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One of my favorite machines that I saw on this class trip was the t-shirt printer. I thought it was interesting because, the most common method that I know of when it comes to printing on t-shirts is screen printing. This although was a printer that printed the image digitally. The person that was in charge in printing chose the image that he wanted to print on the shirt, and then he placed the shirt in the printer. He made sure that it was centered in the middle before printing, and what I found very interesting was that the printer would not print unless the shirt was centered. I thought this was interesting because it saves a lot of time and prevents mistakes from happening. I also liked how they had a machine that is hot and helps the ink dry on the shirt and it does it very quickly. Another machine that I liked was in the mail room where the mailing address of envelopes gets printed on. I really liked this machine because I thought that it was very efficient way of printing. The machine prints on all information that is required to be on the envelopes



very quickly. I think what makes this machine very efficient is that it saves a lot of time from having to hand write that information on each envelope. By printing this information though it not only saves time, but it produces a large quantity of the envelopes that are ready to be sent off. The process is quick and simple, the envelopes are placed on a conveyor belt and go through rollers that are inked and the information is stamped on the envelopes.

The cutting machine that they had also impressed me. This machine can cut a large amount of paper very quickly and efficiently. One thing that I noticed about most toe machines they have is that they come with some safety guards and aligning guides. The machines will either not do their job unless the item is aligned properly. This cutting machine has guides that tell the person



that using it where to place the paper for it to be cut. All the person has to do is place it in and the machine does the rest. I also liked that the machine had a sensor that would know if someone had their hand or was too close to the place it would stop and not cut. I thought that this was a very good safety feature. The machine is also very strong it can cut thick blocks of paper which I also really liked because it made the job very quick and simple.