

Chariho High School Parent/Teacher Organization Newsletter

January/February 2011

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Upcoming Events

- 1/17- MLK day NO SCHOOL
- 1/18- Evening Guidance
- 1/20 - Parent Information Night
- 1/20- Early Release
- 1/21- 2nd Quarter Ends
- 1/22- SAT Testing
- 1/28- Battle of the Bands
- 1/29- Winter Ball
- 2/3- Evening Guidance
- 2/3-Grade 8 Parent Mtg
- 2/4- King of Hearts
- 2/15- Career & Tech Application Deadline
- 2/16 - Evening Guidance
- 2/17-Early Release
- 2/21/-2/25- Winter Recess- NO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Since the New Year is upon us, I thought it would be nice to share how grateful I am for the fine work that is being done at Chariho High School by our students and staff. I am often asked about the "kids today." Sometimes adults insinuate that young people are disrespectful and really difficult to work with. I tell them, and I really mean it, that our students and teenagers everywhere are just as polite and respectful as they have always been. They want to do the right thing. They understand the importance of an education and they all want to graduate. It is harder for some than others, and it is more challenging than ever to earn a high school diploma. Our children learn from us, and I must say that most parents are doing everything they can to guide their children in the right direction. It is difficult to raise a teen in this highly technical world with such easy access to information with literally the touch of a button.

You should all feel good about the contributions your sons and daughters are making to our school and community. We have students doing some impressive community service projects. They are collecting food and toiletries for local food pantries, holding blood drives for the RI Blood Center, collecting shoes, coats, and clothing for those who are suffering from the decline in our economy. These are just a few of the things our students are doing to help those in need.

These are difficult times, but we have a lot to be thankful for. Please know that we are grateful for the wonderful young people you send to us every day.

Sincerely,
Bob Mitchell

Hopefully, seniors have submitted the bulk of their college applications (regardless of due dates) as the focus in January should switch to financial aid and scholarships. Everyone attending a post-secondary institution is encouraged to apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov starting January 1st. Paper copies can be ordered at www.FSAPubs.org although the online version is preferred by colleges. Before starting the process, apply for an electronic signature at www.pin.ed.gov to avoid any delays in processing. The Rhode Island deadline for completion is March 1st although most financial aid officers recommend completion by Super Bowl Sunday. Assistance with completing the form is available at College Goal forums across the state on January 30th. To register for an appointment or to learn more information about the event, visit www.collegegoalri.org. Available scholarships can be found on the guidance section of the high school website. Students can download applications right from the website or pick up copies in the guidance office. The majority of local scholarships will start to arrive in January so encourage your child to check the website every two weeks or so.

Sophomores and juniors received PSAT scores back with their test booklets. A short presentation was given to explain the aspects of the score sheets and the benefits of what information is now available to them as a result of taking the test. Please encourage your child to visit the website www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and enter the access code provided. This site will help students solve all the test questions and provide SAT prep materials. In addition, it is never too early to start exploring college options also available at this site. In March

guidance counselors will meet with juniors to discuss the college search and application process. Around that time we will also meet with sophomores and talk about post-secondary options and what to look for as part of the perfect match.

Freshman will have the opportunity to tour the Career & Technical Center the first week of January. They will have the opportunity to briefly view each of the programs in action. Applications are due by February 15th if your child is interested in any of the programs. Call the guidance office if you have any questions or concerns about how a CTC program can benefit your child or what a schedule would look like as a result.

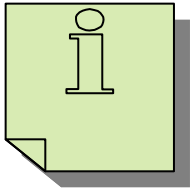
The scheduling process for the 2011-2012 school year will kick off in early February. A parent meeting for incoming ninth graders will take place on February 3rd at 6:30 PM in the high school cafeteria. Grades ten through twelve will receive Program of Studies booklets and course selection sheets at a presentation the week of February 7th. Guidance counselors will meet one on one with students to input their selections throughout February and March. Please take some time to discuss your child's choices with them.

Evening guidance hours will be January 6th and 18th as well as February 3rd and 16th for parents looking to meet with a guidance counselor after hours. Call 315-2834 to make an appointment with times available until 7:30 PM.

