

Chariho High School Parent/Teacher Organization Newsletter

**September/
October 2010**

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Upcoming Events

9/28 - Evening Guidance
10/1- Pep Rally
10/2 -Homecoming Dance 7-10:30
10/5 - PTO Meeting 7:00
10/6 - Open House
10/8 -Hypnotist Show 7:00
10/11- Columbus Day- NO SCHOOL
10/16 - PSAT Testiing
10/21 - Early Release 12:45
10/28 - Evening Guidance
11/8- Holiday Fundraiser Begins

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the new school year. I am really pleased with how well the school year has started despite the construction and the 90 degree weather we had during the first week. Stacy Haines-Mayne, our Guidance Department Chairperson, has once again done an outstanding job on the master schedule. Scheduling 1200 students and over 100 adults is no easy task. She does it exceptionally well; as a result, a positive tone has been set for the year. Stacy has been recognized as the 2010 Teacher of the Year in the Chariho District for her outstanding contribution to our school and community. She was honored at our teacher orientation meeting on August 27th.

There are some important issues that I would like to share with you as we start the new school year:

- We know that traffic before and after school has been a problem at the start of the school year. There are several reasons for this, including the new bus loop and the ongoing construction around the high school. Please be patient. We are working to make the traffic flow as smoothly as possible.
- Open House will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, October 6th. This is a good opportunity for you to meet teachers and hear important information about what your sons and daughters will be learning in each of their classes this year.
- I want to remind parents about the Cell Phone Policy. As you know, this is an issue that consumes a lot of our time in school. Students should not use cell phones during the school day. Please call the school if you need to contact your son or daughter, and we will deliver messages to them. Phones will be confiscated if students take them out during the day. On the first violation, the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day. For every subsequent violation, parents will need to come in and get the phone. We would appreciate your support regarding this important issue.
- Please consider joining the Chariho Parent/Teacher Organization. We would love to have more parents involved in this organization. The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the high school library. Please see more information in this newsletter about PTO. Volunteering for this organization will not put a major demand on your time.

There is a lot to feel good about regarding our high school. There have already been improvements to the building, and the best is yet to come. Our students are performing better than ever, and it is our expectation that this trend will continue. All school staff is working harder than ever to ensure that all students meet the rigorous requirements for graduation, and we have a system of supports for students who need additional help. We are dedicated to their achievement.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact any of us with questions or concerns.

*Warmest regards,
Bob*

Spirit Week

September 27th-October 1st

The **Class of 2011** will be creating a week of community celebration for our school. Each day we will be displaying school spirit while contributing to a cause.

Monday - Sports Athlete Day

Bring in Non perishable items which will be donated to the Jonnycake Center

Tuesday - Hat Day

\$1 donation for American Cancer Society

Wednesday - Dress Up for Different Time Periods

*Freshmen-1950s Sophomores-1960s Juniors-1970s Seniors-1980s
Donate clothing and new underwear to the Jonnycake Center*

Thursday - Teachers Dress Like Students/Students Dress Like Professionals

Donate used books to the Hasbro Children's Hospital/Adult books also welcome

Friday - Senior Toga Day/Green-White Day for Underclassman

*Donate toiletries and personal hygiene items for the American Red Cross RI
Chapter*

PEP RALLY 4-6 October 1

Activities to be Announced

We encourage all students to participate for a Great School Spirit Week!!

Welcome back to a new year! Schedule changes and new students consumed our time the first few weeks of school. Fortunately, things are starting to slow down so we can switch gears and focus on seniors. During the week of September 20th, counselors will be visiting the senior advisories to share information about SAT registration and the college application process. Two websites for all seniors applying to four-year colleges to store as favorites are www.collegeboard.com (SAT registration) and www.commonapp.org (application for 414 colleges, including URI). All seniors are encouraged to create a timeline for completing applications, make college visits (which are exempt absences if guidance is notified in advance) and prepare for the SAT to prevent the process from becoming overwhelming. Complete applications in parts; ask for letters of recommendations early; keep an ongoing, updated resume and proofread essays are a few suggestions seniors should keep in mind. If your senior is looking at post-secondary options other than a four year college or is choosing the workforce or military, it is still important to plan early. Students should not wait until June to explore those options. Please feel free to call or email your child's counselor should you have any concerns.

Juniors and sophomores will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 16th. The cost is \$20 and priority registration runs through September 22nd. Students may register after this date on a space available basis. Students should bring cash or checks made out to Chariho SAF to the guidance office in A6 in order to receive an admission ticket and a practice booklet. The PSAT provides valuable feedback as to what students can do in order to improve their performance on the SAT. The test also

provides students with SAT practice opportunities and information about the college search. Students receive back their actual test booklet and have access to a website showing the answers and how each problem is solved. Consider this opportunity to be a bargain as the actual SAT (taken in the spring of junior year and fall of senior year) is \$47. The results of this test are seen only by the student and the guidance staff here at the school although demographic information is shared with colleges if the appropriate box is checked. It is only offered once a year in October.

Parents of ninth graders: please don't feel we are overlooking your children here in guidance. Our weekly watch lists, as well as participation in team meetings keep us apprised if your child is struggling or having transition issues. We meet weekly in intervention team meetings involving administration and student support personnel to develop plans to help anyone who is struggling. If you think your child is having a difficult transition please let us know. In late October and early November we will begin sharing information about career and technical opportunities with all freshmen.

