



Chariho Regional School District

December 2020
E-Update



We have fifteen school days until our winter recess. Please note that while in-person registration has closed for Quarter 2/3 and Trimester 2, families who selected in-person learning may opt into full

distance learning during the month of December. Please reach out to your principal if you would like to move to distance learning.

On November 24th the Chariho School Committee met to review our current learning scenarios. Currently, all our schools offer either full in-person learning every day or an option to move to full-time distance learning. We were asked by our school committee to create a plan to have a weekly early release day for students to allow our teachers time in the afternoon to collaborate with colleagues to develop units and lessons that best support our combination of in-person and distance learners.

Therefore, starting next Wednesday the Middle School, High School and CALA will dismiss students at 11:30 am. Our Elementary Schools will dismiss students at 12:45 pm. We recognize any change to our plan is difficult for our families, but we also need to ensure our teachers have the time and resources to provide thoughtful instruction while managing both in-person and distance-learning models. This time will be important for our teachers to sustain productive learning environments for all of our students. **We will begin these early release days starting on 12/9/2020 and they will continue every Wednesday moving forward.**



REQUIRED DAILY SELF-CHECKS



Parents and Guardians: As a reminder, all in-person learners must have a **daily self-check** completed **every day** prior to leaving the house. Any student who participates in athletics, extracurricular activities, or receives services at school will also need the daily self-check completed. This is a requirement from our state as well as part of our **District Attendance Policy**. Any family that does not consistently complete this self-check will be required to move to distance learning. It is imperative that we ensure everyone is healthy when attending school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated while we work to keep our school communities safe.

News Worth Knowing...



RIDE's Back 2 School Rhode Island website is accessed [HERE](#).

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COVID-19 Outbreak Response Protocols: PreK-12 Playbook is located [HERE](#).

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Click [HERE](#) to access RI Department of Health's After Illness return attestation form for students and staff.

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Our 2020-2021 School Calendar can be found [HERE](#).

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Check out the fourth issue of "We Are Chariho", a newsletter aimed at celebrating Chariho's past, present, and future. The current issue and archives can be found [HERE](#).

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# More News Worth Knowing...

## CRITICAL COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

To schedule a COVID-19 test, call the K-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at 1-844-857-1814, seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Testing sites for K-12 only can be found [here](#). More information on COVID-19 testing can be found [here](#). Please note if you go for a test you should remain home until the results are returned.

## RI BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION ALERT MESSAGING PROGRAM

The best way to be informed about school closings, delays, and early dismissals is through the RIBA Alert Messaging Program. Click on the link below to sign up to get ALERTS to your cell phone and receive immediate notification when there is a cancellation, delay or emergency message relating to your child's school. RI Broadcasters Association: [Click Here to sign up](#).

## TWO WAYS FOR PARENTS TO GET INVOLVED

1. The K-12 English Language Arts Adoption Team would appreciate your input! We have developed a survey to get parent's input as we navigate the RIDE curriculum/materials adoption process. The opening page of the brief survey of your child's current ELA/Reading curriculum materials will provide further explanation. Please find the survey at <https://bit.ly/CharihoELA2020>, the survey will remain open for one week!

2. Chariho Regional School District has a *District Curriculum Planning Council (DCPC)*, comprised of teachers, administrators, students, parents, and members of the community. This longstanding committee discusses proposed changes which affect curriculum, instruction, and assessment in the district. We hold approximately five one-hour meetings a year, which take place virtually this year, from 3:45-4:45pm. We currently have openings for two parents. If you are interested in joining and can commit to attending meetings this year on the following dates: 12/7, 3/8, 4/12, and 5/18, please [respond here](#) to express your interest.



### **We're hiring substitute teachers, TAs, and custodians!!**

Substitute Teacher/Certified Staff at \$140 a day  
Substitute Teacher Assistant subs at \$15/hour  
Substitute custodians at \$14/hour!  
Join our team. Help us spread the word. Learn more [HERE](#).

## Important December Dates!

### **Wednesday, December 2nd**

Anti-Racism Task Force Meeting, 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, December 8th**

Health and Wellness Subcommittee Meeting, 4:00 pm

### **Tuesday, December 15th**

Chariho Regional School Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

### **December 24-January 1st**

No School, Students and Staff



## Congratulations!

**High School Boys' Cross Country Team** – Class B Champions and for placing 5th in the RILL State Cross Country Meet (they qualified for the New England Championship - 5th straight year the Chargers have placed in the top five) but due to COVID, the meet will not take place. Championship Team Members and Post Season Awards: Sullivan Cummins (1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Class B, 1st Team All-Southern Division), Joe Golas (1st Team All-Class B, 1st Team All-Southern Division), Finn Weeden (1st Team All-Class B, 1st Team All-Southern Division), CJ Elwell (2nd Team All-Class B, 3rd Team All-Southern Division), Kyle Ackroyd (3rd Team All-Class B), Cole Rinne (3rd Team All-Class B), Micah Nilsson and Will Steere.

**Sullivan Cummins** for placing 7th at the RILL Boys' Cross Country State Championship – the first public school runner across the line.

**High School Girls' Cross Country Team** for taking 4th place at the RILL State Cross Country Meet. They, too, qualified for the New England Championship but the meet will not take place.

**Chariho Rotary Club Members** for volunteering their time on Saturday, November 7th to clean the campus courtyard and library grounds. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to Liz Pasqualini, Gary Stephenson, Ella Stephenson, Greyson Stephenson, Gina Picard, Susie Scanapieco, Frank Hopkins, Tim Babcock, Amy Babcock, Chloe Babcock, Kim Daigle, Merrill Moone, Dana Hall, Lillian Hall, Paul Defanti, Chuck Hogan, Jeff Duscha, Michele Duscha, Hannah Duscha, Beth Hogan, Stu Douglas, Larry Dunn, Lindsey Petit, Savanna Fisher, Dylan Fisher and Kelechi Ezemma.