

Chariho High School Parent/Teacher Organization Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- 5/1-5/13- Gift Card Fundraiser
- 5/13- Junior Prom
- 5/14 - Community Festival
- 5/17 - Evening Guidance
- 5/21 - Senior Prom
- 5/26 - Early Release 12:45
- 5/30 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
- 6/1- Pep Rally 3-5
- 6/3- Senior Picnic
- 6/9- Awards Night 7 pm
- 6/13- Graduation

Guidance Happenings

As the year is winding down, there are always things your children can be doing from guidance's perspective. Don't hesitate to call us at any point with questions or concerns.

Seniors have submitted deposits to their chosen college and many have decided high school is over. For those who still haven't applied to their post-secondary institution of choice, it is never too late. Scholarship applications are still available and can be found on our website www.chariho.k12.ri.us/scholarships; however, time is running out with most due by May 15th.

Juniors have been assigned the task of researching potential post-secondary schools. The best scenario would be to return in September with a list narrowed down to exactly where the student intends to apply. Those who want to get a jump on applications can start the process on August 1st at www.commonapp.org. Be forewarned- doing things early can alleviate stress later on. Both URI and RIC (in addition to approximately 470 other schools) will utilize the common application in 2011-2012. Registration for the June SAT test ends on May 6th and can be completed at www.collegeboard.com. It is recommended that all juniors take the SAT twice, once in the spring and again in the fall. The ACT (www.act.org) is an alternate test that includes science for kids who are unhappy with their SAT scores.

Sophomores have been asked to start looking at what careers match their interests. The students were exposed to a short assessment in advisory and were given websites to look at for more information. It's difficult to begin the process of looking at colleges as juniors without having had the opportunity to explore what it is students might want to do.

Awards night for juniors and seniors will be June 9th at 7:00 PM. Invitations will be given to students who should attend but everyone is invited to attend.

Enjoy the warmer weather,
Stacy Haines-Mayne
Guidance Director

Gift Card Fundraiser - Our Spring SCRIPTS Gift Card Fundraiser began on May 1 and runs thru May 13. Please look for the order form that your student was given last week. See one of the following pages of this newsletter for information about how this fundraiser works. Funds raised by the PTO are used to support our Grants Programs, student activities, and Post-Grad events.

Teacher Grants - The Teacher Grant committee awarded the following three grants during the spring semester: One for Freshman Orientation to be held in May, another to the Chess Club to help them register for the state team, and a third to the clinic to provide nutritional sustenance and bottled water to those who visit the clinic in need. We are making every effort to come up with ways to fundraise in order to continue to provide and hopefully increase the amount we can contribute towards teacher grants in the future. We would like to thank all who participate in these fundraisers; we appreciate your support.

Artessy - Artessy went well. Our thanks to all of you bought the clothing, hot dogs, popcorn, snacks and beverages, and participated in our raffle fundraiser. The winners of the gift card trees were Sam & Kyle Warriner and Shelly Kenney.

Post-Grad Event - Please mark your calendar for the first annual Chariho Post Grad Community Festival & Family Fun Walk to be held on May 14th at the Chariho High school athletic field, rain or shine. There will be plenty of family fun all day from 10:00am to 3:00pm. See the next page of this newsletter for further information about the festival.

Website - Order forms for yearbook and spirit clothing, as well as information on gift cards, newsletters and PTO meetings can be found on our website <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chspto>.



Chariho Post-Grad Community Festival

The Chariho Post-Grad Event, held immediately following the graduation ceremony, takes place in a safe and controlled environment free of drugs and alcohol, at no cost to the students. No funding for the event is received from the school district; therefore, we rely entirely on volunteers, fundraising and the generous donations from Chariho neighbors.

To raise funds, we are hosting the first annual "Chariho Post-Grad Community Festival" on May 14, 2011. A community and family-oriented event, the festival will be similar to a farmers market/craft fair and will include a family fun walk, family games, craft vendors, arts and crafts for the kids, and several other activities! Funds raised at the festival will benefit the 2011 & 2012 Post-Grad events.

We are seeking small business to be vendors at the festival. If you would like to promote your business, please consider participating at the Chariho Post-Grad Community Festival. For further information, please send an email to: CharihoPostGrad@hotmail.com.

Seniors : This year's Post-Grad event is NOT at any YMCA in all of New England!! You don't want to miss it!!

T-Shirt Design Contest

We are seeking designs from seniors for the post grad t-shirt! Please submit a design to represent the Class of 2011. Watch for further information to be distributed in senior advisory!



*Charlho Regional High School's
Administration, Faculty
and the
Class of 2011
request the honor
of your presence
at the
Commencement Exercises
Monday, the thirteenth of June
two thousand and eleven
at
7:00 o'clock in the evening
Ryan Center
University of Rhode Island
Kingston, Rhode Island*



Unlimited Seating Available

Parental Information ~ Graduation at The Ryan Center

*In order to make this a memorable occasion for all, your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!
Per URI Policy, no helium balloons, silly string, beach balls, and noisemakers—air horns, whistles.
No one allowed behind stage area for seating. No one allowed on the floor for any reason.
Plan to have your graduate meet you in the foyer or outside the front entrance.
Please allow extra time for travel as Route 138 traffic can become congested.*

***Our 2012 Trip will be to
Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England***

The earlier you sign up, the more you can save! Adults and students in grades 9-12 can travel. To find out how, e-mail Travel Club Group Leader: Sue Allen at - Susan.Allen@chariho.k12.ri.us



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

***Travel Dates: April 15-22, 2012
Includes: Airfare, Transportation, Hotels, Meals***

Earn \$ for CHS While You Shop!