On a final note, parents of juniors should be aware that NECAP testing will occur in early October. Students must receive a minimum score of 2 in order to graduate. While opportunities will exist to help students who fail to meet that requirement, please stress the importance of putting forth one's best effort this October. We appreciate your support.

Looking forward to a great year,
Stacy Haines-Mayne
Guidance Director

Welcome back! Hope you all had a great summer. The Chariho High School Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) would like to welcome all of our new students, families, faculty and staff.

The PTO is a great place to get involved with your student's high school years. One of the primary goals of the PTO is to enhance parent-school communication, which is done through a newsletter produced every other month. The newsletter includes information on club news, class activities, student services and many other important items. Messages from the Principal and Guidance Department contained in the newsletter offer information on school events, testing, scholarship & college application deadlines. Order forms for the yearbook and spirit clothing are also available in the newsletter. To automatically have the newsletter emailed to you as it is published, click on the "newsletters" link on the home page at www.chariho.k12.ri.us to sign up to be on the distribution list. Previous newsletters are available on the website as well.

Another important function of the CPO is fundraising. Funds raised by the CPO are used to support the following:

Grants program (awards are provided to selected applicants to be used to enhance the education of our students; applicants include teachers as well as student clubs and organizations)

Post-Grad events

Community 2000 grants

The PTO welcomes your participation and invites you to contribute any fundraising ideas you may have so that we can continue to provide this support to our high school students.

PTO meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the every month at 7pm in the high school library. Please join us!

2010 – 2011 PTO Meeting Dates

October 5, 2010
November 2, 2010
December 7, 2010
January 4, 2011
February 1, 2011
March 1, 2011
April 5, 2011
May 3, 2011
June 7, 2011

Student Assistance Counseling at the high school provides services for students and their parents. Our program offers information, education, referral services and group and individual counseling to students who are at high risk and their parents who are worried about them.

This year we hope to continue our offerings, including *Alateen*, a confidential support group for students with someone in their life who is a substance abuser. This 35-minute group, which runs twice monthly during school, follows the 12 -step program.

Also, the SAC, in conjunction with the Task Force, has leadership programs for students who are interested in teaching their peers about tobacco, substance abuse and making good choices. These programs include the following: *Teens as Teachers*, *Peer Mentors*, *Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse (VAASA)* and outreach programs run by Kathy Gardner.

We also run a variety of support and educational groups in C10. This year, Tracy Jennerwein and Michele Shadoian are planning a *Grief Support Group* for students who have lost a loved one. We continue to work with the Women's Resource Center and SSCA. We can provide a variety of services to students ranging from Coping with Divorce, Life Skills for Shy kids, Depression and Anxiety support, etc. Please contact us if your child would benefit from our services.

Appointments for parents are available after school hours; contact Danette Bray at ext. 2143. After school counselors are available in C10 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays until 3:00 p.m.

Travel Club News



Travel to Austria, Germany and Switzerland in 2011!!

When: April vacation April 15–24, 2011

Where: Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Neuschwanstein, Tyrol, Liechtenstein, Lucerne, Heidelberg

Trip includes airfare, transportation around Europe, hotels, European breakfasts and dinners daily, Full-time EF Tour Director, 5 sightseeing tours.

Come to A-8 in the high school at 2:25 on Tuesdays to get more information, or e-mail Sue Allen (coordinator) at Susan.Allen@chariho.kl.ri.us<mailto:Susan.Allen@chariho.kl.ri.us>

Hypnotist Show

Friday, October 8th
7:00 pm

Tickets \$5 students \$8 others

All Proceeds to Benefit Class of 2011 Post-grad Party

Holiday Shopping is just around the corner.....

Buy your gift cards from your student and funds will go directly to the high school!

Exciting New fundraiser Begins November 8th

Here are some examples of the hundreds of stores you'll be able to choose from: Stop & Shop, Applebee's, Best Buy, CVS, GAP, Walmart, Panera, Home Depot, Kohl's, American Eagle, Dick's Sporting Goods, Marshalls, Macy's and many, many more!

Look for details coming soon!

Calling all Artists and Artisans!!

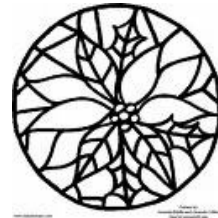
Please join us in the 7th Annual
“Holiday Art and Artisan Sale”
 Sponsored by the Chariho Art Center

When: November 13, 2010

Where: Chariho High School

Time: 10-3pm

You may set up your art work beginning at 8 am in the Chariho High School cafeteria. Tables will be available only upon request.



We ask that one piece of artwork per vendor be donated for a silent auction during the event.

Please RSVP by October 4, 2010 with a \$30.00 entry fee payable to: **SAF Chariho**

C/o Debra Engel

Chariho Middle School

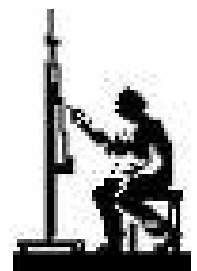
455 B Switch Road

Wood River Junction, RI 02894

daeng@chariho.k12.ri.us Tel. 401-315-2191

All proceeds from this event will support the Chariho Art Center.

Hope you can make it!



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 Little5ri@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

Personalized Name to Appear on your Yearbook. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**
(Orders must be received by 12/1/10 for this option.)

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!