CALA students harvest lettuce from their indoor Aquaponics system

Chariho Middle School Wrestling State Champions

Charlestown Elementary students estimate and measure mealworms

Richmond Elementary School's PTO-organized community Color Fun Run

Ashaway Elementary students enjoying a snack at a local oyster farm

Chariho High School's 12th annual Benefit Concert

Hope Valley Kindergarteners perform The Three Little Pigs

CHARIHOtech Construction Technology students building a home in Hopkinton with South County Habitat for Humanity

Chariho Regional School District

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

This Annual Report to our communities meets the community reporting requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

All Kids.
All of the Time.

Interact students organizing donations to benefit RICAN

Chariho Alternative Learning Academy students visiting EMMA Acres in Exeter and meeting their "Adopt a Cow" Dorito

Approved on August 8, 2023 by the Chariho Regional School District Committee

WE ARE CHARIHO

Mission: The Chariho Regional School District ensures that all students meet high academic standards and are prepared for lifelong learning and productive global citizenship.

Vision: The District is recognized by the community as its greatest asset. With a commitment to continuous improvement, the District's highly-qualified staff engages with students in state-of-the-art facilities to master challenging content, to promote creativity, and to foster critical thinking.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

ASHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

CHARLESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

HOPE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: PreK-4

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADES: 5-8

CHARIHO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES: 9-12

CHARIHOTECH
GRADES: 9-12

CHARIHO ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY
GRADES: 5-12
ASHAWAY PROGRAM: GRADES 1-4

A Message from our Superintendent

"Our District showed over an 11% increase in mathematics on State Assessments and our focus on the Science of Reading has already provided us with data that shows incredible student growth in our classrooms."

As I look back through this past school year, I am very proud of the many accomplishments of our students and educators. Our students competed in national, regional, and state competitions and have worked to grow as productive learners in rigorous learning environments. Our Chariho Athletes have had outstanding athletic accomplishments. Our Theatre Company has absolutely excelled on the stage, and our chorus students in every school continue to shine.

We developed a new District Strategic plan and we are confident that the plan we have created will accelerate learning across all schools. We ran a Kindergarten Kick Start Program last August. We purchased high-quality curricula resources in mathematics and English Language Arts. We invested in professional learning opportunities for our educators around the Science of Reading and Mathematics Instruction. We built in time within our elementary and middle school schedules for additional academic support for students, and we increased tutoring opportunities across the district. The education and growth of our students are at the forefront of every decision.

Some of our elementary school highlights focus on our before-school opportunities in the District, such as Richmond's Reebok BOKS movement program and Math Squad, Hope Valley Elementary School's Maker Mornings, and Charlestown Elementary School's Running Club. We are also extremely proud that Heidi Gonzalez-Fee, a Charlestown Elementary School fourth-grade teacher, was selected as the RI State Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Our District showed over an 11% increase in mathematics on State Assessments and our focus on the Science of Reading has already provided us with data that shows incredible student growth in our classrooms.

Chariho High School's Advanced Placement (AP) exam performance was very strong in 2022, with the majority of AP subject areas outperforming both state and global data. Seventy-five percent of all Chariho AP students earned a score of 3 which means that a student has proven themself capable of doing similar work in an introductory-level college course. The 2022 US News & World Report ranked Chariho High School 9th among all RI High Schools.

We are also excited about the number of grant opportunities we have received in the '22-23 School Year. Our District secured over two million dollars in grants. This allowed us to enhance student opportunities and learning spaces while not burdening our taxpayers. A great example was the opening of the Charger High School AMPhitheater. Thanks to a $67,290 grant we received from the Champlin Foundation last year, the High School Band room was renovated to serve as a more flexible learning and performing space. Through the grant, new industrial flooring, a new sound system, riser seating, practice mirrors, and other classroom-related items were purchased to enhance this space. We also received over $400,000 through RIDE grants to enhance our arts facilities and equipment as well as our science, engineering, mathematics equipment and educational spaces.

Guided by our Health and Wellness Subcommittee, students and educators have worked hard to increase student support services. We have begun partnering with the Chris Collins Foundation to train Peer Mentors at the middle school and high school to support their peers and to work on removing stigmas regarding mental health. Our students across the district participate in community events such as the annual food drive which collected over 6,000 cans of food. Our Hope Valley students earned the Harvest REAP Banner for their considerable food donations to our community.

The Opening Ceremony of the Maddie Potts Memorial Field House was a highlight for our entire community. The facility is a beautiful addition to our main campus. There is a two-story atrium, a home locker room, restrooms, a concession stand, and an athletic training room. The facility serves a wide variety of needs for athletes and visitors. While the facility is a wonderful addition, it also has special meaning for our community. We cannot thank the Potts Family and the Maddie Potts Foundation enough for gifting us this state-of-the-art facility.

