

# Chariho High School Parent/Teacher Organization Newsletter

## September/October 2011

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### Upcoming Events

9/28 -Parent Meeting 6 pm
10/3 - PTO meeting 7 pm
10/5 - Open House 5:45
10/7- Progress Reports
10/11- Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
10/12- Evening Guidance
10/12 Collage Workshop 4-6pm
10/20- Early Release
10/22- Homecoming Dance
10/27 - Evening Guidance

Dear parents:

We are off to a good start to the new school year. Everything has been running very smoothly and students appear to be well acclimated to their new schedules. Ninth graders are settling in well to their new school. We have been busy as a staff working on several initiatives that will drive our professional development work over the next few years. Listed below are some initiatives that will impact teaching and learning in the high school:

- Implementation of a new statewide evaluation system gradually over the next two years. We are required to evaluate everyone on a yearly basis. As you can imagine, this will take up more of our time. The good thing is that there will be more of a focus on teacher learning statewide than ever before.
- Transitioning from the NECAP assessment to a new assessment called PARCC during the 2014-2015 school year. All grades will be affected because teachers will have to learn and use new standards to prepare students for this assessment. Currently, students are learning Grade Span Expectations (GSEs) in preparation for the NECAP. Students will begin learning the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in preparation for the PARCC. We will be doing a lot of professional development to get our students and staff ready to take the PARCC. You will be hearing more about this in the future.

One major benefit of the CCSS is that since 48 states have adopted them, all students in these 48 states will be assessed on the same standards. We will get some good information about how our students are doing in comparison to other states. It will also provide opportunities for states to learn from each other. NECAP testing for juniors begins during the first week in October. Students must be at least partially proficient in reading, writing, and math to earn a diploma. Seniors who did not earn a "2" as juniors will be tested again. Please encourage your sons and daughters to do their very best on these assessments. The results are very important to individual students and our school.

We have scheduled a Parent Meeting for Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria to review the graduation requirements. Information will be provided regarding everything our students will need to do to earn a high school diploma. Please consider attending.

As always, we want to encourage two-way communication between school and home. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with questions or concerns. Our website has a wealth of information about the school and district. Please check it out.

Sincerely, Bob Mitchell

Welcome back to a new school year! Perhaps you have had a chance to see many of the new improvements to the building, one of which happens to be a beautiful new guidance space. All six counselors are now located in what used to be the back corner of the library. The social services staff and the department heads have offices in the same area. We are appreciative of the community's support of the building project which allowed the changes to occur. Also, please help me in welcoming Pattee Dipollino to our guidance staff. Pattee (a business teacher at the high school for 25 years) replaces Jan Grimes, who is currently teaching kindergarten in Charlestown.

Now that the rush of registering new students and schedule changes has passed, guidance counselors are starting our classroom presentations. During the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>, all seniors received reminder information on registering for the SAT and starting the college application process. As juniors, students were encouraged to create an account on the common application website ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) to help alleviate some of the stress in their senior year, however, experience tells us most kids ignore this advice. Encourage your child to work on applications a little at a time and avoid waiting until the last minute. URI and RIC are both common app schools (along with 454 other schools) so most students applying to four-year schools should start at this website, which allows students to invite teachers and counselors to submit letters of recommendation and transcripts online (which most colleges prefer). Please give teachers and counselors a minimum of two weeks notice in order to guarantee that required deadlines are met.

In addition, counselors are visiting sophomore and junior advisories inviting students to register for the PSAT. The PSAT will take place on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 AM at the high school. To register for the test, students should bring \$20 to the guidance office in order to receive an informational booklet and an admission ticket. In December, students will receive scores back with their actual test booklet. The score sheet provides the student's answer and the correct answer, as well as an access code to a website detailing how all the problems are solved. This website

has additional SAT practice material and information about searching for colleges. Students who take advantage of all the resources available as a result of taking the PSAT will find the \$20 to be a bargain.

Finally, counselors will be visiting all advisories in grades 9-12 over the next three months 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. As some of you may recall, we switched to an online version of the ILP last year at [WaytoGoRI.org](http://WaytoGoRI.org) with the intent of providing parents access. Unfortunately, due to restrictions at the site's parent company and internet rules, the dream of doing so has not materialized. We as a guidance staff are exploring other alternatives to make this happen and hopefully it will occur in the near future.

