



# ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Whitney community,

This week has been filled with so many fun, positive, and memorable moments across our school community! As we move into this exciting part of the year, we look forward to celebrating our students' successes, enjoying field trips, and creating lasting memories together. While there is much to celebrate, we still have important learning and growth ahead of us. Let's continue to work hard, support one another, and finish the year strong!



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This is a reminder that all students and community members who drive to campus must register their vehicles with the Main Office and obtain a valid school parking pass.

Per school policy and at the request of local authorities, all members of our school community are required to park on school grounds only.

To receive a parking tag, you must provide:

- A copy of your vehicle registration
- A valid driver's license

Parking tags must be clearly displayed at all times, and all vehicles parked on campus must be properly registered with the school.

Please note that any vehicle parked in the lot without a valid school parking permit will be towed at the owner's expense.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and organized campus environment.

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As a reminder, Meta glasses and other smart glasses are not permitted to be worn inside the school building. This expectation is important in helping us maintain student privacy, minimize distractions, and ensure a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment for everyone. Students should remove smart glasses upon entering the building. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and support with this expectation.

## ELI WHITNEY'S VISION STATEMENT

We aspire to graduate the most prepared skilled labor workforce in Connecticut.



**ELI WHITNEY**  
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

# SMART GLASSES NOT PERMITTED



At Eli Whitney Technical High School, we are committed to a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment for all students.



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## THIS EXPECTATION HELPS US:



### PROTECT STUDENT PRIVACY

Smart glasses can record audio and video, which can impact the privacy of others.



### MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS

Limiting smart glasses helps everyone stay present and engaged in learning.



### SUPPORT A SAFE, FOCUSED & RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT

Together, we create the best conditions for learning, growth, and success.



**STUDENTS:**  
PLEASE REMOVE SMART GLASSES UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING.



★ THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT. ★



# ELI WHITNEY — TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL —



# PARKING REMINDER



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All students who drive and park on campus must **register their vehicles** with the Main Office and obtain a **valid school parking pass.**



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## TO RECEIVE A PARKING TAG, YOU MUST PROVIDE:



A copy of your vehicle registration



A valid driver's license



Proof of insurance



You must be the student who parks the vehicle on campus.



PARKING TAGS MUST BE **CLEARLY DISPLAYED** AT ALL TIMES, AND ALL VEHICLES PARKED ON CAMPUS MUST BE **PROPERLY REGISTERED** WITH THE SCHOOL.



PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY VEHICLE PARKED IN THE LOT **WITHOUT A VALID SCHOOL PARKING PERMIT** WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.



*Thank you* for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and organized campus environment.

ONE SCHOOL.  
ONE COMMUNITY.  
ONE OWL NATION.





# Hoots and Highlights

Big shoutout to our Grade 10 Health Tech students for successfully completing their Stop the Bleed training 🙌👏 Your skills and readiness can truly make a difference when it matters most. Thank you to Yale New Haven Hospital for facilitating this powerful, hands-on learning experience. We love collaborating to give our students real-world skills! ❤️





# Hoots and Highlights

Senior meeting = the home stretch 🎓🌟

Today was all about the moments we've been waiting for—prom 🌟, the senior trip 🗺️, and graduation right around the corner. The countdown is real and the excitement is building. Finish strong, Class of 2026... your big moment is almost here! 🌟





# Hoots and Highlights

We are incredibly proud to share that Kevin Maguire was honored this week at the Teacher of the Year Board Meeting! This prestigious recognition celebrates Kevin's unwavering commitment to our students and his exceptional contributions to our school community. His dedication to excellence in the classroom embodies the very best of Eli Whitney Technical High School. Please join us in congratulating Kevin on this well-deserved honor!





# Hoots and Highlights

## "Inspired" Student of the Month Luncheon

Today, we had the distinct pleasure of celebrating our "Inspired" Students of the Month with a special luncheon. These individuals were recognized for embodying the character and excellence we strive for at Eli Whitney. It was a wonderful opportunity to honor their hard work and the positive impact they have on our school community.





# Hoots and Highlights

Our MDET students recently took their learning on the road for an inspiring field trip to The Lee Company, where they received a firsthand look at the high-stakes world of modern manufacturing and engineering. Walking the facility floor allowed our scholars to see exactly how the technical skills they practice daily in our school shops translate into vital global careers. The experience was further enriched by a visit to the Museum of Early Engineering Technology, where students witnessed the evolution of the trade—from historic Apollo mission life-support systems to cutting-edge fuel cell demonstrations. This bridge between classroom theory and industry reality is exactly what Eli Whitney strives for, and we are already looking forward to translating these connections into Work-Based Learning (WBL) opportunities for these talented students as they transition into their junior year.