Overall, as we close the 2022- 2023 School year, our Chariho pride continues to grow every year. We are excited for the 2023-2024 School year, as our District prepares to take action on Vision 2026 to ensure we are accelerating learning and ensuring continuous improvement.

Our Annual Report is designed to provide important information on policy, events, and our calendar. This report is used to showcase the fantastic accomplishments of our students and staff. If you would like to receive a paper copy of this Annual Report, please call 401-364-7575 and one will be sent to you. Please feel free to reach out to me for any reason. I can be reached by phone at 401-364-7575 or by email at gina.picard@chariho.k12.ri.us. Remember to follow us on Twitter @CharihoRegional and for all updates and district information you can visit our website at www.chariho.k12.ri.us.

On behalf of the Chariho Regional School District, we remain focused on communication, transparency, and supporting all students, as we all strive for another successful school year.

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Important Announcement!

Annual RI Background Checks are required of ALL Volunteers. Forms are available in all school offices, at the central administration building, and at the following **link**.

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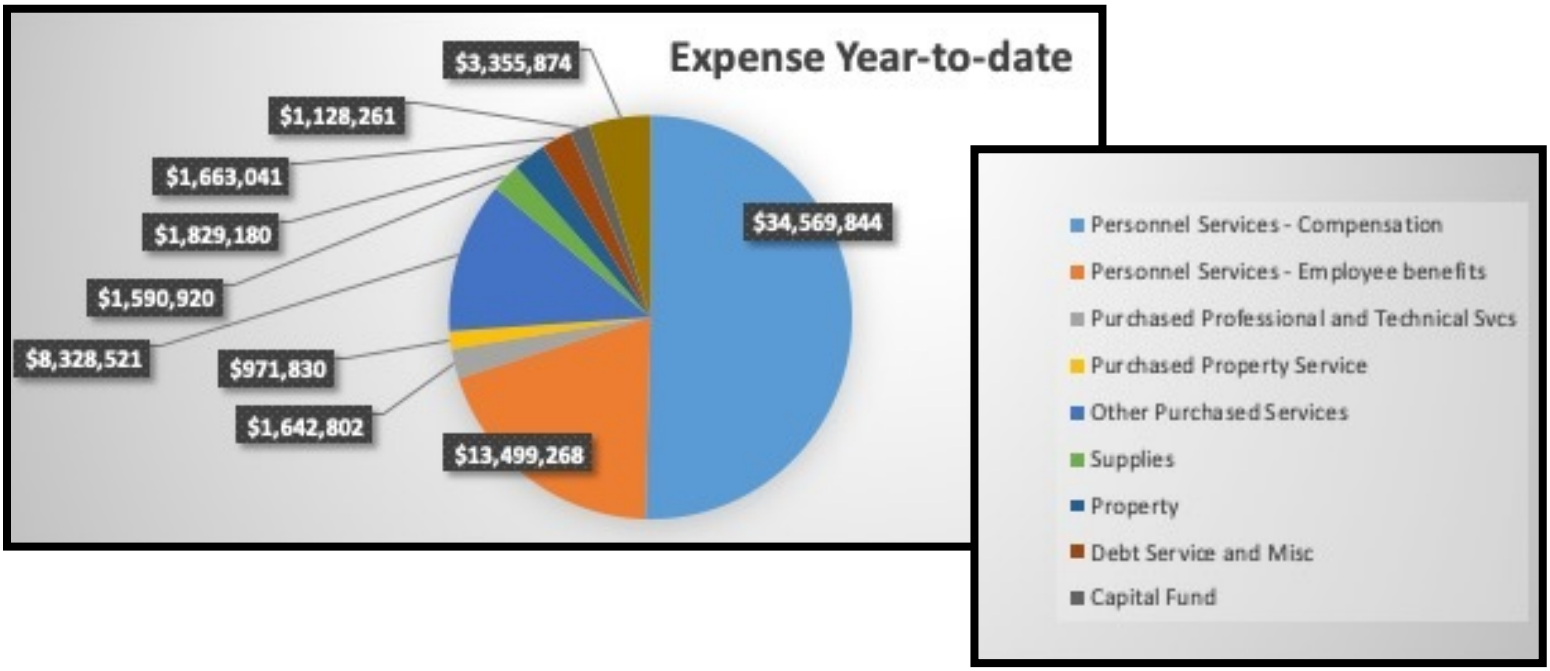
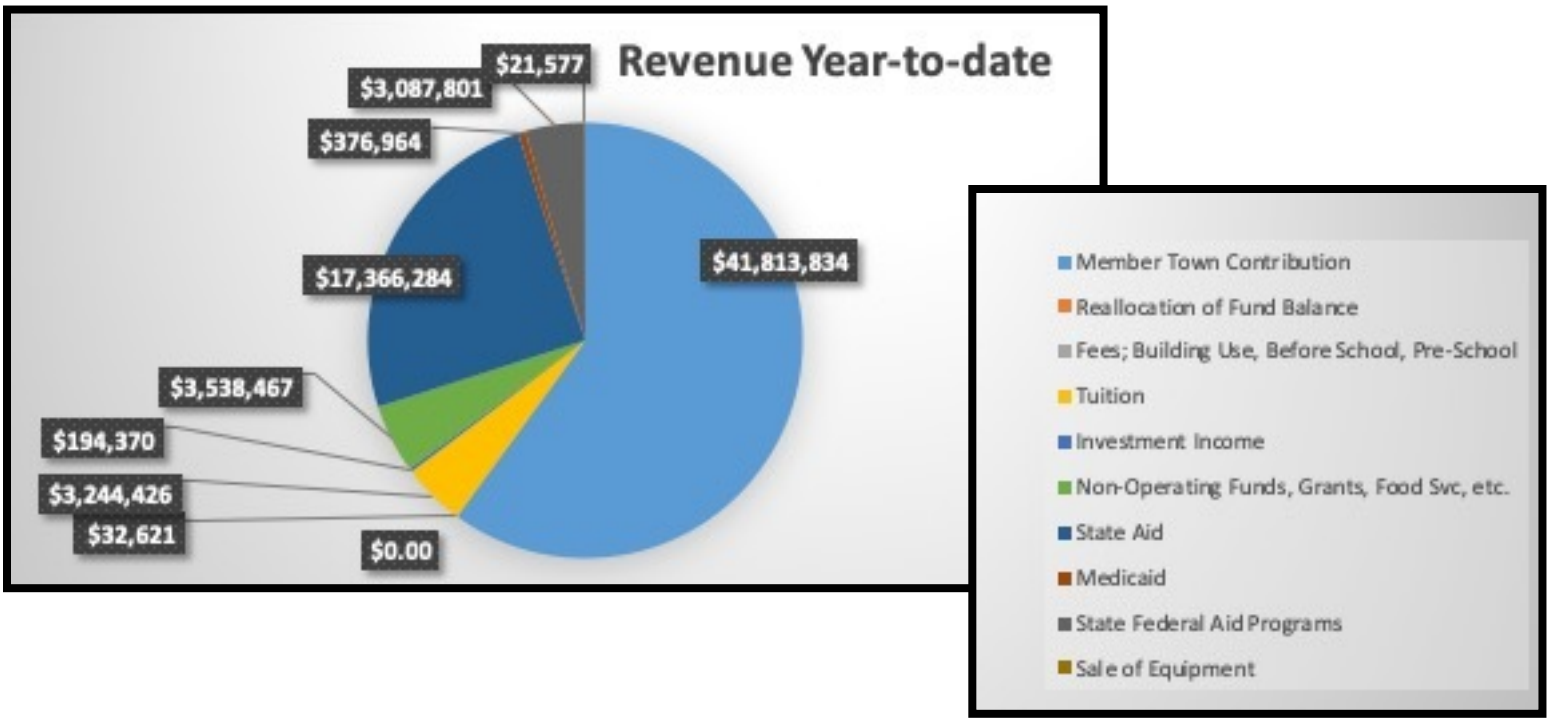
Our sincere thanks to Members George Abbott, Ryan Callahan, William Day, Gary Liguori, Lisa Macaruso and endawnis Spears for their service to the Chariho Regional School District.

