



# ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Whitney community,

As we enter the spring season, it's a natural opportunity for our entire school community to reset, refocus, and recommit to the practices that support a strong and successful learning environment for all students.

Earlier this year, we worked together to establish clear, schoolwide expectations designed to promote consistency, structure, and student success. These shared commitments are essential to keeping our school running smoothly and ensuring that every student benefits from a positive, productive experience each day.



Because of this, we ask that families take a few moments to review these schoolwide expectations with their child. Reinforcing these shared expectations at home helps students arrive at school prepared, confident, and ready to be successful each day.



## Eli Whitney Expectations for All



### Wear Standard School Uniform

Students must always be dressed in the correct Academic/Trade Uniform and have a student ID (Physical or Digital) at ALL times.

### Cell Phones/Airpods/Headphones

Cell phones/AirPods/Headphones must be put away during classroom time.

Cell Phones MUST NOT BE VISIBLE during class sessions.

All above-mentioned items can ONLY be used in common areas (cafeteria, hallway, or S.E.L. room).

### Attendance

Daily attendance is REQUIRED and imperative to be in good standing.

Students MUST arrive at school and class on time. Tardy students must bring a pass.

### Appropriate Language

As per Title IX Policy: Sexual Harassment/Sexual Battery/Other Sexual Misconduct is Prohibited,

Discrimination, Bias, and Bullying under the protected classification such as race, religion, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Additionally, NO direct and indirect profanity or racial slurs will be tolerated.

### Respect

Being a part of the Whitney Tech HS community means MUTUAL RESPECT must BE demonstrated toward ALL individuals.

Students MUST respect their learning environment at ALL times, and accept teacher directives WITHOUT NEGOTIATION.

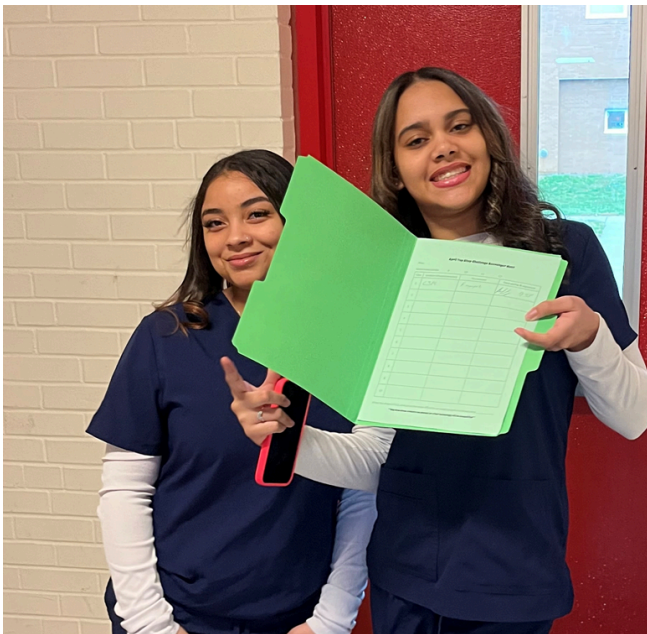
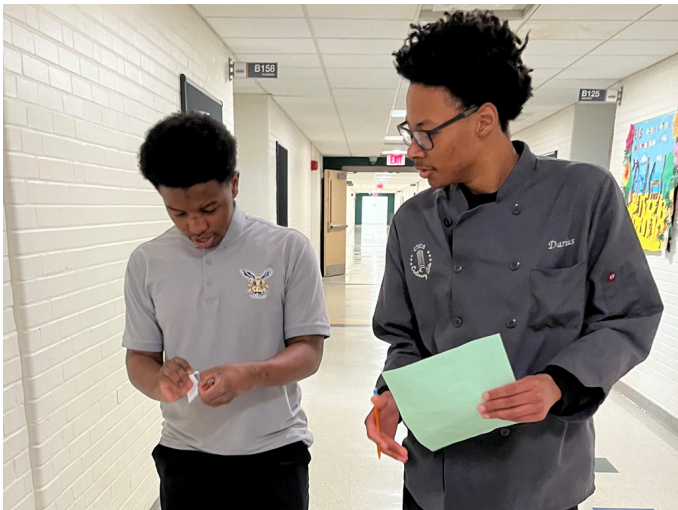
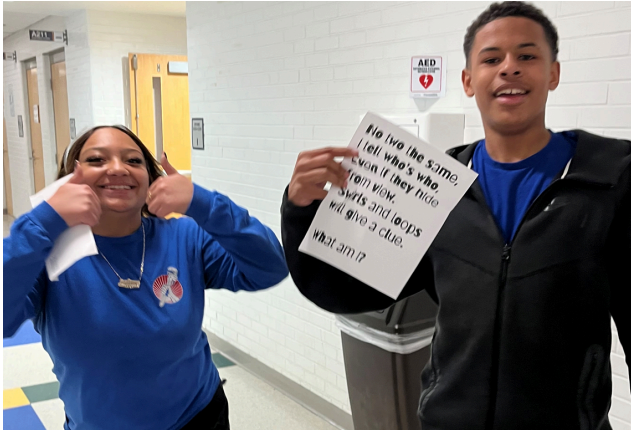
# Hoots and Highlights