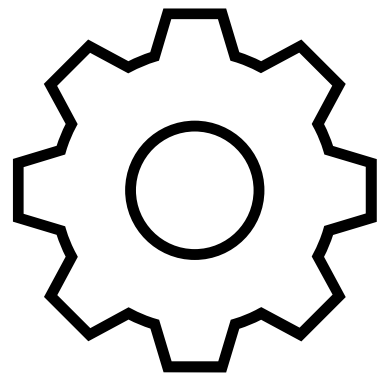
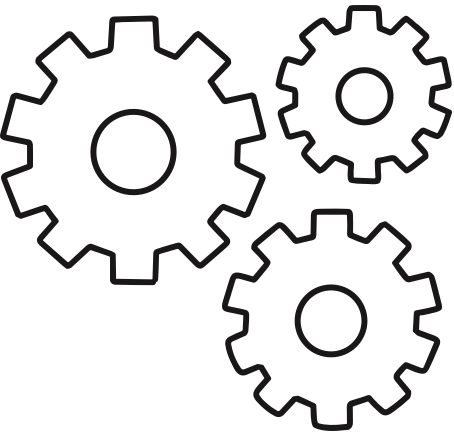
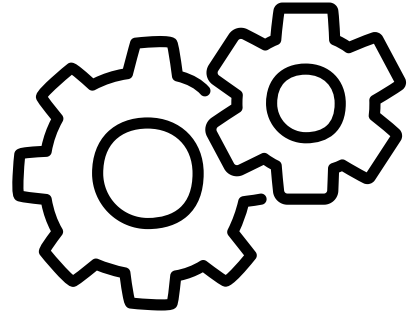
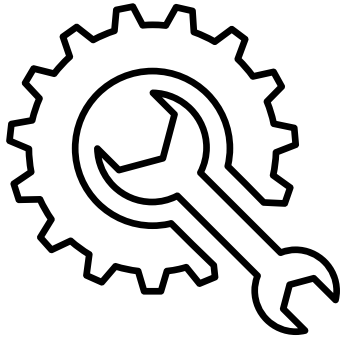


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This week, we gathered as a school community to celebrate a significant milestone—the induction of our newest members into the National Honor Society (NHS). This ceremony is a time-honored tradition that recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional performance in the four pillars of the NHS: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Seeing our students pledge their commitment to these values was a powerful reminder of the incredible potential within our halls. These young leaders have not only excelled in their academic and technical pursuits but have also shown a dedicated heart for serving others and leading with integrity. We are immensely proud of their hard work and look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make as ambassadors of Eli Whitney Technical High School.