Our 2022-2023 budget





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Vision 2026-Strategic Plan

Priority Area 1: Academic Excellence for All Students

Priority Area 2: Educator Continuous Improvement

Priority Area 3: Family & Community Connections

Priority Area 4: Student Support and Services

Members of the District and school community came together in the '22-'23 School Year to draft the above strategic plan, *Vision 2026*, which focuses on four priority areas through School Year '25-'26. Read the full strategic plan, including outcomes and action steps, **here**. Enacting our strategic plan is a group effort. We welcome community ideas and support as we work to implement our plan. Be inspired by our Strategic Plan video, which can be viewed **here**.

Attention Alumni & Friends

Connect with...

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Follow us on FaceBook at "**Chariho Alumni and Friends Network**".
Follow us on Twitter at **@chariho_pride**

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WE ARE CHARIHO

A newsletter celebrating Chariho's past, present, and future

March 2022, Volume 2: Issue 7

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Check out our Annual Report
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Join our Alumni & Friends Network

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We Are Chariho spotlights stories about our students, alumni, staff, community partners, schools, and our diverse school programs. If you have a story idea for

SPRING MARCHES IN ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Spring can be seen all around Chariho schools this month. Many Spring sports have kicked off or are beginning soon. Spring sports include Baseball, Softball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Golf, Football, Boys Tennis, Boys Outdoor Track & Field, Girls Outdoor Track and Field, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Unified Volleyball, Unified Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Wrestling. Find out more about our Middle School Spring sports and games here and our High School Spring sports and games here. We encourage our Chariho fans to come down to watch a game and support our exceptionally talented student athletes!

