



2/17/23

Good afternoon Eli Family,

We had a great week, enjoying the warm weather and ready for Spring. We had the battle of the classes, sponsored by the Gaming and Esports Club held Friday afternoon. We will continue to schedule activities for students.

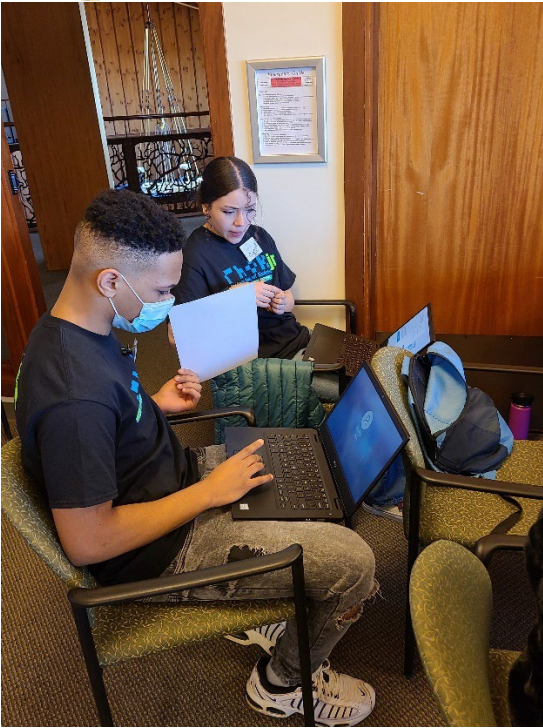
We do not have school on Monday, 2/20, as we honor George Washington, an American military officer, statesman, and Founding Father who served as the first president of the United States from 1789 to 1797.

The next PTO meeting will be held in person in the cafeteria on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm.

- I would like to thank the IT Department Head, Mary Rucker for coordinating our student participation on Saturday, 2/11/2023 where Eli Whitney Information Technology (IT) students, Luis Lara, Emerson, Medina, Jasmin Saldana, and Mekhi Avery mentored Girl Scouts attended the Random Hacks of Kindness hackathon at Quinnipiac University. Our students were able to obtain 7.5 community service hours. They were well received by Executive Director, Patrice Gans who reached out to collaborate with computer science college students and high school students for the Girl Scouts to create socially viable apps using App Lab based upon local non-profits' needs. The culmination of the event was the scouts earning their "Computing" badge at this event. They are shining stars at Eli Whitney! <https://rhokir.org/>

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- Battle of the classes, sponsored by the Gaming and Esports Club pictures.





Congratulations to this month INSPIRED winners. Keep up the positive work!!  
Thank you to Ms. Cavallo and Ms. Brown for coordinating the awards. The winners are:

Freshman Chelsea Almeda

Sophomore Tyshaun Lester

Junior Stephanie Maurad

Senior Itzel Barrera





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- We were visited by a reporter for the New Yorker magazine writing a story of green sustainability and our preparation of students utilizing the latest green-energy efficient building model. Our students discussed with the reporter their roles in building the e-house. The respective trades were plumbing, electrical and carpentry.



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- The following is the SEL(Social Emotional Learning) message from Mrs. Becton, our School Social Worker. February is a great month to practice social emotional learning (SEL). Let's start with observing that the month of February is Black History Month. We can practice SEL by being socially aware, appreciating diversity and making it a priority to celebrate, honor, reflect, and educate on the contributions of Black Americans throughout history and today. February 14 is Valentine's Day; the day of expressing love and February



17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day. Let's foster feelings of compassion and show love towards ourselves and others every day!

- It is time to sign up for Spring sports. You can sign up in the morning with Coach Lombardo. Remember you must be academically eligible and have an updated physical on file.
- The girls' basketball team continues to play a challenging schedule. Go lady Owls!
- The boys' basketball team continues its drive to win the CTC. The boys defeated Ellis Tech and Bullard Havens this week. The team continues to demonstrate excellent sportsmanship and athleticism!
- The boys' basketball team celebrated Senior Night against Ellis Tech on Tuesday night. Congratulations to our seniors, Jeff Medley, Eric Johnson, James Douglas, Jayden Gates and Headley Martin.