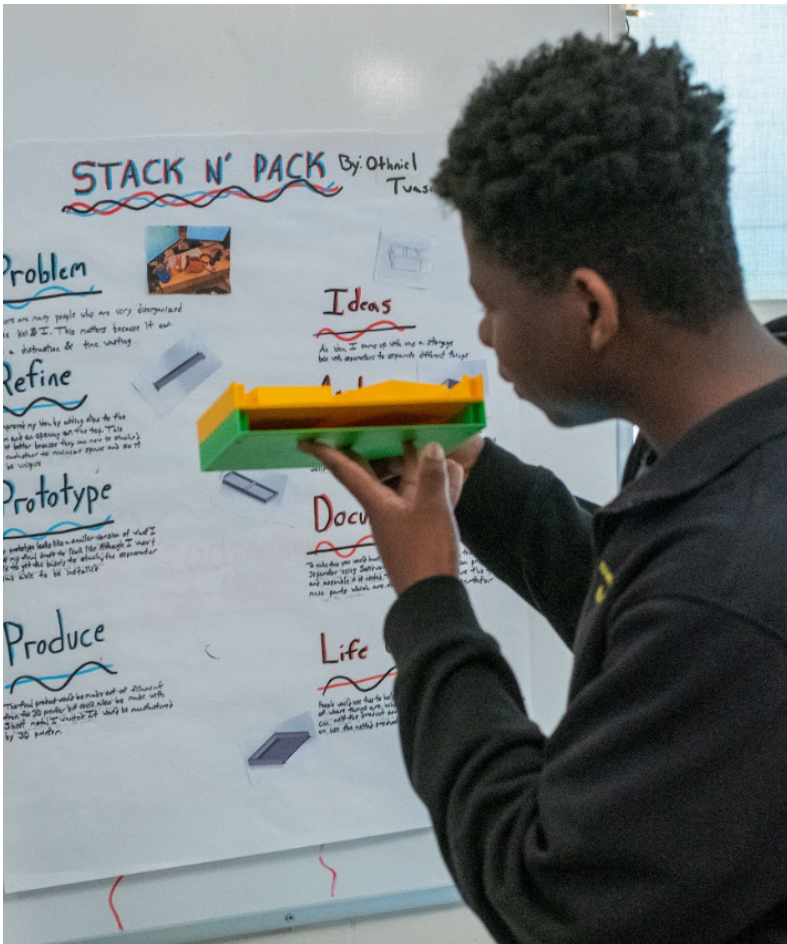
# This Week in PMT



# This Week in MDET

MDET Invention Convention: This week, our Manufacturing Design and Engineering Technology (MDET) department took center stage! We are thrilled to share highlights from the Invention Convention.

Our sophomores and juniors displayed incredible skill and creativity, showcasing inventions they developed from the ground up. Throughout the design process, each student identified a real-world problem and engineered a unique solution. Their professional posters detailed every step of their journey—from initial problem identification to considering the final product’s life cycle. Several students even went above and beyond by creating physical prototypes as a proof of concept for their ideas.



Class of



# 2026!

Save the Date

*Eli Whitney Technical High School*

Graduation ceremony will  
begin promptly at 5:00pm  
Graduates **MUST** arrive  
by 4:00pm

June  
**22**

Location: The Lyman  
Center @ SCSU  
501 Crescent St, New  
Haven, CT 06515

Ticket Required to attend- More information coming soon

# Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)

## Graduation Attire

### Introduction

Graduation ceremonies are school-sponsored events that recognize the achievement of the graduating class as a whole, the success of the school community as an institution, and the mission of CTECS to prepare trade-bound students to meet the skilled workforce needs in Connecticut, as well as providing special recognition to each student's achievements and participation in school-related activities.

### Graduation Attire

All students participating in a graduation ceremony at a CTECS school shall wear a school-issued cap and gown. Graduates may only wear cords, stoles, or medals that represent a school-awarded achievement.

Students may decorate the top of the cap with the following types of decorations:

- Expression of thanks
- Recognition of future education, military service, or employer
- Graduation year
- Flag of a country as recognized by the UN/Regalia of a Native American or Pacific Islander tribe/Regalia of cultural or religious significance
- Recognition of achievement (e.g. Eagle Scout, Gold Award, black belt)

Any cap decoration must be pre-approved by school administration. School administration reserves the right to withhold approval of any decoration that does not meet the above criteria or is deemed inappropriate for the commencement ceremony.

Any attire that violates this policy will not be allowed into the ceremony. Any items not meeting the requirements outlined above will be confiscated and can be picked up from the front office after graduation.

No exceptions shall be made.

Graduates are encouraged to wear personal accoutrements and/or practice any traditions before or after the ceremony.

*Michael Crocco, Superintendent*  
Issued: March 2026

**ATTENTION GRADE 12 STUDENTS**

**SAIL**

# **DONATIONS ACCEPTED**



**HELP US RESTOCK SAIL WITH  
SHOP & ACADEMIC UNIFORMS**

**ANY GRADE 12 STUDENT THAT  
DONATES TO SAIL CAN DRESS DOWN  
THE LAST CYCLE JUNE 10-22  
(MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE)**

# Spring Reading Challenge

Contest Ends  
6/5/26.  
Win awesome  
prizes!

Complete any 4 squares  
in a row (across, down,  
or diagonal) = 1 prize  
entry



<b>A1</b> Read a graphic novel or manga	<b>A2</b> Listen to an audiobook	<b>A3</b> Read a poem or collection of poetry	<b>A4</b> Read a memoir or biography
<b>B1</b> Read a mystery or thriller	<b>B2</b> Read a nonfiction book/article	<b>B3</b> Read an award-winner	<b>B4</b> Read a book with a strong theme of identity
<b>C1</b> Read something set in a different country	<b>C2</b> Read a book with a major transformation or growth arc	<b>C3</b> Read historical fiction	<b>C4</b> Read a short story
<b>D1</b> Read about a real-world issue or social topic	<b>D2</b> Read science fiction	<b>D3</b> Read from a new-to-you author	<b>D4</b> Read something that challenges your perspective

Read widely. Try something new. Let your reading bloom!



## 26-27 Student Athlete Participation Requirements

Any student interested in trying out for an Eli Whitney Athletic Team must have the following forms completed **before** they can participate in tryouts.

- Parent/guardian completed electronic forms in the Parent Power school parent portal. Please contact Ms. Phyllis in the main office with support.
- An **updated** Physical on file in the nurse office. We suggest completely physical compliance now.
- Academically eligible by the previous quarter grades officially posted

If these requirements are not met before the tryout date, you cannot try out. Please contact the coach of the sport to get tryout dates and other information.