Happy New Year,



*Stacy Haines-Mayne
Guidance Director*



CHARIHO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Research Skills and the Ethical Use of Information

As your children complete their research writing assignments throughout the school year, several of the information literacy skills they are working on are locating, evaluating, using and synthesizing information. Knowing how to cite sources is an essential part in the development of effective research and writing skills. There are benefits to citing sources that students may not always be aware of. First, citing sources strengthens the writers' position or argument in the paper. Second, it shows respect for intellectual property. Third, it is a service to the reader of the paper who can then find out more about the topic by referring to the citations. If students have any questions about citing sources, the librarians are available during the day and after school on Monday - Wednesday. There are also many helpful handouts and website links accessible from the library home page, <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chslibmain>, under "MLA Citation Help." In January, as part of student expectation #3 in the graduation portfolio, the librarians will be discussing plagiarism and citing sources with all tenth grade advisories.

Mary Manning, Library Media Specialist
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Parent Information Night January 20, 2011 6pm

"Teen Trends in Drug and Alcohol Use"

Richmond Elementary School Library

Sponsored by the Task Force and Richmond Police

The Task Force has decided to host the groups at the local elementary schools so that it is more convenient for parents to attend and to encourage parents with children of all ages. If we have a good turnout, we will have groups at the other elementary schools in the following months. We have found the police to be great educators as they are dealing with teens outside home and school. They bring in drug paraphernalia and give lots of good information about high-risk behavior.

Danette Bray and other members of the Task Force will be at the meeting to help answer questions and give tips on how to cope with the dangers kids face during their teens. Please come and bring a friend. Important information that can save our kids, Be in the Know!

Danette Bray
 Student Assistance Counselor

PTO News

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent successful SCRIPS Gift Card Fundraiser. The profits were used to award two teacher grants that will directly benefit CHS students. As a result of the positive feedback, another gift card fundraiser will be held in the spring. Save your shopping for graduation gifts and summer birthdays!

Teacher grant applications are again being accepted and additional awards will be made this spring.

PTO meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on the first Monday of every month. Please join us!

Upcoming PTO Meetings:

February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2 June 6

EXCITING NEW POST-GRAD PARTY PLANNED!

A new secret location has been booked for the 2011 Post-Grad party held on graduation night. If you're a senior, you don't want to miss the greatest post-grad celebration yet!! We will be at a location that Chariho Post-Grad has not been to in the past 19 years!!

Also, the Post-Grad committee is finalizing the plans for the first annual Chariho Post-Grad Community Festival to be held on May 14, 2011. This event is planned to raise the funds needed for the Class of 2012 Post-Grad celebration. It will include a beef barbeque cook-off, family fun activities, craft booths, live music and much more!!

Please contact the Post grad committee if you would like to participate in this fundraising event: CharihoPostGrad@hotmail.com

Jane Durning
Post=Grad Chairperson

Winter Ball

January 29th
7-10:30 pm



King of Hearts

February 4th 7pm
CMS Auditorium

Travel Club News

Last call for anyone who would like to travel to GERMANY, AUSTRIA, and SWITZERLAND this April!

Contact Sue Allen ASAP if you are interested.
See email below.

Sign up Now for Our 2012 Trip to

Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England

Itinerary:

- Day 1 Fly overnight to Ireland
- Day 2 Shannon • County Kerry
- Day 3 Killarney • County Kerry
- Day 4 County Kerry • Dublin
- Day 5 Dublin
- Day 6 Dublin • North Wales
- Day 7 Lake District • Edinburgh
- Day 8 Edinburgh
- Day 9 London
- Day 10 London
- Day 11 Depart for home

Includes: Airfare, Transportation,
Hotels, Meals, Tours

Sign up now and you could save
\$200!!!



E-mail Mrs. Allen for information:
Susan.Allen@chariho.k12.ri.us<

+“I had three chairs in my house; one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society.” Henry David Thoreau



CALLING ALL ARTISTS “COMMUNITY CHAIR PROJECT FOR CHARIHO”

We are calling on all artists to create a “Chair for Chariho”. We seek your support and artistic talent to modify or create an original chair that can be sculptural or functional. The works of art will be featured at a silent auction during Chariho’s Artessy event on April 2, 2011. All proceeds will go toward the Chariho Art Scholarship Program. Won’t you

