



ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Evening Whitney Family,

We hope everyone is staying warm and safe during this snowy weekend. As a reminder, there will be no school on Monday, January 26, due to weather conditions. Students are encouraged to enjoy the day by reading a good book and continuing to build their skills through IXL math practice.



As colder weather continues, we would also like to remind families that hoodies and outerwear are not permitted inside the building, including during class transitions and in the cafeteria.

To support students in staying warm while remaining in dress code, Darter offers approved Eli Whitney sweatshirts and fleeces for purchase on their website. Students may also wear a long-sleeve shirt underneath their Eli Whitney uniform shirt. In addition, Eli Whitney patches are available for purchase in the main office for \$5 and may be ironed onto any plain, non-hooded shirt in gray, white, black, blue, or yellow.

If a student needs to borrow a uniform for the day, this can be arranged during morning arrival to ensure they are prepared to start the school day successfully.

Please remember that students are expected to be in full uniform at all times. Students who are not in compliance will be addressed and appropriate consequences may be issued. These may include confiscation of hoodies or outerwear for the day, after-school office detention, loss of privileges, SAIL time, in-school suspension (ISS), or other appropriate actions.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us maintain a consistent, safe, and professional learning environment for all students.

ELI WHITNEY'S VISION STATEMENT

**WE ASPIRE TO GRADUATE THE MOST PREPARED SKILLED LABOR WORKFORCE IN
CONNECTICUT.**

ELI WHITNEY'S MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH THE ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL SKILLS
NEEDED TO BECOME PROFESSIONALS WHO MEET THE 21ST CENTURY DEMANDS OF OUR
COMMUNITIES IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SAFE AND CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE.**

ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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

🦉 Whitney Weekly – Hoots & Highlights 🦉

🏸 Smash. Serve. Soar. 🦉💪

Grade 10 Eli Whitney Tech Owls are staying active and having a racket in PE as they dive into lifetime fitness with their badminton unit! Fast feet, quick reflexes, and lots of energy: led by the one and only Mr. Kramer Building skills for today and habits for life! 🌟🔥



🧬🔬 Science in Action: DNA Up Close! 🧬💡

Our 10th grade biology students rolled up their sleeves and stepped into the role of real scientists as they practiced hands-on lab techniques to extract DNA. Using careful observation, precise measurements, and teamwork, students transformed abstract textbook concepts into a visible, real-world experience. This engaging lab brought molecular biology to life and strengthened essential scientific skills—proof that learning really sticks when you can see it! 🧠💡



This Week in Shops

🦉🔧 Owl Pride in Action! 🔧🦉

Our alumni and plumbing instructor, Mr. Guest, working with a small group of our Grade 9 students to dive into shop safety theory.

Learning from those who've walked the path makes the lesson even more powerful!



This Week in Sports



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Menu

Lunch

JANUARY 2026

Connecticut Technical Education & Career System

DID YOU KNOW? A balanced healthy breakfast is available to ALL students AT NO CHARGE every school morning. Get your day off to a great start with SCHOOL BREAKFAST!

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

5

Nardone's Cheese Pizza
w/ Assorted Toppings
Mixed Garden Salad
Marinated Broccoli
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

6

Beef & Cheese Nachos
Spanish Rice
Fiesta Red Beans
Pico de Gallo
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

7

Chicken Parm on Roll
Potato Salad
Confetti Corn Salad
Fruit Choices
Milk Choice

8

Buffalo Chicken Rice Bowl
Popcorn Smackers, Rice,
Steamed Broccoli Florets
Honey Glazed Carrots
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

9

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
On Bun
Coleslaw
Seasoned Potato Wedges
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

12

Stuffed Crust Pizza
w/ Assorted Toppings
Mixed Garden Salad
Steamed Green Beans
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

13

Beef & Bean Chili
Garlic Knot Roll
Honey Glazed Carrots
Fruit Choices
Milk Choice

14

French Toast Sticks
Turkey Sausage Links
Home Fried Potatoes
Fresh Baby Carrots
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

15

Baked Potato Bar
Chili, Cheese, Broccoli
Warm Dinner Roll
Steamed Rice
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

16

Breaded Mozzarella Sticks
w/ Marinara Sauce
Warm Dinner Roll
Lemon-Roasted Carrots
Sautéed Zucchini & Tomatoes
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

19

MLK Day
No School!

