

Chariho High School Parent/Teacher Organization Newsletter

November/December 2011

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Upcoming Events

11/17 -Early release 12:45
11/24-11/25 Thanksgiving recess- NO SCHOOL
11/30 - Evening Guidance
12/2- Battle of the Bands
12/3- SAT
12/5 - PTO mtg 7pm HS Library
12/12, 12/13- NO SCHOOL- parent-teacher conferences
12/14 -Financial Aid Night
12/14- Evening Guidance
12-26-12/30 Holiday Recess

News from Post Grad Committee...

- The old post grad event has a new name!!! **Green & White Up All Night**, our Post Grad event, will take place June 18 immediately following graduation. This is a safe alcohol & drug- free event that is FREE to all graduates. Please encourage your student to attend this very fun night. Please join our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Green-White-Up-All-Night-Post-Grad-Event>
- Thank you to Ocean State Transportation for the generous donation of bus transportation that the Post Grad Committee raffled off to the teachers in the district. Mrs. Shurtleff, the C&T Cosmetology teacher, won a free bus for a pre-approved field trip.
- Our major fundraiser, The Chariho Community Festival, will be held May 12, 2012. We are currently seeking vendors for this event. If you or someone you know would like to be a vendor, please contact us at CharihoPostGrad@hotmail.com

We are also seeking parent volunteers to join our group. If anyone is interested in supporting the Post Grad committee, please e-mail us at CharihoPostGrad@hotmail.com

The next two months bring a flurry of activity to the guidance department. Seniors will be encouraged to complete *college applications* before 2012 rolls in, regardless of due dates. Our state schools (URI and RIC) both have early application deadlines in December in order to be eligible for merit scholarships. Both schools utilize the common application (www.commonapp.org) along with 454 other schools. All students applying to four-year schools should create a common application account. Teachers and guidance counselors can be invited to submit all forms online through this process, which colleges prefer. Students are responsible for notifying the guidance staff when applications have been submitted online as no application will be considered complete without a transcript.

In January the focus for seniors turns to *financial aid and scholarships*. Guidance counselors will visit all senior advisories during the week of December 5th to share information about the financial aid process. Any student seeking financial aid needs to complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) after January 1, 2012 but before March 1st. Applications completed after March 1st will be accepted but are not guaranteed certain forms of aid. A parent meeting to share information about the financial aid process will be held on December 14th at 6:30PM. The presenter is a member of the Rhode Island Financial Aid Officers Association. The best source for scholarships is our own website www.chariho.k12.ri.us/scholarships, which provides links to all the Chariho-based opportunities. Check the site regularly as new applications are activated all the time.

PSAT results generally arrive the first week of December. Students who take advantage of the benefits provided with their score reports will see an improvement in their scores. Encourage your child to review the websites listed on the score report to assist with SAT preparation and the college search process. Each student will receive their

actual test booklet back in addition to a list of each correct answer as well as their chosen answer. One of the websites will show students how each problem was solved. A list of areas to focus on is also included as part of the information. The ASVAB, another test that provides a wealth of information (in addition to being the military entrance exam), will be administered the week of November 15th. Please have your child visit guidance to register if interested.

During the last week of November, counselors will be talking to ninth graders about *Career and Technical programs* and how to apply if interested. Students will have the opportunity to take a tour if interested and spend time in programs of interest. Any parent with questions about CTC and how it will impact your child's schedule is encouraged to call guidance or the new director Susan Votto. A career and technical education provides your child with a life-long skill while at the same time keeping all post-secondary options, including college, open to your child.

Counselors continue to visit all advisories in grades 9-12 to update each student's *Individual Learning Plan (ILP)*. Students will review goals from last year, update their progress towards the goals and create new ones as applicable. We also continue to explore another manner in which to complete the ILP so that parents will have access. The guidance advisory council is helping in this endeavor.

Finally, *guidance evening hours* are scheduled for November 30th and December 14th (which will include the financial aid presentation). Please contact the guidance office at 315-2834 in order to schedule an individual appointment with the counselor on duty. The quarter closes on November 10th with report cards issued a week later. Parent conferences will follow the second week of December, which also includes an evening the guidance staff is available.

*Enjoy the fall,
Stacy Haines-Mayne
Guidance Director*

Gift Card Fundraiser

The holidays are right around the corner.....

Shop for your gifts and household items by purchasing gift cards from 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. **The CHS PTO's fall gift card fundraiser began on Monday, November 7th and will end on Friday, November 18th. Order forms have been distributed to students; in addition, the order form was distributed to parents via email and can be found on our website at <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chspto>. Gift cards will be distributed at parent-teacher conferences on December 12th and 13th.**

Please consider making the purchases you would probably make anyway by purchasing gift cards through this fundraiser. Funds raised by the PTO are used for Teacher Grants (awards are provided to selected applicants to be used to enhance the education of our students), student clubs and organizations, and for contributions to the Post-Grad Party & Community 2000 grants. A second gift card fundraiser will be held in the spring from April 30 to May 11.

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



Show your school spirit...

The PTO offers spirit clothing for sale throughout the year. Order forms for clothing, as well as the student yearbook are available on our website <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chspto> (and at the end of this newsletter).