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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY

Building Success Through Consistent Presence

90%

Attendance rate needed for academic success

18

Days of school missed = chronic absence threshold

10%

Learning time lost with just 2 absences per month

### WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

- ✓ **Technical Skill Mastery:** Hands-on learning in shops and labs requires daily practice and sequential skill building
- ✓ **Academic Achievement:** Students with better attendance earn higher grades and test scores
- ✓ **Life Skills:** Regular attendance builds responsibility, time management, and work ethic
- ✓ **Career Readiness:** Technical careers demand reliability—attendance builds the habits employers value
- ✓ **Safety & Certification:** Consistent presence ensures proper training in shop safety and industry certifications

### UNDERSTANDING CHRONIC ABSENCE

Missing just 2 days per month (18 days per school year) equals chronic absence. This can happen with excused or unexcused absences, including illnesses and suspensions. Chronic absence significantly impacts a student's ability to keep pace with grade-level standards.

### TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE REQUIRES CONSISTENCY

At Eli Whitney, hands-on learning and technical skills development happen every day in the shop and classroom. Missing school means missing critical skill-building experiences that can't be replicated at home.

### HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP

- ✓ Establish consistent bedtime and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule medical appointments outside school hours when possible
- ✓ Communicate with school counselor about potential barriers to attendance
- ✓ Emphasize the importance of school attendance at home
- ✓ Monitor your student's attendance and intervene early if issues arise

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## Helping Your Child Succeed: Parent Support & Student Responsibility for Better Grades

Working together to help your child to be successful is important in the school/home partnership. This sheet provides interventions that can be used, along with other resources, as strategies your child is shown to talk with you about things that may not be going as well.



### TIPS FOR FAMILIES

These are strategies for **parents** so that you can best support your child:

- Check your Parent Portal (PowerSchool) account: Regularly
- Check in with your child on owed missed work
- Ask your child to show you their Google Classrooms for each of their classes.
- Email your child's teachers with concerns or questions
- Ensure that your child is getting to school each day.

### ACTIVE/ENGAGED LEARNING

These methods focus on engaging with the material more effectively, which can make studying feel automatic:

- Review Notes Daily: Spend 10 minutes each day reviewing class notes.
- Utilize Practice Problems: For math, don't just read the examples; work on many practice problems.
- Use Flashcards: Create physical or digital flashcards for key vocab, terms, formulas, or things to know for an exam or exam prep.
- Eliminate Distractions: Turn off your phone and block distracting websites before starting your homework, or study time.
- Teach the Material: Teach the concept to a friend or parent.

### PLANNING & ORGANIZING

These strategies help students gain better control over their time and tasks:

- Establish a Dedicated Study Schedule: Set aside specific, non-negotiable times for homework and studying each day.
- Prioritize Tasks: Use a planner or calendar to list assignments, due dates, and tests. Focus on the tasks with the earliest deadlines.
- Break Down Large Projects: Divide big assignments or projects into smaller steps with their own due dates.
- Organize Study Materials: Keep your organized binders, folders, or digital folders for each subject. |
- Attend and Be Prepared for Class: Consistent attendance is crucial, and it's even better if you come prepared with materials and having completed or reviewed the previous day's notes before the lecture starts.

### UTILIZING SCHOOL RESOURCES

The school provides resources specifically for struggling students—make sure to use them:

- Stay After School/Utilize Teacher Office Hours: Schedule one-on-one time with teachers to get extra help on tough topics or to review a test you performed poorly on.
- Use Study Halls: Use unscheduled time at school to stay ahead, study, or set aside extra time to work on homework or get assistance from the supervising teacher.
- Get a Study Buddy: Find a reliable classmate and form a study group.
- Email your teachers: Ask questions or let them know if you need extra help or turned in a late assignment.
- Use Your Classroom: Regularly check Google Classroom and your email for missing assignments, downloadable notes, or extra resources



# REGISTER FOR YOUR SOUTHERN START (YSS) SUMMER INSTITUTE!

Join us for this incredibly special opportunity to kick off your educational journey at SCSU.

## Students who join the YSS Summer Institute will...

- Start their first semester with an improved and strengthened academic foundation
- Connect with like-minded peers and ease the transition into the SCSU community
- Learn and practice academic success skills and strategies
- Have the opportunity to complete MAT-095/MAT-100P early
- Take part in fun group events, activities, and more!

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION:



July 7-August 6, 2026  
Monday - Thursday

If taking math course: 8:30am - 3:00pm  
Otherwise: 10:30am-2:00pm