Flowers are also in bloom at every turn as well. Many plants are also taking root through our Agriculture Sciences Plant Pathway. This includes many plants in our working greenhouse, where students learn about growing techniques through hands-on experience, including hydroponic growing.

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We also welcome you to read the **We Are Chariho newsletter**. Archives of all '20-'21, '21-'22, and '22-'23 issues can be found **here**.

For more information, email **katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us**

Safety and Technology Updates

The safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority. The past year has seen some changes and additions in the District to ensure our students are safe and secure on and off school grounds:

- Completing safety upgrades at Richmond Elementary School, with S.A.F.E funds provided from the Town of Richmond
- Installed a second outdoor defibrillator on the main campus' tennis shed
- Increased coordination with local and regional first responders
- Trained a cohort of Youth Mental Health First Aid trainers to deliver Youth Mental Health First Aid training to staff during SY '23-'24

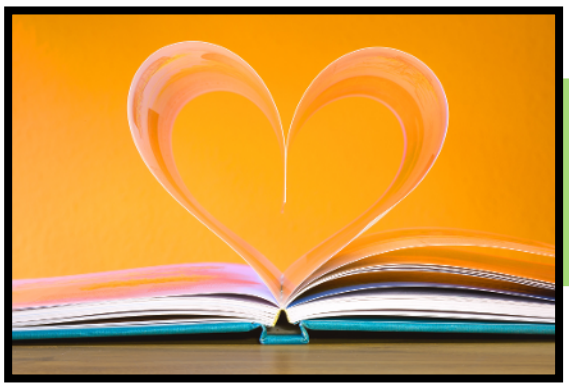
Ashaway Elementary School students visit with the Ashaway Fire District

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

In accord with Rhode Island General Law 28-5.1, and applicable federal law, it is the policy of the Chariho Regional School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, religion, genetic information, national origin, color, political affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability (including pregnancy) in its employment practices. Employment practices include, but are not limited to, posting of vacancies, recruitment, hiring, training, transfers and promotions. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal opportunity and affirmative action may be directed to Kristen Merritt, Human Resources Administrator, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI 02894 (364-7575 x2029); (364-1171 TDD); the Office of Equity and Access, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, or US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109-3921.

2022-23 Curriculum Revisions

The following curricula were revised and updated:



