

EMMETT O'BRIEN

TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

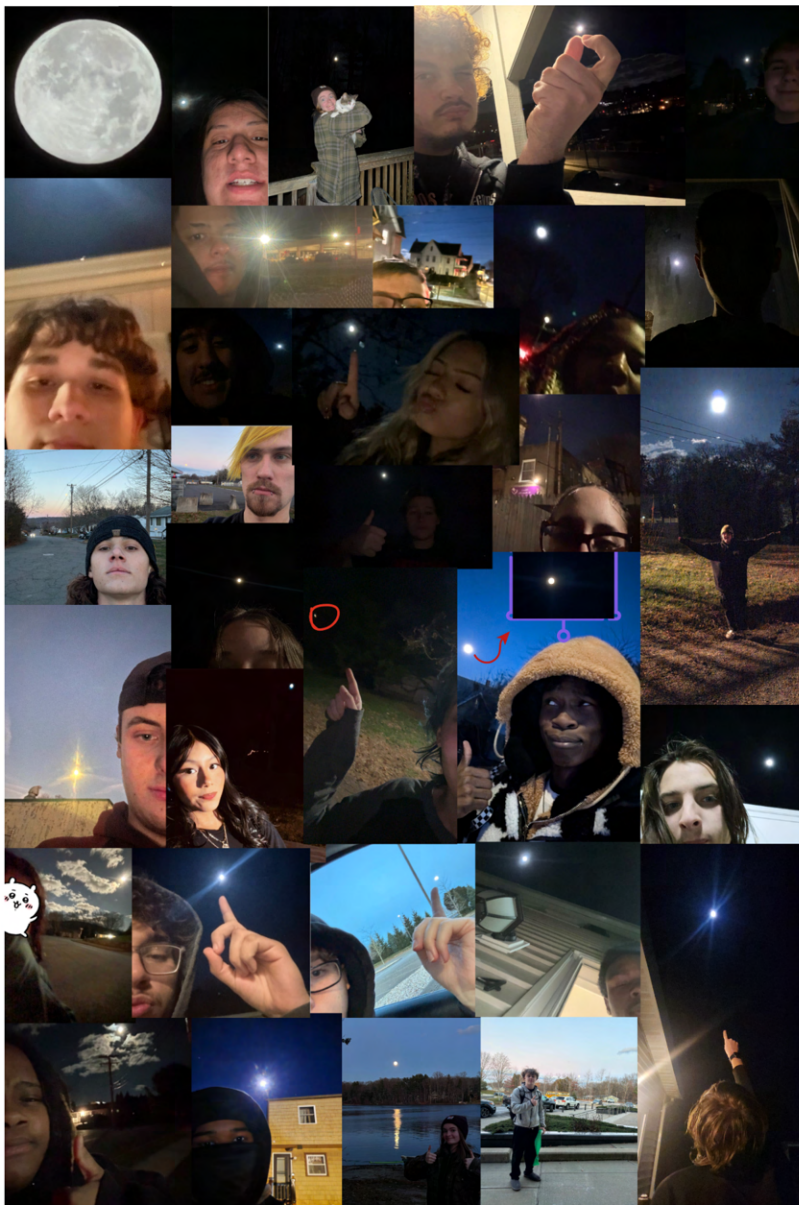
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 11th: Dress Down, 9th and 12th grade
- Dec. 12th: Dress Down, 10th and 11th grade
- Dec. 15th: Faculty Meeting



COLD SUPERMOON

Students in Mr. Jalbert's class studied the Moon's orbit and the phases of the moon during this cycle. Students were tasked to observe the Cold Supermoon on December 4th. A "Cold Moon" is a full moon that happens in December and a "supermoon" is a full moon that appears larger because of its location.



SKILLS USA RECEIVES DONATION

On Friday, December 5, 2025, the Emmett O'Brien SkillsUSA Organization received a donation from President Crystal Moon of the East Coast Gem and Mineral Society. Their support of students in pursuing leadership opportunities has been tremendous. This was the second year that SkillsUSA participated in supporting the largest gem show in Connecticut, adding additional vendors, activities, and patrons.

The students were educated on the importance of Herkimer Diamonds and presented with a stone for every student in attendance. Some of the key importance lies in its historical use as tools, which can be found in the Peabody Museum, and its use in jewellery and for meditation and spiritual beliefs. They are a quartz crystals and sparkle with clarity, which gives them a "diamond-like" appearance.





The Carpentry Juniors recently finished a production job for Apple Tree Nursery in Shelton.

Check out their work!



