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Good afternoon Eli Family,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and memorable Thanksgiving. We now approach the December holidays and continue to give thanks and celebrate a positive environment. We have spirit weeks coming up with different themes for each day. We are also looking 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

- Here is the link for the December issue of the gazette. Thanks again to the **AMAZING Gazette Team:**
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- Mr. LeSieur, Dean of Students, coordinated a presentation by Sikorsky's Career Pathways Union Mentoring Program Students for Success. The Career Pathways Program began in 2002 and has since trained 300 students across multiple trade disciplines. Students receive critical trade skills working on major products, like the Black Hawk helicopter and CH-53K King Stallion helicopter. Students who wish to become part of this premier program must endure a competitive application and selection process. To be considered, interested juniors and seniors must have an exceptional academic record, extracurricular activities, and volunteering experience.



- We held the Freshman Shop Selection night this week. It was a wonderful turnout for students and parents as they chose their life-changing trades. Thank you to Ms. Willinsky for the coordination and all staff for their support! We also viewed a recorded message from our Executive Director Dr. Solek, reinforcing our mission of workforce readiness.

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- United Illuminated visited Eli Whitney to demonstrate and discuss career opportunities. United Illuminated also performed a repair on a pole across the street from Eli Whitney. The opportunities are endless for students if they exhibit hard-work and a desire to grow in the trades.

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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. As we have encountered some students making inappropriate comments, we may reach a point where students aren't able to attend our home games. Be respectful and make Eli proud!
- **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 time.

- As we have transitioned into the Fall 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.
December 3 is International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Additionally, 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 wonderful weekend,

Mr. DiNatale

Principal