



3/17/23

Good afternoon Eli Family,

I would like to welcome our new staff members: Mrs. Catherman-Assistant Principal, Mrs. Rotondi-English, and Mr. Kramer-PE/Health. They come to Eli Whitney with tremendous experience and the willingness to make Eli the best it can be!

- The juniors will be taking the SAT assessment on March 22nd. We have been preparing students for the SAT. It is important that 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 and graduation. 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, [chris.lesieur@cttech.org](mailto:chris.lesieur@cttech.org) If you have medical physical paperwork, please give them to the nurse or main office. Nurse's email, [Michelle.Inahuazo@cttech](mailto:Michelle.Inahuazo@cttech).
- The Amazing March issue of the Owl Gazette was completely run by the students. Assistant Supervisor Princess Twasam (11th) took on the reins and ran with this month's issue. Along with Lead Reporter John'ae Hart (11th) and the rest of The Gazette Team: Celia Perez (9th), Karla Reynoso (11th), and Alexander Hernandez (12th). Thank you to the OWL Gazette team and Mrs. Sumowski for her supervision!



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- Here are our INSPIRED winners from February: Freshman Ryan Bellamy, Sophomore David Jordan, Junior Valerie Garcia, and Senior Jacob Chandler. Thank you for being a positive influence at Eli Whitney! Thank you Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Cavallo for coordinating the nominations. The students represent: **k**Ind, **e**xemplary **a**tte**N**dance, **g**ood academic **S**tanding, a **P**ositive attitude, **h**ard **w**ork**I**ng, **R**espectful, **m**otivat**E**d, **D**eserving.

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**Inspired Student Award**  
Eli Whitney Technical High School  
**Ryan Bellamy**  
Has been awarded this certificate for being a student having exemplary attendance, good academic standing, positive attitude, being hard-working, respectful, and a good driver.  
February 2021  
Principal [Signature]

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- Students in Precision Machining using precise measurement skills and layout skills.

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- Students in Electrical working on their skills.





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- The Graphics team created a showcase to celebrate women's history month.



- The senior class sponsored an Activity day coordinated by Ms. Camacho. We had a fun filled afternoon with many activities, relay race, tug-o-war, musical chairs and limbo. The seniors and teachers won in their respective events!



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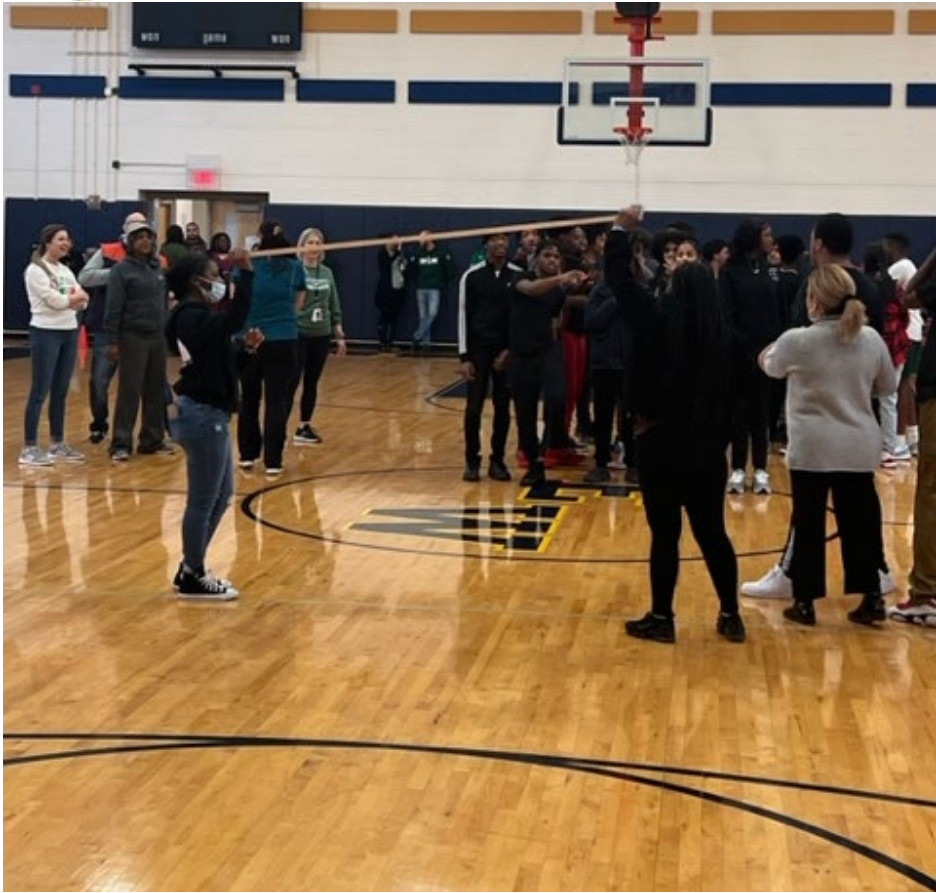
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- Congratulation to Jeff Medley and Eric Johnson for making the CTC All-Conference Team! Outstanding hard work on and off the court!



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- Jeff Medley, senior co-captain on the Boys Basketball Team has been selected to the CHSCA (CT High School Coaches Association) Senior All Star Game. The game will take place at Morgan HS in Clinton on 3/21 at 7:15. This is a tremendous honor. It is an honor be considered as one of the best seniors in the state and to be recognized by other coaches. This is the first athlete in 25 years that has been selected to play in this game. Congratulations!!!
- The following is our March SEL message provided by Mrs. Becton, school social worker. SEL4US and Urban Assembly is inviting schools and communities around the world to celebrate March 10, 2023, the 4th annual Social Emotional Day (SEL) Day. This year's theme is Uplifting Hearts, Connecting Minds. Let's uplift our hearts and minds but showing compassion to ourselves and others. Compassion is bringing awareness to the suffering of ourselves (self-compassion) and others. It is the unconditional acceptance or focusing on the potential all people have for good. If we recognize the good, then when stress and conflict arise, compassion comes in, and guides us in self-regulating for positive outcomes.
- 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 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.



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*

## Eli Whitney's Core Values



**OWN IT**

Overcome set backs  
Want more  
Normalize kindness

Inspire positive change  
Take responsibility