



6/9/23

Good afternoon Eli Family,

We had a fantastic week celebrating our students this week. We celebrated our Inspired students, junior Health Tech students pinning, and Senior Picnic Day. As I had mentioned before, positive behavior is expected at all times, continue to make Eli Whitney a great school!

- The Amazing June 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 (10th), Karla Reynoso (11th), and Alexander Hernandez (12th). Thank you to the OWL Gazette team and Mrs. Sumowski for her supervision!
- https://www.canva.com/design/DAFiWsuAQWc/z2n79pzL7qH75E_e1DKypw/view?utm_content=DAFiWsuAQWc&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink
- Here are some pictures from the Senior Picnic. Thank you to Ms. Camacho and all of our staff for supporting the positive event!! Great job Seniors enjoying the day!!



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- Thank you to Mrs. Cavallo and Mrs. Brown for coordinating the INSPIRED awards. We held a celebratory lunch for the students and parents.



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- As the weather has warmed up, we must keep in mind the dress code, no short-shorts, mid-riff shirts, flip-flops, and slides. Shorts should not have holes in them as well. Bandanas nor hats should be worn in school.
- 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 If you have medical physical paperwork, please give them to the nurse or main office. Nurse's email, Michelle.Inahuazo@cttech.



- Follow us on the Eli Whitney Tech Instagram page.
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
- 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.



The following is our June SEL message from Mrs. Becton. Thank you! We've made it to the end of the school year! Congratulations to all parents on your commitment to working with your child and the school to promote the best academic and social outcomes for our students. Social Emotional Learning continues every day! Summer is a great time to work with your child on setting goals and improving their physical and emotional well-being. It's also time for all of us to indulge in self-care. Here's some self-care suggestions:

- Relax outdoors and enjoy nature (Nature is known to have a soothing quality, improve mood and reduce feelings of stress or anxiety.)
- Go for a walk
- Start a garden or join a community garden
- Get organized and tidy up one small place in your home
- Have a picnic
- Exercise
- Search for events going on in your neighborhood or city
- Reconnect with someone (an old friend, relative or family member you've lost contact with)
- Start or continue a journal (Journal writing is a great way to express and release emotions and thoughts and check in with yourself. Or it can simply be used to doodle or draw, make it what you want!)

Helpful sites:

[Recreation - Visit New Haven CT](#)

[Recreation | Hamden, CT](#)

[Branford Parks and Recreation Department: Online Registration by MyRec.com Recreation Management Software](#)

[Recreation | Town of East Haven CT \(easthaven-ct.gov\)](#)

[West Haven Parks & Recreation: Online Registration by MyRec.com Recreation Management Software](#)

[Parks & Recreation | City of Meriden, CT \(meridenct.gov\)](#)

[2-1-1 Connecticut \(211ct.org\)](#) - For additional resources- food, mental health (counseling support), crisis assistance, health care, housing, substance use, youth, basic needs, children and families, etc.

[Enroll – SBHC1](#) - Consider enrolling your child in *our own school-based health center, Community Health Center, Inc.!* This does not replace your child's pediatrician but can be an additional support to your child while at school. Your child can receive medical care, behavioral health (individual, group, and family counseling), and oral health.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer!

Ms. Becton



- 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.



- 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 weekend!

Best regards,
Mr. DiNatale
Principal

Eli Whitney's Core Values



OWN IT

Overcome set backs
Want more
Normalize kindness

Inspire positive change
Take responsibility