

Emmett O'Brien Technical High School

January 2-10, 2020

Holiday Door Decorating Contest Winners

As in previous years, the career technology shop doors at EOB were transformed into a Winter Wonderland. The doors of each shop were decorated by December 19th for voting to take place on December 20th. The winning shop (Health Tech) will be treated to a donut and hot chocolate treat in their shop. Our Student Council sponsored the event. Congratulations to all the shop winners!



Health Technology



Welcome Baby Sura



Kristen Sura, her husband Ryan and big sister Alexandra were happy to announce a new addition to their family. A daughter, Evelyn Noelle was born on December 22, 2019.

Congratulations to the Sura family.



Three Kings Day Feast

EOB Culinary Department hosted a Three Kings Day luncheon on Monday January 6, 2020 in Café 141. The buffet was open to staff and the public.



Jury Outreach



Shari Deluca, from the CT Jury Outreach Program, spoke to all seniors during Law/ Economics classes last Thursday. She told the students about the history of jury service in CT and how jury selection works. Ms. Deluca also answered questions that students

had about how the state gets their names and the likelihood of serving on a jury in a trial.

FYI, in 2018, 550,000 people received jury



summons and only 4.800 actually served on a jury for a trial.

Triangle Community Center visits EOB



On Wednesday, December 18, the Triangle Community Center (TCC) – the leading provider of programs, events, support, and services for the LGBTQ community in Fairfield County - visited Emmett O'Brien to tell us about their case management program (the only LGBTQ-specific one of its kind in Con-Triangle Community Center necticut) and related services. Prior to our gathering, students were given the opportunity to write a letter to 'Gay Santa' and request a gift (up to \$100)

through their Holiday Gift Exchange Program. Recipients receive their gifts at the traditional 'Gay Santa' dinner on 12/13 in Norwalk, but TCC generously offered to come directly to Emmett O'Brien and deliver the gifts to our students. The students were surprised to learn that their gifts were actually purchased by anonymous donors from the community who volunteer to participate in the Holiday Gift Exchange Program each year. Full of gratitude and overwhelmed by the generosity and support of virtual "strangers," the students insisted that we invite "Alanna," the volunteer who delivered their gifts, and "Sophie," TCC's Youth Outreach Coordinator, to return to Emmett O'Brien in the early spring to hear more about the year-round social activities and events they hold.

Any staff interested in getting involved or providing referrals of students whom you think might benefit from this support, please contact Mindy Daria (x826) or Rebecca Cohen (x340/341) in the SBHC. For more information on Triangle Community Center, please visit www.CTpridecenter.org.

Welcome Ashley Ackley



Our new English/ Reading teacher. Please be sure to stop by room 110 and welcome her to the EOB family.

Trout in the Classroom

Students in Ms. G's Honors Biology class are happy to announce the delivery of their Trout Eggs!! We will be Raising trout from eggs to fingerlings, monitoring tank water quality, learning about stream habitats and other ecosystems and fostering a conservation ethic. Our project will result in the release of our trout into a local stream. We are very thankful to Trout Unlimited for their assistance and support in this effort.

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Valley Shakespeare Festival Coming to EOB



The Valley Shakespeare Festival - whose Executive Director, Tom Simonetti is Mr. Simonetti's son - will be bringing in his merry band of actors to perform the play Cyrano de Bergerac this spring at Emmett O'Brien. We are so happy they have agreed to come to our school.

2020 TOUR: FEBRUARY - NOVEMBER

Keep your eyes open or see Mr. Brennan for more information.

Welcome NHS Juniors

On Friday, Friday, January 10th the National Honor Society introduced its newly selected members.

We recognize the following students for exemplifying the values that the Honor Society holds in high esteem, leadership, community service, scholarship and excellence in character. Please give them your congratulations when you see them.

- Kendyl Auddino
- ◊ Gianna Balsamo
- ◊ Katharine Bellone
- Oaniel Brolet
- o Bridget Calderon
- Maria Choudhry
- Remo DiLorenzo
- Madison Dirgo
- ◊ Jenna Hickey

- ◊ Theresa Kardos
- Shelby Kwoka
- ◊ Jocelin Miranda
- Michael Rodriguez
- Hope Schreiber
- ♦ Evan Sanchez
- Marc Santacapita
- ◊ Jase Sevas



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ January 20th—MLK Day—No School
- \Rightarrow January 29th— PD Day— 1/2 Day (Students)
- ⇒ February 12tth—No School

⇒ February 17-18th—Presidents' Day—Winter Break—No School