



ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Whitney community,

We are thrilled to share that the coming weeks are filled with exciting events, meaningful learning opportunities, and celebrations that reflect the strong sense of community within our school.

Today, we held another fantastic community meeting, proudly led by our students. These student-led gatherings continue to showcase leadership, voice, and collaboration, and we are so proud of the way our students step up to support and inspire one another.

Next week, we will celebrate Counselor Appreciation Week, and we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to Ms. Willinsky, Ms. Rosado, Mr. Valdez, and Ms. Stratton. Their dedication, compassion, and unwavering support play a vital role in our students' academic, social, and emotional growth. They advocate tirelessly for our learners, provide guidance during pivotal moments, and are always there with encouragement and care. We are truly grateful for the positive impact they make every single day.

Also next week, our students will participate in both the SkillsUSA Field Trip and the Sikorsky Field Trip. These experiences offer invaluable, hands-on learning opportunities for our technical students and help connect classroom instruction with real-world applications.

On Monday, our cycle will change, and students will be participating in Advisory. This time is designed to further support student connection, reflection, and growth.

With Black History Month beginning next week, we are excited to offer a variety of activities and educational opportunities throughout the month to celebrate and learn about Black history while also highlighting the diverse voices, cultures, and contributions that have shaped our shared history. More details will be shared as the month progresses. If any parents or family members would like to support or participate in these activities, we warmly invite you to reach out.

Finally, as part of our continued efforts to strengthen partnerships with local colleges, we are excited to welcome Quinnipiac University Deans, who will be touring our school next week. They will have the opportunity to see firsthand the outstanding work our students and staff are doing, and we are proud to showcase our programs and achievements.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to another engaging and successful month ahead.



Welcome!

Our New Math Teacher
Eli Whitney Technical High School



Everlidis Hernandez-Pellot

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR

This Week in Shops



THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

**ELI WHITNEY
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Girls and Boys Basketball Team



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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

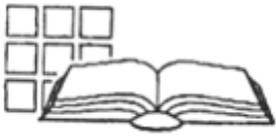
These strategies help students gain better control over their time and tasks:

- 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



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*Jean Paton Lovell, Founder
(1894-1996)*

**SUBJECT: 2026 NEW HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND
INTERVIEWS**

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DATE: January 28, 2026

Dear Guidance Counselors,

Once again, the New Haven Scholarship Fund is looking to financially support your students as they pursue their post high school educational options.

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We have a new and more easily navigated platform this year. The New Haven Scholarship Fund (NHSF) application has been live since January 1, 2026. The application portal will close on March 15, 2026. You can find our application online at

nhscholarshipfund.smapply.us

We are planning to conduct in-person interviews Tuesday, April 21 through Thursday, April 23, 2026 between 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. on each of those days.

Please arrange for a room or rooms to be booked in which these interviews can take place on the above listed dates and times.

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Closer to these dates, you will receive another letter from us listing the students to be interviewed and the names of the interviewers. Interviews should be about twenty minutes.

As you are familiar with the students' schedules, we would appreciate it if you would schedule an interview time for each of the students on the aforementioned list. The list of names will be available to you before April vacation.

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To be in compliance with the New Haven Scholarship process, students who have been scheduled for interviews must have already attached or must bring with them to the interview a copy of the acceptance letter(s) from the school(s) they plan to attend in the fall of 2026 and their FAFSA information. Without those documents, no positive decision can be made on their behalf.

***WE'LL GET
YOU STARTED!***

We want to thank you for your help with this process. If you have any questions or concerns, please text the New Haven Scholarship Fund President, Jeff Alpert, at 203-415-4468 or call Penny Conti at 203-641-9792



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.



Michele Gay
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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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