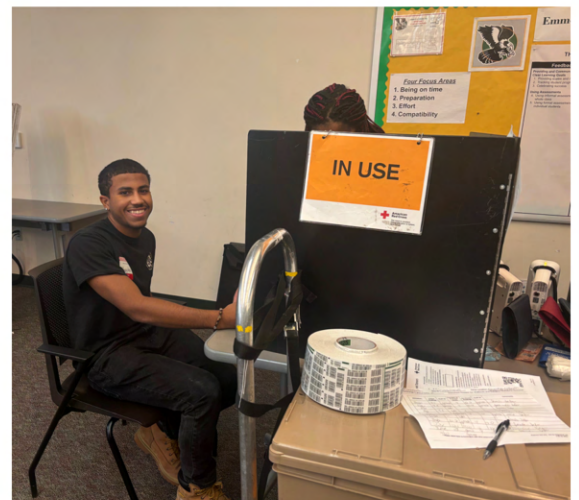
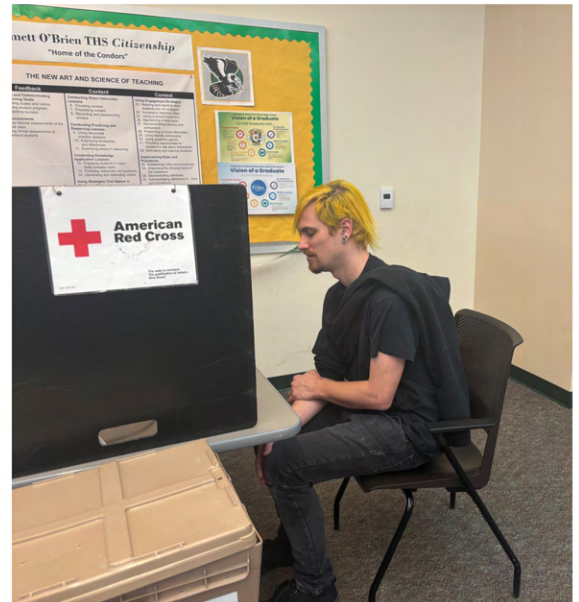
NHS HOSTS WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

The National Honor Society at Emmett O'Brien Technical High School proudly sponsored a successful Red Cross Blood Drive this week, bringing together students, staff, and community members in an effort to help save lives. Thanks to the dedication and generosity of all who participated, the event collected 21 pints of blood, a contribution that has the potential to impact more than 60 patients in need.

NHS members worked diligently to organize, promote, and assist throughout the event, ensuring donors felt welcomed and supported. Their leadership and service exemplify the core values of the organization and highlight the strong sense of community within Emmett O'Brien.

The Red Cross and the NHS extend their heartfelt appreciation to everyone who donated or assisted with the drive. For those who were unable to participate this time, there will be another opportunity soon, the next blood drive is scheduled for the spring.

Emmett O'Brien is grateful for the continued spirit of service that defines its students and staff, and looks forward to another impactful event in the coming months.



NEW OFFICERS INDUCTED

On Friday, December 5, 2025, the Emmett O'Brien SkillsUSA Organization inducted its officers for the 2025 - 2026 school year. The officer roles are crucial for developing student leaders, running an effective chapter, and promoting Career and Technical Education (CTE) by teaching leadership, communication, and teamwork. O'Brien's chapter is moving from Advisor-led to student-run and serving the interests of the student body.

Below: Co-Advisors Chef Gary Costa and Rebecca Marra are shown with several of the students in attendance. The trades represented are: Freshman Exploratory, Carpentry, Culinary, Electrical, Information Technology, HVAC, Health Technology, MDET, and PMT.



President	Mariana Costa, Electrical
Vice President	Abigail Rogucki, Precision Machining
Secretary	Aidan Ghelmegeanu, Information Technology
Treasurer	Emma Lovisolo, Information Technology
Reporter	Aurora "Rory" Colon, Mechanical Design & Engineering Technology
Parliamentarian	Jacob Palacios, Carpentry
Historian	Maeve Korchinski, Culinary
Fundraising Coordinator	Franshesca Velasquez, Mechanical Design & Engineering Technology
Service Project Coordinator	Alistair Markoya, Culinary

EOB ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC DUTY

Two alumni have recently been sworn in as members of Ansonia's Board of Aldermen

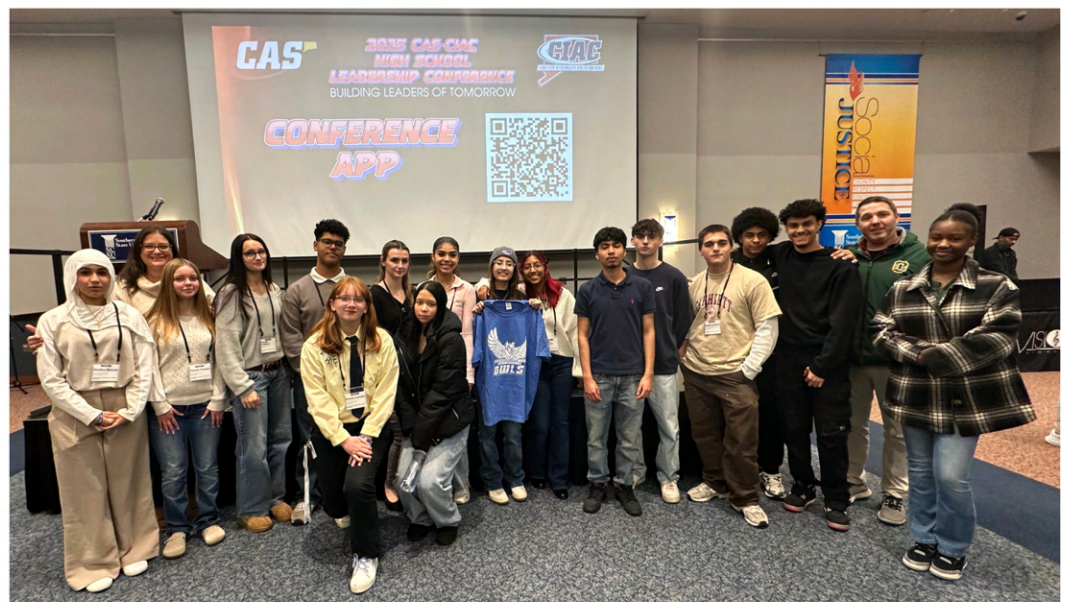
Pictured below, left-to-right: **Jaylen Daniels (2017)**, Frank Pergola, Daniel Stahl, Rohan Brown, **Noah Darrow (2022)**, Sean Rallis, Adam Prestin, and Patricia DaSilva.