In March, our school community brought the excitement of “March Madness” to life with a Shop vs. Shop attendance competition, complete with brackets and plenty of friendly rivalry. Each shop battled it out to earn the top spot, showing impressive commitment and school spirit along the way. In the end, PMT came out on top as the champions! For their well-earned prize, they chose to celebrate with an epic kickball game—making the most of the beautiful spring weather and capping off the competition with fun, laughter, and teamwork.



# Hoots and Highlights

This month's Top Shop competition was a standout success, thanks to an exciting, student-led scavenger hunt that brought energy and creativity to campus. Students took the lead in organizing and running the event, showcasing impressive teamwork, leadership, and enthusiasm throughout. The hunt not only sparked friendly competition but also created a fun, engaging atmosphere that everyone could enjoy.



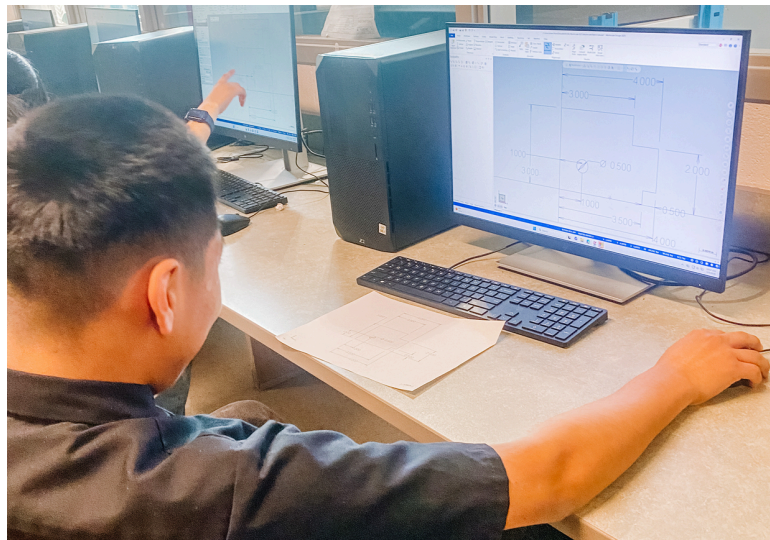
# This week in AUTO



# This week in Electrical



# This week in PMT



# This week in Track



# This week in Softball



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## Class of 2029

### Attention: Sellers

We are starting up a new fundraiser and are really looking forward to your support!

Our Online Store makes it super easy for you to make a purchase and to ask others to support our fundraiser, too.

I will send a memo to let you know when it's time to pick up the products.

Contact Information: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me -

johanna.rios-roldan@cttech.org

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## 2 Ways To Raise Funds!

1- Use the physical Order-Taker to write orders and collect funds.

2- Shop Online and SHARE our store with LOCAL friends, family and colleagues. (Do NOT indicate Online Sales on the Order-Taker)

## Email, Text and Post on Social Media

Visit: [www.iraismore.com](http://www.iraismore.com)

Enter Group ID: 59020



### Parents – Please Note:

-SHARE LOCALLY ONLY - because you must hand-deliver items to your supporters.

-Parents Note: Buyers will indicate WHO they are supporting in the Checkout. At the end of the fundraiser, you'll get a report with your online sales.

-Do NOT indicate Online Sales on the Order-Taker.



## 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.

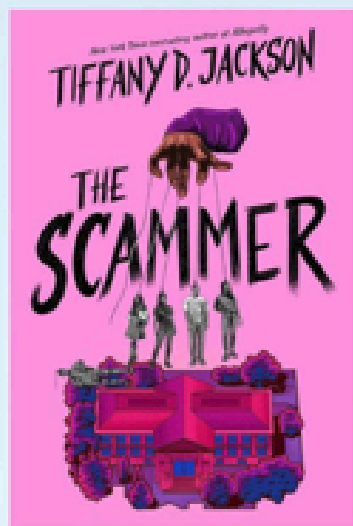
### UTILIZING SCHOOL RESOURCES

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

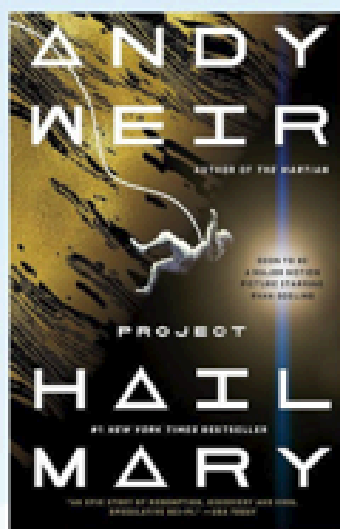
- Stay After School/Utilize Teacher Office Hours: Schedule one-on-one time with teachers to get extra help on tough topics or to review a test you performed poorly on.
- Use Study Halls: Use unscheduled time at school to stay ahead, study, or set aside extra time to work on homework or get assistance 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