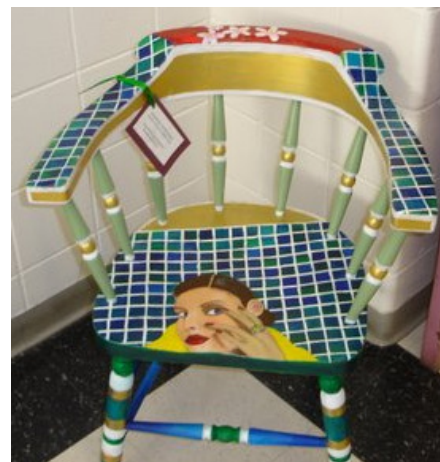
please join with us in this community project to showcase the diverse talent of its members? We look forward to hearing from you. Please respond that you will be participating by February 28, 2011. Your finished chair can be delivered to the Chariho Middle School main office during the week of March 21, 2011 from 7:30am-3pm. If you cannot make this drop-off date, let me know and I will gladly pick it up. Please submit your name, phone number and/or email address, medium used, and a personal statement about the artwork with your entry. Please call or email me for any further information.



Sincerely,

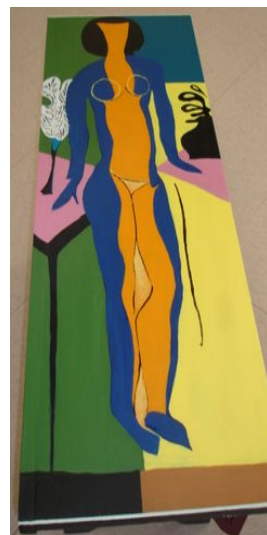
Debra Engel

Chariho Middle School Art Educator
Chariho Art Center Coordinator
RIAEA Board Member



Email: daeng@chariho.k12.ri.us
Telephone: (401)315-2191

“Chairs for Char*h*o”
Silent Auction



Spirit Clothing Order Form

Student's Name _____ Phone #s: _____ or _____

For Hooded Sweatshirts, Quarter Zip Pullover Fleece, & Full Zip Fleece, circle preferred logo style



NAME AND OR GRADUATION YEAR CAN BE ADDED ON SLEEVE OF ANY ITEM FOR ADDITIONAL 5.00

Hooded Sweatshirts

Color (check one): Ash (lt.gray)___ Green _____ Size S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2X___ 3X___

Price: \$35 2X and 3X \$40.00

Year of Graduation if desired _____ (check one) 2010___ 2011___ 2012___ 2013___ Etc

Name if desired, please print clearly: _____

Quarter zip Pullover Fleece Jacket

Green Only Size S___ M___ L___ XL___ *2X___*3X___ Price: \$35 (*2X, 3X = \$40)

Year of Graduation if desired _____ Please indicate _____

Name if desired, please print clearly: _____

Full zip Fleece Jacket

Green Only Size S___ M___ L___ XL___ *2X___*3X___ Price: \$37 (*2X, 3X = \$40)

Year of Graduation if desired _____ Please indicate _____

Name if desired, please print clearly: _____

T Shirts "CHARIHO" in arch across front

Long Sleeve = \$20.00 2X and 3X 23.00: Gray ___ Green _____ size S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2X___ 3X___

Short Sleeve = \$15.00 2X and 3X 18.00: Gray ___ Green _____ size S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2X___ 3X___

New Item Girls white tank top w/ CHARIHO across front. S___ M___ L___ XL___ Price \$20.00 _____

New Item Men's green nylon "v" neck pullover w/CHARIHO logo S___ M___ L___ XL___ 2XL___ Price \$42.00 _____

Make checks payable to Chariho High School Parent Organization and send with your order to the main office or mail to: CHS Parent Organization ATTN. Spirit Clothing Order Chariho High School, 453 Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI 02894 E-mail Littles5ri@cox.net with any questions.



CHARIHO CHARGER 2011 YEARBOOK Order Form



Checks Payable to:

Chariho SAF #399H

Mail to: Chariho High School Attention:
Yearbook Order
453 Switch Road
Wood River Jct., RI 02894

2011 Yearbook Pricing Schedule

Personalized Book (Name on Cover) Preorder 9/1/10 through 12/1/10	\$65
Regular Book Preorder 9/1/10 through 4/1/11	\$60
Regular Book Preorder after 4/1/11	\$70

Please be sure to fill out form entirely.

Student Name **Grade**

Date: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (circle one) Cash or Check Check # _____

(Cancelled checks serve as receipt of purchase. If paid in cash, the student will be given a receipt as proof of purchase. Please retain all documents.)

Please visit www.chariho.k12.ri.us/yearbook for more information!