K-12 English Learning Arts

Curriculum can be found HERE

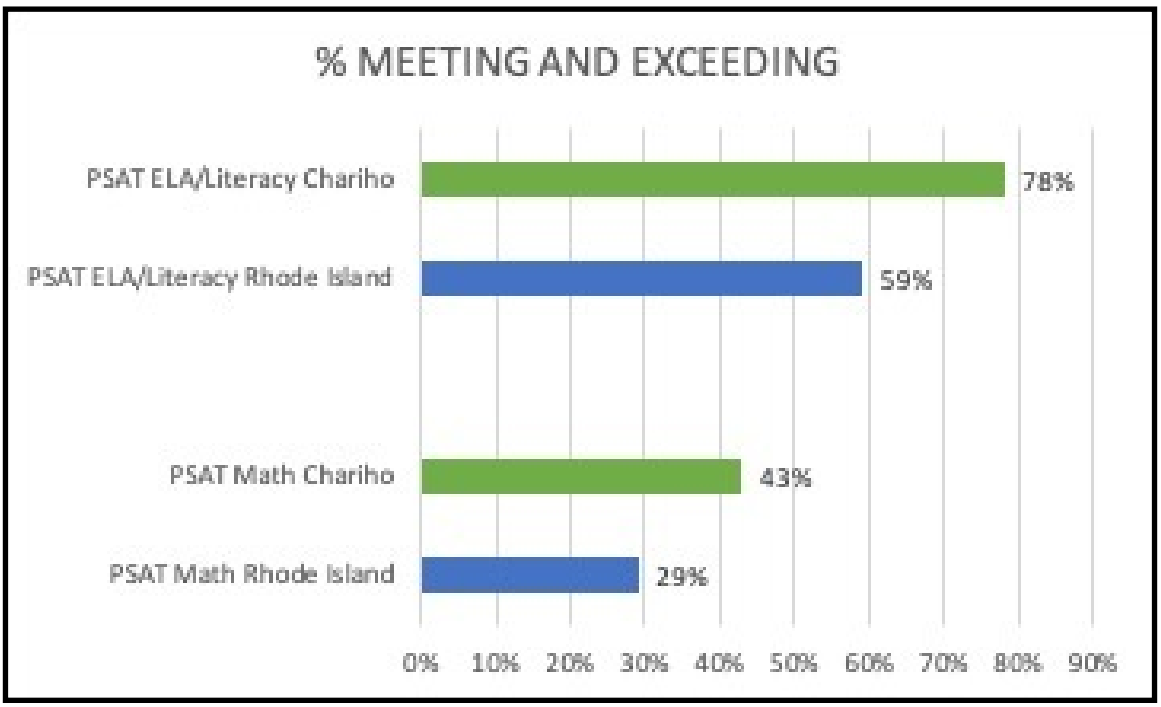
9-12 Math Curriculum

Curriculum can be found HERE

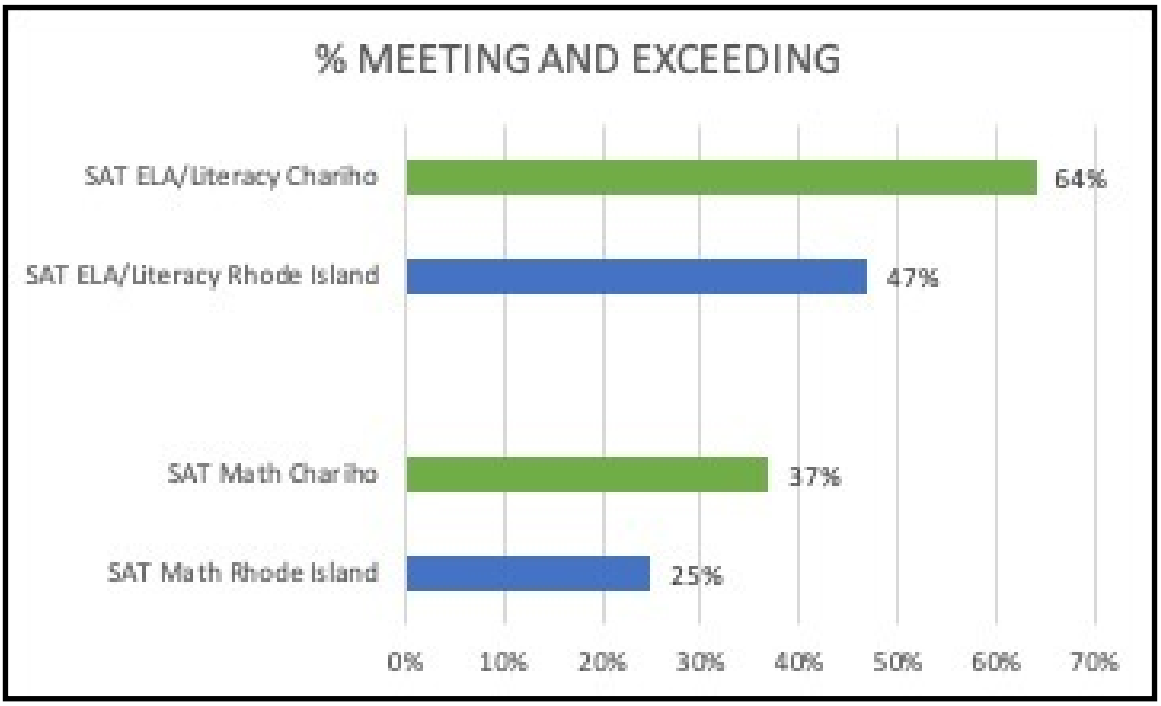
Be on the lookout! During the 2023-2024 school year, revisions to the following curricula are planned: Business Technology, Health, Social Studies, and STEM Grades 6-8.

2021-22 PSAT/SAT Results

The PSAT and SAT tests are Rhode Island State tests that are given during the school day. The PSAT/NMSQT is taken by all 10th graders and the SAT is taken by all 11th graders.



PSAT RESULTS



SAT RESULTS

2022-2023 AP® Results

Chariho High School is proud to offer 25 Advanced Placement (AP)® courses, which is one of the highest numbers of offerings in any high school in the state. Our AP enrollment is open to all students who want to challenge themselves without the need for a teacher recommendation. A score of "3" or"Qualified" means that a student is capable of doing the work of an introductory college course in a particular subject.

Here is a listing of Chariho's AP course offerings:

1. AP Art History
2. AP Biology
3. AP Chemistry
4. AP Calculus AB
5. AP Computer Science A
6. AP Computer Science Principles
7. AP European History
8. AP French Language and Culture
9. AP Language and Composition
10. AP Literature and Composition
11. AP Microeconomics
12. AP Music Theory
13. AP Physics 1
14. AP Physics 2
15. AP Psychology
16. AP Research
17. AP Seminar
18. AP Spanish Language and Culture
19. AP Spanish Literature and Culture
20. AP Statistics
21. AP Studio Art: 2D Design
22. AP Studio Art: 3D Design
23. AP Studio Art: Drawing
24. AP US Government
25. AP US History

Twenty-six Chariho students earned "AP Scholar Awards", this award is given to students who receive a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Seventy-three percent of all Chariho AP students earned a score of 3 ("Qualified") or higher on their AP exam.