STATESMAN PIN AWARDED TO EOB SKILLSUSA PARTICIPANTS

Congratulations to the following students for achieving the SkillsUSA Statesman pin at the SkillsUSA Leadership Conference in Middletown, Connecticut: Aurora Colon, Mariana Costa, Harris Irizarry, Emma Lovisolo, and Alistair Markoya. The pin represents the highest degree earned by demonstrating leadership, knowledge, and civic awareness at the state level.





EOB OFFICERS ATTEND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Friday, December 5th members of Student Council and National Honor Society had the opportunity to take part in the CAS/CIAC Leadership Conference at Southern Connecticut State University. Here they were inspired by a speech from the keynote speaker assistant coach of Yale University basketball coach, Brandon Sherrod. He spoke to the students about his success and how he has gotten to where he is today by always having courage to do what is needed to do what is right. Then students were able to attend three breakout sessions that taught them different aspects of being a leader. The students left more inspired to be the leaders of Emmett O'Brien and the future from what they learned at the conference.

In Ms. Phipps's Comparative Literature, Film, and Media class, students did a "lab" this week. They experimented with common household items and how they might be used by foley artists to create the sounds we hear while watching movies.



Emmett O'Brien hosted a staff collection to donate "Dream Gifts" to Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut's Trees of Hope event for thirteen years. This year, the staff contributed and donated a Nintendo Switch Lite with a gift card for a 12-month Nintendo Switch Individual Online Membership. Mrs. Mullis delivered the donation the weekend after Thanksgiving. More information about the Trees of Hope event can be found at <https://www.rmhc-ctma.org/event/ct-trees-of-hope>.





OUR STUDENTS ARE FULL OF SPIRIT!

The Student Council sponsored their first winter spirit week of the year. Students were allowed to dress up in a daily theme to bring some fun and joy to the academic wing. The senior and freshmen students showed a lot of spirit! From dressing up in different decades, holiday sweaters, characters, dress to impress and lastly holiday pjs they were all well represented. The junior and sophomore students will have the same opportunity to participate if they have paid their annual student council fee during the week of the 16th. We are looking forward to what the week will bring.





Welcome to Shop Selection Night
ADVICE FROM SENIORS

Pictured:
Shop Selection
Night, held on
December 2nd.



Upcoming Events

SPIRIT WEEK
BY STUDENT COUNCIL

SENIORS
FRESHMAN
DECEMBER 1ST-5TH

JUNIORS
SOPHOMORES
DECEMBER 15TH-19TH

MON DECADE DAY

HOLIDAY SWEATER **TUE**

WED CELEBRITY DAY

DRESS TO IMPRESS **THU**

FRI HOLIDAY PAJAMA DAY

FOLLOW THE NORMAL DRESS DOWN DRESS CODE

SAVE THE DATE

**Class Wars is
December 22nd!**

**\$2.00
DRESS
DOWN
DAY**

SPONSORED BY THE
CLASS OF 2028

**FRESHMEN AND
SENIORS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

**SOPHOMORES AND
JUNIORS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**

SAVE THE DATE



**Class of 2028
Sophomore Ring Dance**

When: Friday, March 20, 2026

Where: Birchwoods at Oak Lane, Woodbridge

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Price: TBD

Buffet dinner, DJ, and dancing!

You don't need to buy a ring to attend, but you must be current with your class dues for freshman and sophomore years (\$150).

See Mrs. Ogren or Ms. Rodorigo with any questions.

Upcoming Events

National Honor Society

TOY DRIVE

Dec 1st – Dec 11th

Please consider donating to children in need this holiday season. All the money donated will be used to buy new toys for children in need. These toys will then go to **Team Inc.** and be distributed to children in need!

How to Donate:

Drop off any monetary donations to Mr. Behun in room 320B.

What to Bring

Only monetary donations will be accepted this year. Donations can be made in the form of cash or checks.

Reach out to Mr. Behun in room 320B for any questions!