On a different note, the guidance staff is planning a career awareness fair in the spring. We will be soliciting volunteers interested in sharing information about their jobs. The arrangement at the moment is leaning towards a "booth" format as opposed to individual presentations, allowing more students to access careers of interest. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Guidance evening hours continue this year. Dates are scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the guidance office at 315-2834 in order to schedule an appointment with the counselor on duty.

Welcome back,  
Stacy Haines-Mayne  
Guidance Director



## *Welcome back!*

Hope you all had a great summer. The Chariho High School Parent organization would like to welcome all our new students, families, faculty and staff.

The CPO is a great place to get involved with your student's high school years. A primary goal of the CPO is to enhance parent-school communication, which is done through this bi-monthly newsletter.

Another critical function of the PTO is fundraising. 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 majority of our funds are raised through our *SCRIP gift card fundraisers* which provide the opportunity for you to shop for your household items and holiday/graduation gifts by purchasing gift cards from popular retailers while raising money for Chariho High School at the same time! This year's gift card fundraisers will be held once in the fall (November 7-November 18) and once in the spring (April 30-May 11). A sample of our order form is available for your review on our website <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chspto>.

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>. See also the end of this newsletter for the spirit clothing order form.

Please mark your calendar for the following events to be sponsored by the PTO Post Grad Committee. Proceeds from these events help fund **Chariho's Post Grad event**, held immediately after the graduation ceremony.

### *Family Magic Show – January 25*

*Featuring magician Matt Roberts, to be held at the Chariho Middle School auditorium. \$8.00/person, \$30.00/family 4 pack*

### *Chariho Community Festival – May 12*

*To be held at the Chariho High school athletic field. Local arts & crafts vendors, family fun games, music, family entertainment, food, children's crafts, bounce houses and more. \$3.00 all students / \$5.00 per adult / children under 5 free*

**CPO meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the high school library. Please join us!**

## 2011 – 2012 CHS PTO MEETING DATES

October 3, 2011  
 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, please discuss reaching the following portfolio benchmarks with your child to ensure timeliness and their ability to participate in all school activities:

- To be a sophomore, students must have entered eight (8) portfolio items, three (3) of which must be from Expectations #1 and #2.
- To be a junior, students must have entered sixteen (16) portfolio items, six (6) of which must be from Expectations #1 and #2.
- To be a senior, students must have entered twenty-four (24) portfolio items, nine (9) of which must be from Expectations #1 and #2.

## **Parent Meeting**

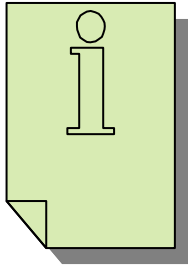
*To Review Graduation  
Requirements and New Grading  
Policy*

September 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM HS  
Cafeteria

## **Open House**

*High School and Career and  
Technical Center*

October 5th (5:45 PM to obtain  
student schedules/6:00 PM start)



## CHARIHO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

### **Welcome Back!**

As another school year starts, we would like to remind everyone of the Chariho High School Library Media Center resources that support students' academic success.

Exciting new fiction and non-fiction titles are available for pleasure reading, required reading and the school's Silent Sustained Reading (SSR) program.

Additionally, we have academic online resources accessible from school and home.

The library's homepage has connections to video streaming, teacher selected websites, subscription databases, recommended reading lists and many research tools. Some of these resources are listed below with the passwords required to access them.

To connect to these electronic resources from school or home start at the Chariho High School Library homepage ([http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chs/chs\\_library/](http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/chs/chs_library/)), click on "Online Resources," then the specific database for your curriculum needs. Passwords for each database are listed below.

### **Online Resources:**

**World Book Online Reference Center**    Username: rilink    Password: stars

#### **Gale Databases**

- Novels for Students - analysis, context and criticism on commonly studied novels
- Student Edition - magazines, newspapers, biographies & primary sources
- Discovering Collection – multi-media content aligned to national curriculum standards
- Opposing Viewpoints in Context – content to support both sides of an issue - great for persuasive essays
- Virtual Reference Library – eBooks on the Environment, History, Nation and World, Science

Password: chargers

**ABC-Clio History Databases** Reference content including primary sources, articles, documents and visuals

- American History
- United States at War
- World History: The Modern Era
- World History: Ancient

Username: chariho Password: chargers

**eBooks** - Electronic versions of books available in the Chariho High School Library. Available 24/7 via Internet.

Username: chariho Password: chargers

### **Discovery Education – Videostreaming**

Access to more than 2,000 full-length videos and 24,000 clips and hundreds of images over the internet.