100% of our AP Calculus, AP Drawing, AP 3D Art, and AP Spanish students scored a 3 or better on their AP exam.

97% of our AP English Literature students scored a 3 or better on their AP exam.

175 AP students took 265 AP exams. Most students took their AP Exams on the URI campus.

Student Recognition

Our District is so proud to have such exceptional students that excel in their academics and extracurricular activities.

High School Post-Season Awards: Boys' Lacrosse: Charlie Krause (Division II 1st Team), Nigel Palmer (Division II 2nd Team), Aidan Haxton (Division II 2nd Team), Brendan Allamby, Nate Ballard, Aidan Haxton, Jackson Hernandez, Adam Leander, Konnor Perrin, Grayson Snyder, Nathan Winthrop (Academic All-State Team).

Choral Director Lynn Dowding and students Virginia Keister, Regan Clark, Rachel Lindelow, Lucie May, Maisie Datson, Sarah Wojcik, Kathryn LeBlanc, Abigayle Fadgen, Michaela Mogavero, Josh Simone and Norman Stanley greeted staff with their beautiful voices at Convocation.

Thank you to students Abigail O'Brien and Dylan Fisher (MS Auditorium Sound & Technology Assistants) and Julianne Manlove (MS Auditorium Lighting & Technology Assistant) for their help during Convocation.

High School Girls' Soccer Team – 2022 Maddie Potts Jamboree Tournament Champions and 2022 Piver Cup Champions.

Sophomore Kody Poplaski was named The Providence Journal Boys' Soccer Player of the Week.

Junior Lexi Cole (Girls' Volleyball) selected as The Westerly Sun Athlete of the Week.

High School students, Julianne Manlove, Abigail O'Brien and Dylan Fisher assisted with lighting and technology during the Curriculum Town Hall on October 6, 2022.

High School Junior Erin von Housen won the Varsity A Race at the Manhattan College Invitational Girls' Cross Country Meet last Saturday in Van Courtlandt Park, New York. She is the first Chariho girl to win a varsity race at this event.

Erin von Housen won all four of her dual meets this season as well as the Injury Fund Meet and the Manhattan College Invitational Varsity A Race.

Chariho Boys' Cross Country Team finished first in the East Bay Challenge.

High School Girls' Soccer Junior Goalkeeper Reid DosSantos was named The Westerly Sun's Athlete of the Week for the week ending September 10th.

High School Football Senior Collin Fitts was named The Westerly Sun's Athlete of the Week for the week ending October 1st.

Middle School athletes Zoe Liguori-Bills and Meridan Alge both qualified for the Middle School State Cross Country Championship.

Tessa Azzinaro (High School Girls' Soccer) was named *The Westerly Sun's* Athlete of the Week for the week ending October 29, 2022.

Ryann Denecour (High School Girls' Soccer) named *The Westerly Sun's* Athlete of the Week for the week ending November 5, 2022.

Finleigh Callahan (High School Girls' Volleyball) named *The Westerly Sun's* Athlete of the Week for the week ending November 12, 2022.

Postseason Awards: High School Girls' Volleyball - Alexis Cole (Division II Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Division II, 2nd Team All-State, All-Tournament Division II); Katja Nelson (1st Team All-Division II, 3rd Team All-State); Jules White (1st Team All-Division II, Division II State Tournament MVP); Emma Kocab (3rd Team Division II); Finleigh Callahan (3rd Team All-Division II, All-Tournament Division II). Coach Kathy McGeehan – Division II Coach of the Year.

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Student Recognition

Max Marrone scores in the top 10 for Chariho on the ASVAB Test

High School Girls' Soccer – Division I Team Sportsmanship Award: Ryann Denecour (All-Region, 1st Team All-State); Emily Brown (1st Team All-Division I); Tessa Azzinaro (2nd Team All-Division I); Reid DosSantos (2nd Team All-Division I); Kaitlyn Rousseau (Alice Sullivan "Perseverance Award"); Brooke Kanaczet (All-Academic); Tori Babineau (All-Tournament Division I); Rachael Abbott (All-Tournament Division I).

High School Girls' Cross Country – Erin von Housen (All-Southern Division, All-Class B, 3rd Team All-State); Maria Mykhaylyshyn (Academic All-State), Lidia Taber (Coach's Award).

High School Boys' Soccer – Ethan Knowles (All-Division II Team, 1st Team Division II, All-Tournament Team); Ian Clark (1st Team Division II), Chris Niziolek (2nd Team Division II), Canyon Krom (2nd Team Division II), Drew DeNoncour (All Academic (3.34 GPA), All-Tournament MVP); Kody Poplaski (All-Tournament Team); Brandon Knowles (All-Tournament Team).