Birthdays, Fathers' Day, graduations, showers.....

Always a gift to buy! Shop for your gifts and household items by purchasing gift cards from hundreds of popular retailers and raise money for Chariho High School at the same time! Back by popular demand, "Scrip" is the fundraising program that works while you shop.

Here's how it works: Scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift cards to CHS at discounts ranging from 2%-15% or more. Families like yours buy the gift cards for full face value, they redeem them for full face value and CHS keeps the difference. The gift cards on the order form are the same gift cards you buy at the store and are accepted at all participating retailer locations. Use them to purchase groceries, gas, clothing, toys, gifts and more! Some of the popular retailers participating in the Scrip program include Walmart, Macy's, American Eagle, Applebees, GAP, Dunkin Donuts, CVS, Stop & Shop, JC Penney, Shell and many, many more. This fundraiser also includes a gift card for one-day admission to Six Flags!

Please consider making the purchases you would probably make anyway by purchasing gift cards, while helping your student's school at the same time!

Order forms were distributed to students on May 1st and 2nd and can also be found on the Chariho website on the Parent Organization page.

All order forms, along with payment, must be submitted to the high school's main office by Friday, May 13th. Please make all checks payable to Chariho High School PTO. All payments must be submitted with the orders. Information on pickup will follow.

Please note: Payment should be submitted for the full face value of the gift cards. The discount % listed on the order form represents the amount to be earned by CHS.

Please contact Tammy Anderson at tam505@cox.net with any questions.

New Library Space - The library moved into its beautiful new space right before the February break. All students and faculty are enjoying the natural lighting from the windows and the computer facilities. The library staff is dedicated to providing a quality library program and we appreciate the community's support in providing us such a wonderful facility to work in.

Bookmark Design Contest - The winners of the library's 6th annual bookmark design contest are: Paige Pajarillo, Matt Lemek, Claire Vargo-Willeford, Haley Tweedell, Alex Kenyon, Kaela Winneg, Christine Hall and Martha Knudsen. The bookmarks will be professionally printed and available for distribution by the middle of May. Thanks to all students who submitted entries.

Read Across Rhode Island - The students in Mrs. Hague's 11th grade class participated in the *Read Across Rhode Island* book discussion program with the library. They traveled to Woonsocket High School to hear Craig Mullaney, Rhode Island native and author of "The Unforgiving Minute: The Education of a Soldier." The students were mesmerized by his account of his tour in Afghanistan and appreciated the pearls of wisdom about life he shared with them.

Summer Reading - Looking ahead to the summer, the summer reading list will be posted on the district website as well as the library media center's webpage by the end of the month. If your child is looking for book suggestions for additional pleasure reading this summer, he or she can check out the Rhode Island Teen Book Awards list of nominees at http://www.yourlibrary.ws/ya_webpage/ritba/ritbaindex.htm

Foreign Language Practice - If your child is studying a foreign language and would like to practice and learn more over the summer, there is an excellent foreign language learning website called *Mango*, which is available free to all residents of Rhode Island. You can find it at the Ocean State Libraries webpage, <http://www.askri.org/> or link to it from the CHS library webpage <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chslibmain>

As always, please contact us if you have any questions.

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Upcoming Senior Class Events:

Senior Prom

Saturday, May 21st
7-11pm
Hyatt Regency in
Newport

Senior Picnic

Friday, June 3rd
6:30-6:00

Pep Rally

June 1st Wednesday 3-5

Followed by the Annual
Powder Puff Game



Student Assistance News

An article that may be of interest...

Teens Who Drink with Adult Supervision Have More Drinking Problems, Study Finds

By Join Together Staff | April 28, 2011 | 3 Comments | Filed in Alcohol, Parenting, Prevention, Young Adults & Youth

Teens who drink with adult supervision have more drinking-related problems than their peers whose parents don't allow them to drink, a new study shows. Researchers at the University of Washington studied 1,945 teenagers from Washington state and Australia. They chose to include teens from both the U.S. and Australia because the two countries have different attitudes about teens and drinking, the **Seattle Post-Intelligencer** reports.

While the U.S. Surgeon General recently issued a call to action promoting a zero-tolerance position toward youth alcohol use, in Australia surveys indicate that 30 percent to 50 percent of teen drinkers get alcohol from their parents, the researchers note in the **Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs**.

The study found that by ninth grade, 71 percent of Australian teens and 45 percent of U.S. teens used alcohol. More than a third (36 percent) of Australian students reported having experienced harmful consequences resulting from alcohol use, compared with 21 percent of U.S. teens.

"Providing opportunities for drinking in supervised contexts did not inhibit alcohol use or harmful use in either state," the researchers wrote. They recommend that policies should not encourage parents to drink with their children and parents should not allow their children to drink under their supervision.

"Findings challenge the harm-minimization position that supervised alcohol use or early-age alcohol use will reduce the development of adolescent alcohol problems," the researchers wrote.

Spirit Clothing Order Form

Student's Name _____ Phone #: _____ 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**

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!