



12/16/22

Good afternoon Eli Family,

We missed another potential snowfall event today, but we know we have a way to go! As mentioned below, we will send an announcement via Parent Square and on local tv stations if we need to delay, close or dismiss early. We have spirit week continuing this week with different themes for each day and concluding with the Clash of the Classes event on Friday 12/23. We are always mindful to support all religions in this holiday season.

- **We will have an early dismissal day on 12/23/22, dismissal at 11:55.**
- We continue to recruit for parents/guardians to become members of our PFA, the parent faculty association (PTO). If you are interested, please email Ms. Marrero at caro.marrero@cttech.org
- The National Honors Society is sponsoring a Toy Drive for The Yale Children's Hospital (Yale Toy Box). We are collecting toys until the drop-off on 12/19.
- We are also collecting socks for a local organization as well.
- The school has been participating in the holiday door decorating competition with the students and staff exhibiting tremendous creativity. There is some amazing holiday spirit happening!!



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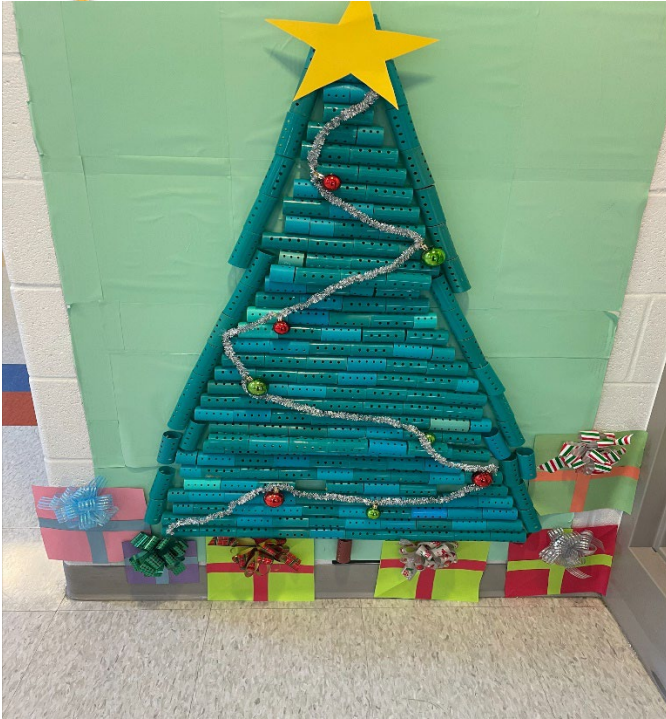
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- Here is a link to the Eli Whitney Tech Instagram page.

https://www.instagram.com/eli_whitney_tech/

- Here is a link to the Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitneyTech>

- **Daily attendance** is important as it prepares you for professionalism in the workplace or college. Chronic attendance occurs when you have 2 or more absences in a month. Achieving ten unexcused absences places you in the chronic absentee category and **may lead to credit denial**. Communication is important for all absences, notes should be submitted as well. Contact the Dean of Students with questions or concerns, Mr. LeSieur, chris.lesieur@cttech.org
- As the Eli Whitney students have been extremely cooperative in the educational process, we have had numerous situations with student disagreements. As mentioned before and in the handbook, **fighting is not an acceptable form of disagreement**. Also, students should not carry knives, pepper spray, or any facsimile weapons. Communicate with the school counselors, teachers, administration, or SRO if aware of a potential issue or if a student needs to talk to someone.
- **If you see something, say something. A physical altercation or possession of the aforementioned can lead to out-of-school suspension, expulsion, and/or arrest.**
- While attending sporting events, FANS must be respectful to all. No inappropriate comments should be made. FANS are not FANATICS. Avoid making inappropriate comments, as that will lead to limited spectators.

- We are starting the basketball season, please see the schedule below.
 Let's have a great, positive season!! Go Owls!!!

• **HOME BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TEAM</i>	<i>START TIME</i>	<i>TEAM</i>
12/13 Tues	Obrien	V 4	girls
12/20 Tues	Wolcott	Jv 4:30 V 6	boys
12/21 WED	Terryville	Jv 4:30 V 6	boys
12/27 Tues	Holiday Tourney Eli, Westbrook, Wright and Rocky Hill	2p/4p	boys
12/28 Wed	Holiday Tourney	2p/4p	boys
1/3 Tues	Wilcox	V 4	girls

1/6 FRI	Platt	F 4 Jv 5:30 V 7	boys
1/9	East Windsor	V 3:30	girls
1/13 FRI	Obrien	Jv 4:30 V 6	boys
1/17 Tues	Abbott	V 4:30	girls
1/20 FRI	Wright	V 4:00	girls
1/24 TUES	Wilcox	F 4 Jv 5:30 V 7	boys
1/27 FRI	Platt	V 4	girls
2/1 WED	Bullard Havens	V 4	girls
2/7 TUES	Kaynor	V 4	girls

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2/10 FRI	<i>Bullard Havens</i>	<i>F 4 Jv 5:30 V 7</i>	<i>boys</i>
2/14 TUES	<i>Ellis</i>	<i>Jv 4:30 V 6</i>	<i>boys</i>
<u>2/20 Holiday Mon</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Jv 4:30 V 6</u>	<u>boys</u>

- Dress code remains the same, no crocs, midriffs, or pants with holes. Pajama's should not be worn. The attire must be appropriate. Once again, IDs must be worn at all times.



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- Cell phones may be used at the discretion of the teachers in class. **Don't be distracted!** Recording of other students and adults is not permitted. We will be reviewing the policy to reduce the interruption of learning

- As we have transitioned into the WINTER season, if we need to cancel school we will announce school closures in ParentSquare, and post on the following TV stations, CH3-WFSB, CH 61 Fox, CH8 WTNH, and CH30 WNBC.
- Social-emotional message from Mrs. Becton, school social worker. There are several other awareness days in this month such as HIV/AIDS and Universal Human Rights. Our December SEL word is social-awareness. Social-awareness is perspective-taking, recognizing strengths in others, showing empathy, compassion, concern and respect for others, and appreciating diversity. For many, December is a time to get together with our loved ones and friends. Let's practice social-awareness by being inclusive and making sure that everyone feels connected, supported, valued, and respected in our personal and professional circles. Happy Holidays!



Let's work together to make Eli Whitney the best and safest school for trade and college preparation!

Have a great week,

Mr. DiNatale

Principal