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- The boys' basketball team defeated Bullard Havens in double overtime! It was an incredible game. Channel 8 covered the game. Great job led by Coach Lombardo and team! Double click the link below to see the news highlights.

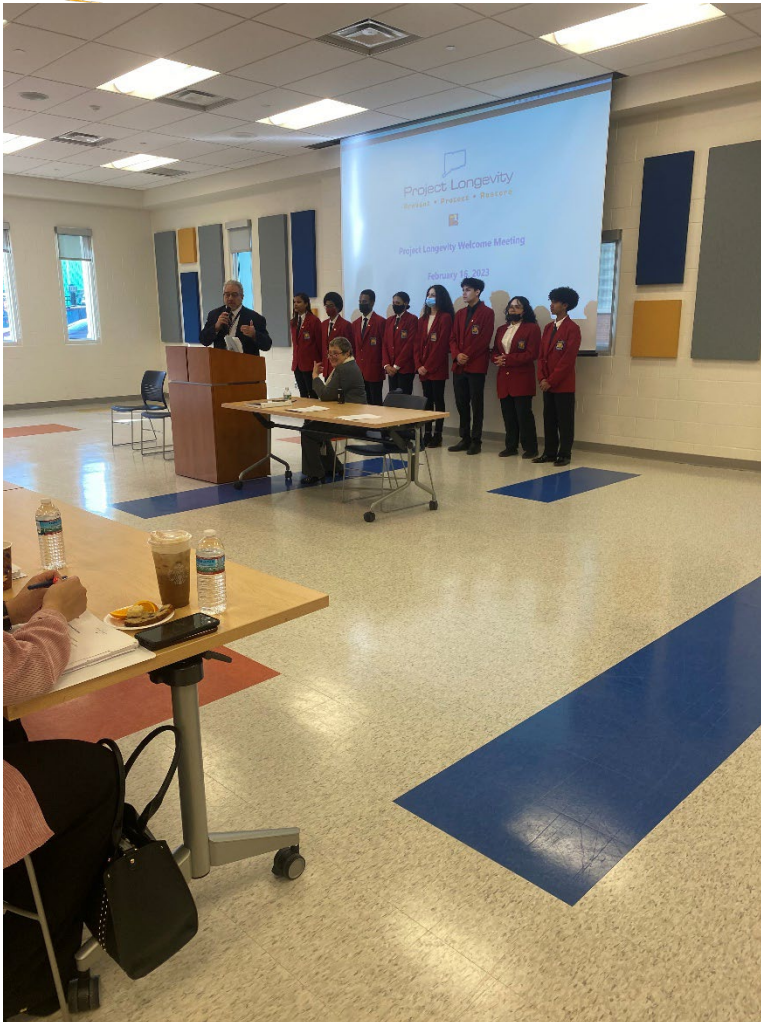


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- The following is one of our culinary students preparing a delectable meal.



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- We had the fortune to host a workshop sponsored by the Justice Education Group. The opportunity allows us to showcase our Skills USA students providing hospitality and our Culinary students providing a light breakfast and lunch for 70 people. The event is paid by the group and we raise production funds as a result. The students gain experience in catering to a larger affair.



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- 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 or no spectators. **Be respectful and make Eli proud!**
- The Community Health Center, Inc., Mobile Dental team will be scheduling their dental visit to start on 2/6/2023. Students enrolled for dental services are due at this time. Please see attached pdfs for more



- **REMAINING HOME BASKETBALL GAMES**

<b>2/21</b>	<b>Career</b>	<b>JV 4:30</b>	<b>boys</b>
<b>TUES</b>		<b>V 6</b>	

- Follow us on the Eli Whitney Tech Instagram page.  
[https://www.instagram.com/eli\\_whitney\\_tech/](https://www.instagram.com/eli_whitney_tech/)
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<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](mailto: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.**
- **Dress code remains the same, no crops, midriffs, or pants with holes. Pajamas 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 WINTER season, if we need to cancel or delay 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.

Let's work together to make Eli Whitney the best and safest school for trade and college preparation! Have a great long weekend!

Best regards,

Mr. DiNatale

*Principal*