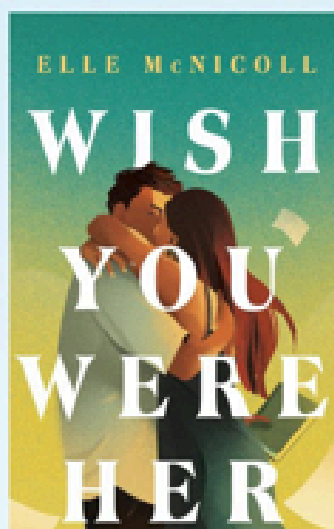
*Ms. Hagen's*  
**SPRING BREAK BOOK  
 RECCOMENDATIONS!**



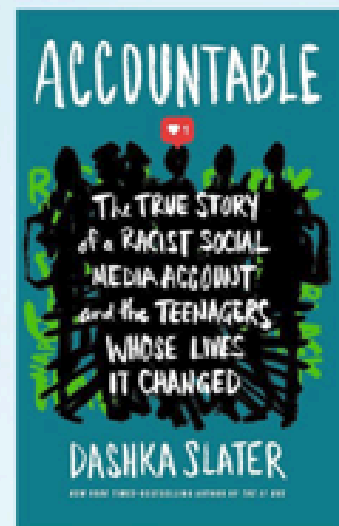
**Mystery / Thriller:**  
 Lies, secrets, and a dangerous online scam spiral out of control.



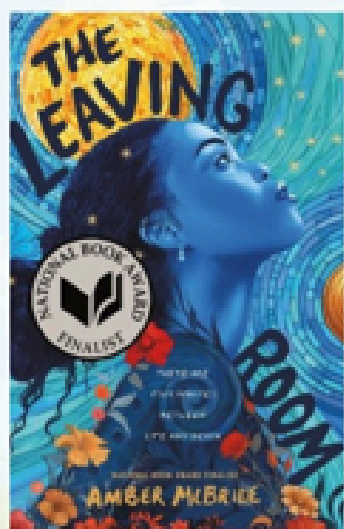
**Science Fiction:**  
 An astronaut with no memory must save humanity from space.



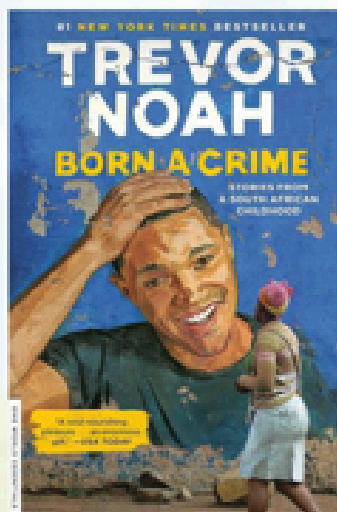
**Romance:**  
 A summer trip sparks self-discovery, love, and new beginnings.



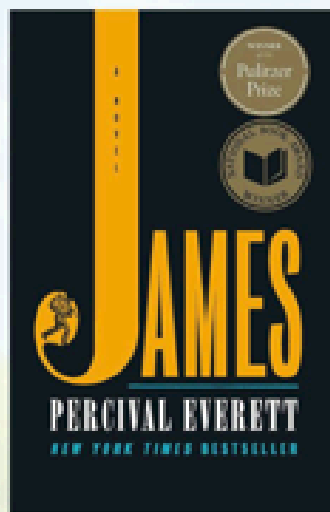
**Nonfiction:**  
 A real story of cyberbullying and its lasting consequences.



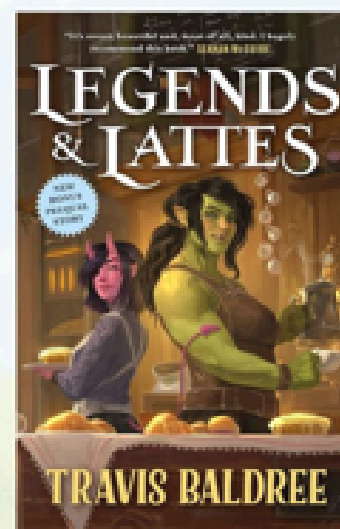
**Contemporary:**  
 A moving story of grief, healing, and finding your way forward.



**Memoir:**  
 Trevor Noah's funny and powerful stories growing up in apartheid South Africa.



**Historical Fiction:**  
 A bold retelling of Huck Finn from Jim's powerful perspective.



**Fantasy:**  
 An orc leaves battle behind to open a cozy coffee shop.