High School Football – Konnor Perrin (1st Team All-Division IIIA, All-Academic); Caleb Maggs (1st Team All-Division IIIA, All-Academic); Nathan Winthrop (1st Team All-Division IIIA); Collin Fitts (1st Team All-Division IIIA, All-Academic, Providence Gridiron Back of the Year); James Azzinaro (1st Team All-Division IIIA); Dan O'Horo (1st Team All-Division IIIA, All-Academic); Myles Price (2nd Team All-Division IIIA); Norman Stanley (2nd Team All-Division IIIA); Lucas Corah (2nd Team All-Division IIIA);Max Marshall (2nd Team All-Division IIIA); Ryan Taylor (3rd Team All-Division IIIA); Isaac Hague (3rd Team All-Division IIIA, All-Academic).

High School Girls' Tennis – Emily Ballard (1st Team Division II); Faith Owren and Sara Johnson (1st Team Division II Doubles – their record was 15-0); Megan Ballard (2nd Team Division II); Kaitlyn Daniels and Lily Jackson (2nd Team Division II Doubles); Allison Cole and Olivia Marchione (2nd Team Division II Doubles).

High School Boys' Basketball Team – Winners of the Westerly Community Credit Union Holiday Basketball Tournament. Jeremiah Graham was named MVP; Riley Reed received the Joseph N. Cugini Service Award and the Bob Bewlay Sportsmanship Award went to Kyle McGovern; these awards went to athletes on the winning team. Named to All-Tournament Teams were Chris Niziolek (Boys' Varsity), Tyler Dugas (Boys' JV), Tori Babineau (Girls' Varsity) and Brianna DeGiacomo (Girls' JV).

High School Senior Brooke Kanaczet established a school record in the mile, with a time of 5:26.23, at the MSTCA Holiday Classic Indoor Track Meet.

Brooke Kanaczet (1,000 meter) and Erin von Housen (1,500 meter) finished first in their races at the Girls' Indoor Track meet at the Providence Career & Technical Academy.They beat all competitors in the Sullivan Division. Weeko Thompson placed second in the shot put and Megan Quaratella was ninth in the weight throw but both were first among North Smithfield and Burrillville competitors (who they were competing against).

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Student Recognition

Regan Tremblay receives the RI Lt. Governor's Award for Leadership

Ryan Currier finished first in his weight class (152 lbs) and was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Chad Antoch Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

Corbin Maraia was 1st in his weight class (195 lbs.) in this Tournament. He is 13-0 this season.

Jared Peltier won two races (3,000 and 1,000 in the Southern Division) at the Providence Career & Technical Academy. Other 1st place winners were: Austin Thorp (600), Ethan McCann (1,500) and Ian Clark (300). 4x400 Relay Team of Thorp, McCann, Christian Resinger and Travis Plante-Mullen also placed first.

Postseason Awards - High School Field Hockey – Chaia Elwell (1st Team Division II); McKenzie Allen (1st Team Division II, All-Academic); Megan Henry (2nd Team Division II); Laurel McIntosh (Division II Honorable Mention, All-Academic); Grace Gillett (All-Academic); Taylor Lambert (All-Academic); Maya Weathers (All-Academic); and Kaitlin Wojcik (All-Academic).

High School Art Students Regional-at-Large (East) Scholastic Art Award Results:

Abigayle Fadgen – Silver Key Award for her Ceramic piece "Monotone Ocean"

Alaina Frias – Honorable Mention for her Painting "Feed Me, I'm Scared"

Morgan Lawing – Silver Key Award for his Ceramic piece "Fish Out of Water"

Madelyn Lussier– Silver Key Award for her Photography piece "Shine Through"

Grade 7 student Cedar Shuler won the 140 lb weight class at the Middle School JV State Tournament.

High School Gymnast Randi Swenson qualified for the state meet with an all-around score of 34.85 and was named *The Westerly Sun* Athlete of the Week (week ending January 21st).

High School Gymnast Brooklyn Vacca posted a state-qualifying all-around score of 32.9.

High School Girls' Indoor Track: Erin von Housen placed 1st in the 1,500 and the 1,000 and Grace Steere won the 3,000 at the Providence Career & Technical Academy. The 4x800 relay team of Brooke Kanaczet, Ella Murphy, Kara Linke and Erin von Housen established a school record (10:45.08) at the East Coast Invitational at PCTA.Brooke Kanaczet placed first in the 1,500 and the 1,000 at PCTA.

High School Boys' Indoor Track: Jared Peltier placed 1st in the 3,000, Austin Thorp placed 1st in the 1,000, Ethan McCann placed 1st in the 1,500 and Travis Plante-Mullen placed 1st in the high jump at the same meet at PCTA.

Noah Dinucci placed 1st (113 lbs) in the Mountie Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

High School Junior Erin von Housen placed first with a school-record time (10:33.07) in the 3,000 at the Class Medium Girls' Indoor Track Championship. She topped the field in the 1,000 at the Last Chance Qualifier Girls' Indoor Track Meet.