URL: <http://www.discoveryeducation.com> or click on the link from CHS library homepage.

Username: cho(plus 6 digit student id) example: cho987654 Password: chargers

### **Additional resources NOT TO BE MISSED!**

On the library home page are links to the Rhode Island Statewide Reference Resource Center where you will find free resources for learning languages (**MANGO LANGUAGES**) and live one-to-one online tutoring (**HOMEWORK HELP RI**).

Mango Languages: no login required, just select - start learning

Homework Help RI: Available every day from 2:00 to 10:00 pm, no password required

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

*Mary Manning, Library Media Specialist*  
*Mary Moen, Library Media Specialist*  
*mary.manning@chariho.k12.ri.us*  
*mary.moen@chariho.k12.ri.us*

# Collage/Journaling Workshop

This workshop is for anyone who is interested in exploring their creativity and learning about the power of imagery to communicate messages from the unconscious to the conscious parts of ourselves. We will be creating intuitive collages and then using some journaling prompts to discover what the particular collage you created might be trying to communicate to you. This will be a fun and enlightening process.

Class is taught by Lynn Larned, a Hope Valley Elementary School Nurse and Health Teacher. She is a certified Soul Collage® Facilitator. She also has an MA in Consciousness Studies.

*I am one who... passionate*

Date: October 12, 2011

Time: 4-6pm

Where: Chariho Middle School, Art Room 2

*All materials will be provided.*

*Feel free to bring your own collection of specialty papers, photographs, stamps, etc.*

*artistic energetic*

This workshop is free and open to all art teachers, classroom teachers, high school students and community members.

For more information and to RSVP

Please contact:

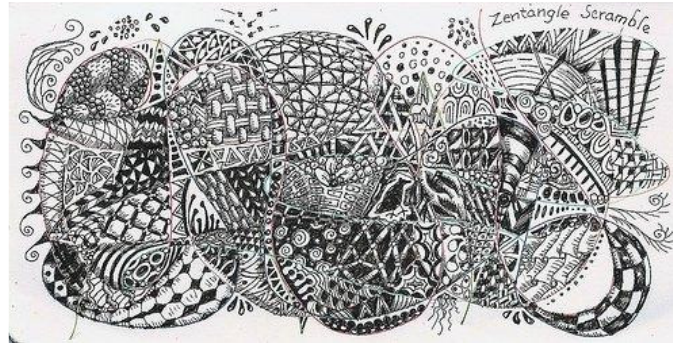
Debbie Engel

daeng@chariho.k12.ri.us

or 401-315-2191

RIAEA members will receive RIDE credit. Non-members \$20

# Zentangle Workshop



## "Exploring the Dark Side of the Zentangle"

This class will go beyond the original "Zentangle" black on white process. Using black fine art paper tiles, we will explore how the technique translates to white on black applications. We will use Sakura white Gelly Rolls that glide like silk on the paper and tangle patterns to showcase the beauty of white ink on a black background.

Come and explore the art of Zentangle: an artistic meditation technique that supports relaxation, focus and inspiration. Within 15 minutes you will feel a sense of peace, relaxation and a sense of deep well being.

Class is taught by certified Zentangle teacher Karen Woodbine. She believes that people with all artistic abilities will be able to create beautiful images with Zentangle.

"Anything is possible."



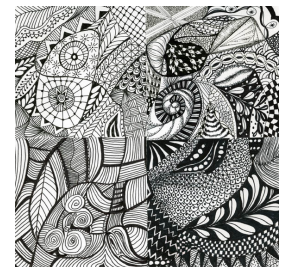
**Date:** December 6, 2011

**Time:** 4-6pm

**Where:** Chariho Middle School  
Art Room 2

**Class size:** 12

**\$6.00 materials fee, payable the day of class.**



This workshop is open to all art teachers, classroom teachers, high school students and community members.

For more information and to RSVP

please contact:

Debbie Engel

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

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***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. Adults with a background check can also travel.



***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 (take a night train to London)
- Day 9 London
- Day 10 London
- Day 11 Depart for home

***Travel Dates: April 15-22, 2012***

***Includes: Airfare, Transportation, Hotels, Meals(2 daily)  
Tour guide, sightseeing***

Come to a meeting in A-8 on Tuesdays at 2:20 or contact Sue Allen, travel Club advisor, at:  
Susan.Allen@chariho.k12.ri.us<mailto: Susan.Allen@chariho.k12.ri.us>

## 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**