



2/26/23

Good afternoon Eli Family,

As Mark Twain said, **“If you don't like New England weather, wait a few minutes.”** We have experienced and prepared for spring, but we are reminded that we are still in the Winter season. We have snow predicted for Monday night through Tuesday. We will announce school closures in ParentSquare, and post on the following TV stations, CH3-WFSB, CH 61 Fox, CH8 WTNH, and CH30 WNBC.

- The Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy was established to recognize public high school graduates who have attained a level of proficiency in English and one or more other languages. On June 6, 2017, the Governor signed the bill into law as Public Act 17-29. Section 1(f) of Public Act 17-29 states, “Not later than September 1, 2017, the State Board of Education shall establish criteria by which a local or regional board of education may affix the Connecticut State Seal of Biliteracy on a diploma awarded to a student who has achieved a high level of proficiency in English and one or more foreign languages. For purposes of this subsection, ‘foreign language’ means a world language other than English and includes American Sign Language and any other language spoken by a federally recognized Native American tribe.” The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) encourages district participation in this initiative. We have 25 seniors taking the assessment. Thank you to Mrs. Montanaro, and Ms. Parsells for coordinating the assessment.



- The juniors will be taking the SAT assessment in March. We have been preparing students for the SAT. It is important we all encourage our students to do the best they can on test day. The test is not only used for college entrance but for the school standing. We will be planning an event for the students such as a special breakfast for positive participation.
- If your student has been absent from school when submitting a note, please send them/direct to Mr. LeSieur, Dean of Students. If you have medical physical paperwork, please give them to the nurse or main office.
- As a district we are focused on improving climate and culture. C.A.R.E.S. is a district committee and we participate in monthly challenges. C.A.R.E.S. stands for Creating Attitudes and Relationships that Empower Staff and Students. Thank you to Assistant Principal Natalie Willis for spearheading our efforts and all of our staff for committing to making Eli Whitney the best school it can be!



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**CTECS  
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C.A.R.E.S. stands for Creating Attitudes and Relationships that Empower Staff and Students. The CTECS C.A.R.E.S. Council works to design authentic Tier I and Tier II intervention strategies and materials to be used in the CTECS district.

## THE C.A.R.E.S. CORNER

### MONTHLY CHALLENGE

#### WINNERS



1st Place  
Eli Whitney

2nd Place  
Emmett O'Brien



3rd  
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- Hairdressing students from Mrs. DeAngelis' class participated in community service by picking up and cleaning up the parking lot! Thank you for taking pride in our school!



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- The following will be an upcoming Channel 8 news segment highlighting Mr. Lombardo, the Carpentry Department Head, and three sports head coach. Thank you for your commitment to the Eli Whitney family!



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- Yet another example of one of our exceptional instructors supporting the Eli Whitney family and future trade success. Mr. Siefker, Electrical Department Head, with students of his senior class, had lunch after a positive meeting with United Illuminating discussing career opportunities.

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- Freshman Students in Precision Machining beginning their journey toward a career in Manufacturing.





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- Students in Plumbing working on their measurement skills supported by one of our math teachers, Mr. Elliott.

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- The girls' basketball team won their last game of the season over Holy Family! Look forward to next year!



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- The boys' basketball team continues its drive to win the CTC. The boys had a difficult loss against Career but will be playing against Al Prince



Tech in the first game of the CTC playoffs on Monday night, pending the weather.

- We will be capping the number of spectators to the game. 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 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!
- 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 information.



- Follow us on the Eli Whitney Tech Instagram page.  
[https://www.instagram.com/eli\\_whitney\\_tech/](https://www.instagram.com/eli_whitney_tech/)
- Follow us on 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](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 crocs, 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 safe and great week!

Best regards,

Mr. DiNatale

*Principal*