20

Cheese Pizza
w/ Assorted Toppings
Mixed Garden Salad
Fresh Baby Carrots
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

21

Pulled Pork Carnitas
Cilantro-Lime Rice
Cuban Black Beans
Mexican Street Corn
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

22

Breaded Drumstick
Mashed Potatoes
Kernel Corn
Honey Biscuit
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

23

Breaded Chicken Filet
On Bun
Smiley Fries
Roasted Butternut Squash
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

26

Mozzarella Bites
w/ Marinara Sauce
Buffalo Cauliflower
Kale and Apple Salad
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

27

Pasta w/ Meatballs
Steamed Broccoli Florets
Mixed Garden Salad
Fruit Choices
Milk Choice

28

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Smiley Fries
Fruit Choices
Milk Choice

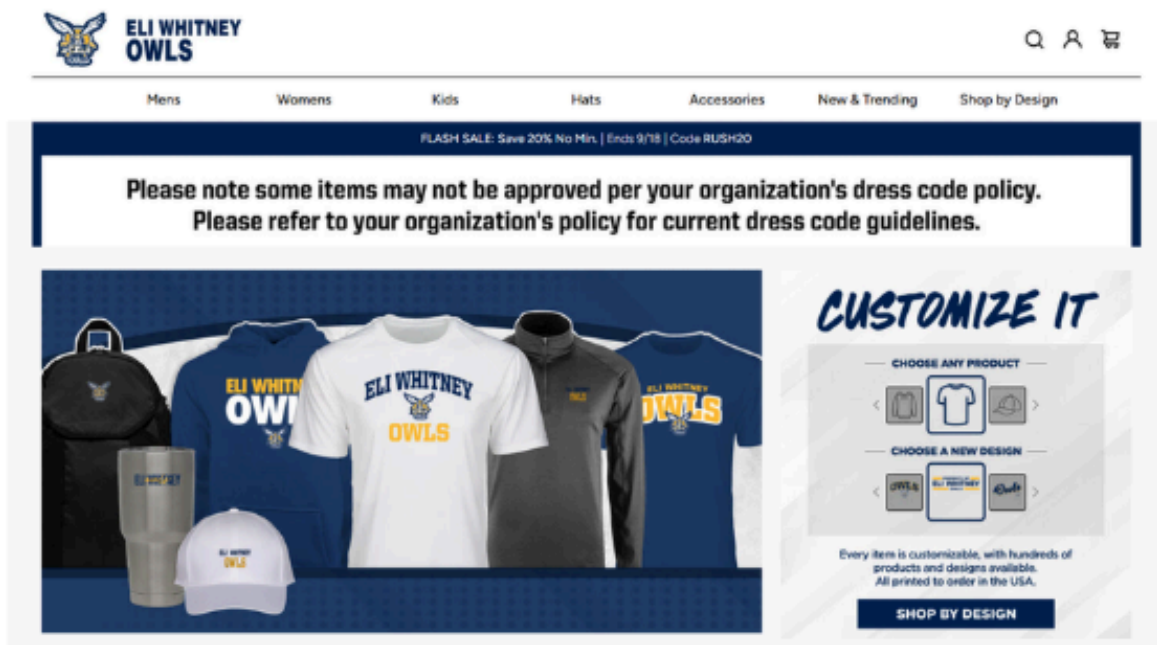
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Sloppy Joe on Roll
Cucumber/Tomato Salad
Tater Tots
Fruit Choices
Milk Choice

30

Breaded Chicken Strips
Garlic Knot Roll
Fresh Baby Carrots
Chickpea Salad
Fruit Choices Milk Choice

GET YOUR ELI WHITNEY SPIRIT GEAR HERE



SHOP OUR BSN SCHOOL SITE

[HTTPS://SIDELINE.BSNSPORTS.COM/SCHOOLS/CONNECTICUT/HAMDEN/ELI-WHITNEY-TECHNICAL-HIGH-SCHOOL](https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/connecticut/hamden/eli-whitney-technical-high-school)

NOTE: THERE ARE ITEMS ON HERE THAT DO NOT ALLIGN WITH OUR UNIFORM POLICY AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE WORN AS OUR UNIFORM (SUCH AS CROP TOPS AND HOODIES).

Eli Whitney's Winter Reading Challenge



Chill Out & Read

Ready to chill out this winter with a good book?

Join our Chill Out & Read Winter Reading Challenge from Dec 1- Feb 1.

- **Read Anything:** Graphic novels, audiobooks, manga, nonfiction- **anything goes!**
- **Fun and Easy:** Fill out a short form about what you read.
- **Win Cozy Prizes:** Hot cocoa kits, gift cards, and more!

Every book you log = Another chance to win

Step 1: Grab a book from the library, online, or at home

Step 2: Enjoy reading & Complete the Google Form

Step 3: Earn a chance at winning awesome winter prizes!



Get Cozy, Get Reading. Chill Out & Read!



APRIL 27, 2026



INCLUSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PRACTICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

PARENT EVENT



Parents - Enjoy Dinner with an Expert Panel

Date : April 27, 2026, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm



Location: Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU)
New Haven, CT 06515



Developer of the
Comprehensive School Threat
Assessment Guidelines.



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SUMMER NURSING SYMPOSIUM

SUMMER 2026 DATES:

JULY 6-10, MONDAY - FRIDAY

**FOR RISING SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS
INTERESTED IN NURSING!**

Topics

- Breaking down barriers to college
- Introduction to the nursing role
- Hands-on activities
- RN shadow experience
- CPR training
- ...and more!



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