



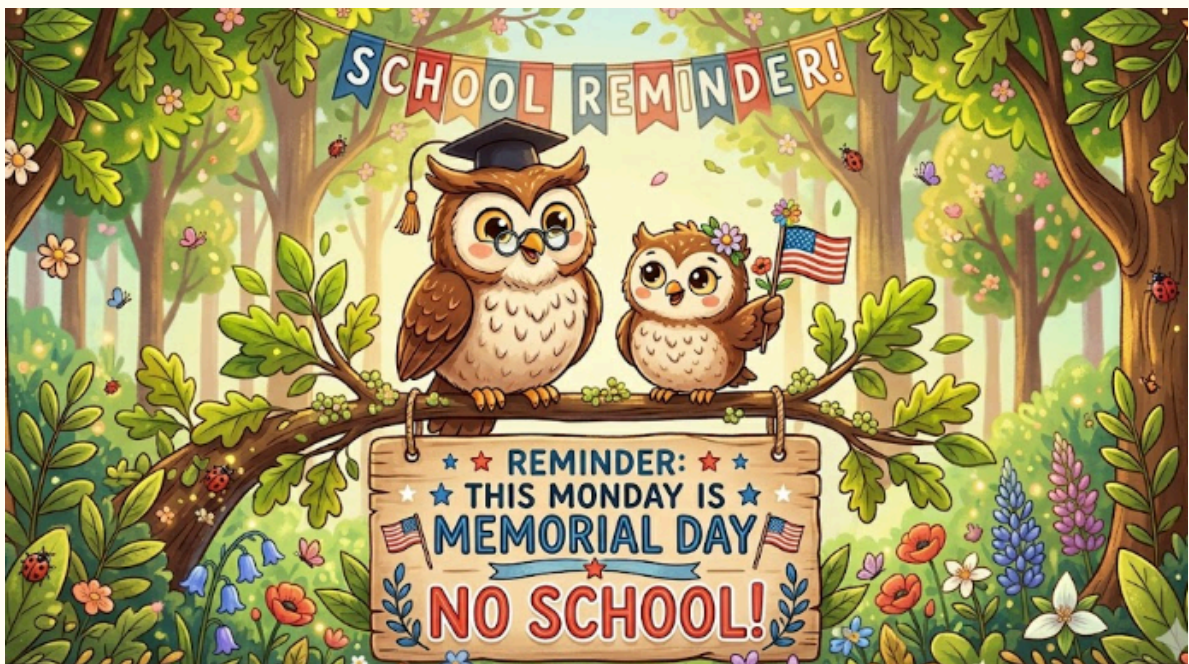
ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Good Afternoon Whitney community,

It has been an incredibly busy week here at school, filled with a wonderful variety of fun and exciting activities that highlight the amazing talents and dedication of our students! I encourage you to take a look at all of these fantastic updates in our Hoots & Highlights section below.



While we have much to celebrate, I also want to address some peer-to-peer issues that have come up over the last few weeks. It is vital that we are all on the same page. We want every single student to feel safe, respected, and ready to succeed when they walk through our doors. If your child is experiencing any peer concerns, please reach out immediately to a member of our student support team. Working together, we can step in to mediate these situations early and try to prevent them from escalating. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our school community strong, focused, and positive.



ELI WHITNEY'S VISION STATEMENT

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



TOP SHOP

Winners

ANNOUNCED!

The competitive spirit was fierce all year, and we have officially announced our **TOP SHOP** winners for the entire school year!

3RD
PLACE



**PRECISION
MACHINING
TECHNOLOGY
(PMT)**

114.25
POINTS

1ST
PLACE

CHAMPIONS
★ ★ ★



PLUMBING

121
POINTS

2ND
PLACE



AUTOMOTIVE

117
POINTS

GREAT WORK. TRUE PRIDE. OWL POWER!





Hoots and Highlights

Softball Senior Night

Our sports fields were buzzing with school spirit as our Softball Team proudly celebrated their Senior Night! It was a wonderful evening honoring the incredible dedication, hard work, and leadership of our graduating players. Thank you, seniors, for everything you have contributed to our program!

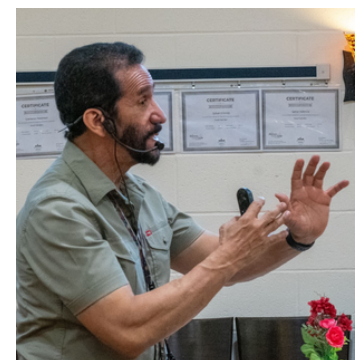




Hoots and Highlights

📍 Welcome Night: Class of 2030

We opened our doors and our hearts for Welcome Night, where we had the absolute joy of meeting our rising Owls—the future Class of 2030! It was fantastic to see the excitement on the faces of our incoming students and families as they began their Eli Whitney journey.





Hoots and Highlights

Senior PROM

AT ANTHONY'S OCEAN VIEW

Our seniors dressed to impress and danced the night away, celebrating an elegant and joyful Senior Prom at Anthony's Ocean View.



The night was filled with beautiful views, laughter, and unforgettable memories for our graduating class.



Big shout out to

Mr. Maguire & his daughter
for taking photos!



However, they took more than 3,000 pictures so we need more time for processing...

Pictures will be posted in next weeks update!



Hoots and Highlights

SAT Growth Field Trip

To celebrate academic triumph and hard work, our Grade 11 students who achieved an incredible 10% or more growth on their SATs were rewarded with an exhilarating celebration! The group enjoyed an action-packed field trip where they worked together to conquer an outdoor obstacle course.





Hoots and Highlights

Wilderness School Canoeing

In another fantastic display of perseverance, a dedicated group of students who have spent the entire year working hard on personal goal-setting put their skills to the ultimate test. They embarked on an unforgettable, team-building canoeing trip with the Wilderness School!



This Week in Track





ELI WHITNEY — TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL —



PARKING REMINDER



THIS REMINDER IS FOR **STUDENTS WHO DRIVE AND PARK ON CAMPUS.**

All students who drive and park on 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 STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO CAMPUS 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



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.





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.



Meta glasses and other smart glasses are **NOT PERMITTED** inside the school building.

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. ★

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



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

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

ELI WHITNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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