



# ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Whitney community,

This week at Whitney began with a few student conflicts. Please know that we take these situations seriously and are committed to supporting all students in navigating challenges in a constructive and respectful way. Our staff has been actively working with students, using the many resources available in our school to help them address concerns with maturity, accountability, and a focus on positive outcomes.



Alongside these challenges, there have been many highlights that reflect the hard work and accomplishments of our students and staff. Our Grade 10 students are continuing to complete their Connecticut Physical Fitness assessments. We successfully administered the Grade 10 PSATs, and we are now preparing for the upcoming Grade 11 SATs next week. This is an important opportunity for our students, and we encourage everyone to come prepared and give their very best effort.

We also want to remind families and students that grades will be closing next week. This is an important time for students to check in with their teachers, complete any outstanding assignments, and ensure all work is submitted.

We also conducted a successful fire drill this week, reinforcing the importance of safety and preparedness within our school community.

In our Career and Technical Education programs, we are proud to share several exciting milestones. Our Hairdressing students took their state board exams today, Health Technology students are earning their CPR certifications, and our Grade 12 Electrical students are working toward certification through GreenStep. These achievements represent significant steps toward their future careers.

Additionally, our Grade 10 students participated in the Save A Life Tour presentation, which focused on the dangers of distracted driving. This impactful experience provided important lessons that will help students make safe and responsible decisions.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. We are proud of our students' resilience, growth, and accomplishments, and we look forward to another productive week ahead.

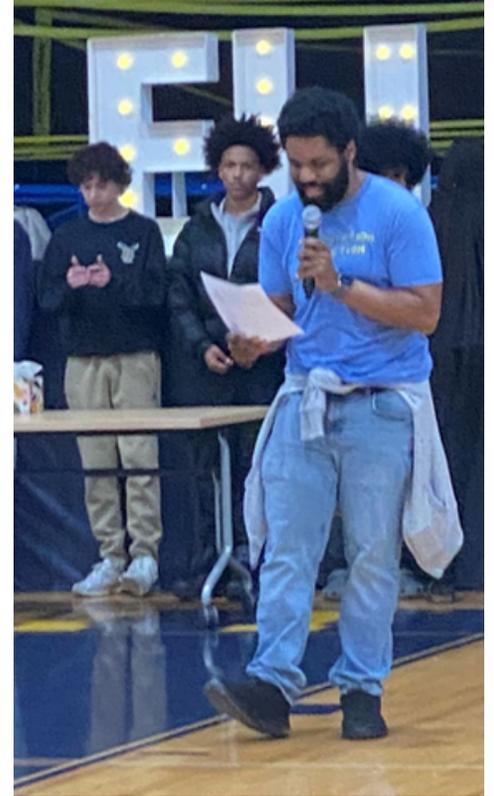
# Hoots and Highlights

Eli Whitney Tech Grade 10 students had an unforgettable experience at the Save a Life Tour! Through interactive activities and powerful demonstrations, they learned just how dangerous texting and speeding while driving can be. Students were engaged, thoughtful, and walked away with a clear message: safe driving saves lives .



# Hoots and Highlights

Today was another successful Community Meeting at Whitney! It was great to come together, celebrate our students, and continue building a positive and supportive school culture. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our community and the importance of connection, respect, and shared pride.



# This week in ART



# This week in Culinary

In Culinary, our Grade 12 students have been busy bringing their capstone projects to life! Each student selects a country, designs a unique menu, and steps into the role of head chef for the day—running their very own restaurant.

From planning to plating, students showcase their creativity, leadership, and culinary skills in this exciting real-world experience. Bravo to our future chefs!



# This week in Carpentry





## 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

JULY 6 - AUGUST 7



# HAMDEN YOUTH WORKS 2026

**Hamden Residents  
Only**

Hamden Youth Services Bureau will be hiring between 50-150 students between the ages of 14-24 for 2026's five-week Summer Youth Employment session. All applicants must be interviewed to be considered.

## Application FAQs

- **Must be a Hamden resident**
- Youth will earn \$16.94 per hour
- Approximately 12-18 hours a week
- 14-Year-olds must complete 9<sup>th</sup> grade by Summer to be considered
- Applications are online or at the Keefe Community Center
- Interviews end on April 21, 2026
- Applicants with incomplete applications will not be interviewed

## Interview Sign-Up



**Deadline:**

**4.20.2026**

**Please Note:**

Applications will only be accepted at scheduled interviews. **No walk-ins.**

Contact Us:  
YouthSvcDept@Hamden.com

For more information:  
www.hamden.com/261/Youth-Services



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Support STEMFest

### Event Purpose



STEMFest aims to inspire middle and high school students through hands-on STEM experiences that build confidence and illuminate career paths.



### Inclusive Learning Environment

The event promotes learning by closing opportunity gaps and providing access to mentors and modern STEM tools for underrepresented youth.



### Career Exploration and Industry Engagement

Students interact with employers and experience demonstrations highlighting high-growth technology roles and real-world innovations.



### Community and Sponsor Support

Sponsors and vendors help to provide the essential resources and funding that keep STEMFest free and enriching, by leading six 30-minute workshops.



May 30, 2026  
10am – 4pm

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