visit was a great first step in exploring the possibilities available through technical education. The upcoming Open House is another excellent opportunity to learn more before completing the application process.

For additional information about programs and the application process, please visit www.ects.org. If you have questions regarding the application, please contact Erie County Technical School at (814) 464-8684 or (814) 464-8668. For questions about recommendations or assistance with the process, please contact the School Counseling Office at (814) 899-7643, extension 1532.

We look forward to supporting our students as they explore their interests and plan for their futures!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Kelly Drahushak
Academic Support & Transition Counselor