Please join us...

CPO meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the high school library.

2011 - 2012 CHS PTO MEETING DATES

November 7, 2011

December 5, 2011

January 9, 2012

February 6, 2012

March 5, 2012

April 2, 2012

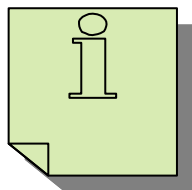
May 7, 2012

June 4, 2012

FOCUS on the GRADUATION PORTFOLIO

In an effort to support your child's success and timely completion of the Graduation Portfolio -----

- "Graduation Portfolio Plan" sheets have been given to students. On that sheet you can see the many portfolio opportunities your child will have in their classes this school year.
- Please encourage your child to work hard on portfolio projects and to scan into the portfolio proficient projects/essays/etc.
- After-school portfolio help is available every week for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.



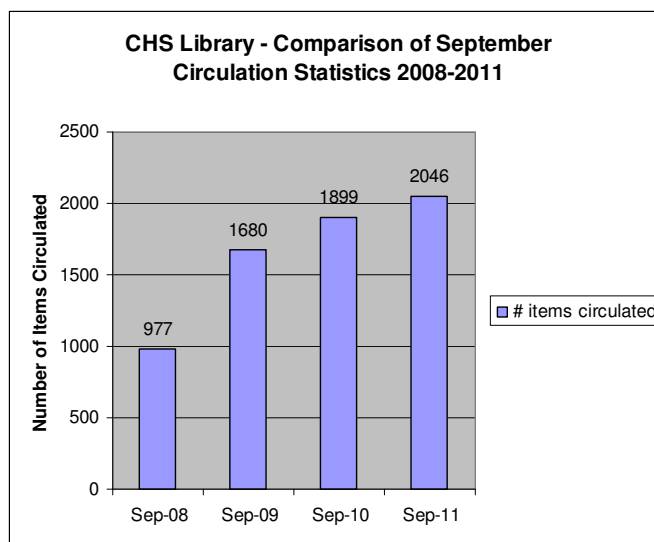
CHARIHO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

The greatest gift is a passion for reading.

~ Elizabeth Hardwick ~

Chariho Students are reading!

A record number of students checked out library materials in September as compared to the three previous years. The implementation of silent sustained reading in English classes has contributed to this increase. As a reminder to families of our loan policy, the loan period for library materials is two weeks. Students need to return or renew overdue materials before they can check out new materials. Students are responsible for lost or damaged materials.



A few years ago, we received grants from the PTO and the CCEP to fund the purchase of Playaway audio books. Playaways are pre-loaded audio books that resemble a personal MP3 player in size and function. These audio devices are especially useful for the challenged reader, however, students in general have embraced this new technology and our Playaway collection has become very popular. We are continuing to add to this collection as we encourage students to explore all avenues to reading.

The CHS Library also joins the eBook trend! Thanks to a grant from the CCEP, the library will be acquiring several eReaders for student use. The eReader program should be up and running after the New Year. Updates on this program will be included in the next newsletter.

Please feel free to contact one of the librarians with any questions.

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In 2013 the Travel Club will
Venture to
France, Holland,
Belgium, Germany,
Denmark!

Sign Up Now and Save \$200!

Day 1 - Fly overnight to France

Day 2,3 - Paris

Take a walking tour of Paris: Opéra district, Place Vendôme, Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré, Tuileries
Visit the Louvre Take a guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, Eiffel Tower, Conciergerie Visit Notre Dame Cathedral Optional: Versailles

Day 4 - Brussels • Amsterdam

Travel to Brussels for a lunch stop / Continue on to Amsterdam
Take a walking tour of Amsterdam: City canals

Day 5 - Amsterdam

Take a guided tour of Amsterdam: Dam Square, Koninklijk Paleis, Westerkerk
Visit the Anne Frank House Optional: Volendam and Zaanse Schans

Day 6 - Lübeck

Take a tour of Lübeck: Old Town, Lübeck Cathedral, Astronomical clock

Day 7, 8 - Copenhagen

Take a walking tour of Copenhagen: Old Town
Visit the Round Tower. Take a guided tour of Copenhagen: Tivoli Gardens, Christiansborg Palace, Little Mermaid, Optional: Kronborg Castle in Elsinore

Day 9 - Depart for home Or possible excursion to Norway

Contact Susan Allen, Travel Club Advisor, at Susan.Allen@chariho.k12.ri.us to sign up or if you need more information.

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



CHARIHO CHARGER 2012 YEARBOOK Order Form



2012 Yearbook Pricing Schedule

Checks Payable to:

Chariho SAF #399H

Mail to:

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

Personalized Book (Name on Cover) Preorder 9/1/11 through 12/1/11 *Must be in BEFORE December 1 st !	\$65
Regular Book Preorder 9/1/11 through 3/30/12 *Order must be received by March 30 th for reduced price!	\$60
Regular Book Preorder after 3/30/12 *All orders after March 30 th !	\$70

Please be sure to fill out and return entire order form.

Date: _____

Student name	Grade
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Personalized Name to Appear on your Yearbook. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**
(Orders must be received by 12/1/11 for this option.)

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

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