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Student Recognition

Celebrating Chariho Artists at Rhode Island Anchor Awards

RI Art Anchor Awards is a newly-established statewide art show. Chariho High School had 18 student artworks on display. The following received awards:

·Finn Almagno-Gillooley – *Anchor Award – Photography*

·Kaitlyn Burns – *Wave Award – Self Portrait*

·Blake Carboni –*RIAEA Award – Special Recognition*

·Liam Currier – *Anchor Award – Ceramics*

·Morgan Lawing – *Anchor Award – Ceramics* – Morgan is also being recognized for receiving a Silver Key Award for her Ceramic piece "Fish Out of Water" at the Regional-at-Large East Scholastic Art Competition.

·Madelyn Lussier – *Anchor Award – Photography* (for *Queen of Hearts)* and another *Anchor Award – Photography* (for *Shine Through).* Madelyn is also being recognized for receiving a Silver Key Award for her Photography piece *"Shine Through"* at the Regional-at-Large East Scholastic Art Competition.

·Jack Manni – *Anchor Award – Photography*

·Evan-Paul Medenciy – *Anchor Award – Photography*

·Kaitlin Wojcik – *Anchor Award – Mixed Media* and a *Wave Award – Abstract/Experimental*

Abigayle Fadgen received a Silver Key Award for her Ceramic piece "Monotone Ocean" at the Regional-at-Large (East) Scholastic Art Competition.

Alaina Frias received Honorable Mention for her Painting "Feed Me, I'm Scared" at the Regional-at-Large East Scholastic Art Competition.

High School Sophomore Logan Rekowski was invited by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to serve as a delegate to the 2023 Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston. During the Congress, he will receive an Award of Excellence from the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. He will have the opportunity to be mentored by Nobel Laureates, deans of top universities and leaders in scientific research to learn about cutting-edge technology and will be able to watch a surgery in real-time. Participation in this program will earn him college credit. Logan has already completed a certificate in digital design with the RI School of Design and is part of the Chariho Robotics Team.

Chariho CTC's Hospitality and Tourism Management Team of Seniors Morgan Desarro, Isabella Basile, Elisabeth Kendall, Liliana D'Alfonso and Juniors Catalina Grandchamp, Jenna Antunes, Rachel Abbott, Lilian Raboin and Madeline Moorehead won the Hotel Management Portion of the 11th Annual Rhode Island Pro-Start High School Culinary Arts, Foodservice & Hotel Management Competition. Seniors were awarded a scholarship for $2000 per year rolling for four years for a total of $8,000 each and Juniors were awarded a scholarship for $1,500 per year rolling for four years for a total of $6,000 each. Congrats to Instructor Don Fair.

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Student Recognition

Shakespeare Competition winners Isabelle Card and Mya Card with Teacher Sandra Laub

All Chariho Chorus students who auditioned were accepted into the Rhode Island All-State Senior Chorus and were invited to perform at the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium with students from all over the State. Selected to the All-State Chorus were: Rachel Lindelow (CVS - grade 12), Maisie Datson (Women's Group - grade 12), Virginia Keister (CVS - grade 12), Adaline LaBossiere (Women's Group - grade 10) and Abigayle Fadgen (CVS - grade 12).

Post-Season Awards: High School Wrestling – Corbin Maraia (2nd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Division 195 lbs); Noah Dinucci (5th Team All-State, Academic All-State); Ryan Currier (4th Team All-State).

High School Gymnastics – Randi Swenson (1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Division, MVP); Brooklyn Vacca (1st Team All-Division, Leadership Award); Lillian Baxter (Coaches' Award).

High School Boys' Indoor Track and Field – Ian Clark (All-Division 55 meters and 300 meters); Elias Sposato (All-Division and All-Class B 600 meters).

High School Boys' Hockey – JD Abbott (Hobey Baker Award for Sportsmanship/Character Excellence); Ryan Cormier (Academic All-State).

High School Boys' Basketball – Jeremiah Graham (1st Team All-State – ProJo; 2nd Team All-State – RI Basketball Coaches Association, Division II Player of the Year, 1st Team Division II Group D); Chris Niziolek (1st Team Division II Group D); Riley Reed (2nd Team Division II Group D); Kyle McGovern (2nd Team Division II Group D).

Erin von Housen finished 1st in the 2,000 Steeplechase in the New York Relays with a time of 7:10.93 which qualifies her for the Nationals in June. Jared Peltier finished in 9th place in the Boys' Invitational in the New York Relays with a time of 7:05.28. As both athletes were the first Chariho competitors at this race, their times have set a school record.

Middle School Spelling Bee Winner Luke DeFedele (grade 7) and Runner-Up Shaylee Horstman (grade 6) represented Chariho in the State Spelling Bee.

Chaia Elwell scored her 100th goal in High School Girls' Lacrosse and was named *The Westerly Sun's Athlete of the Week* week ending April 22, 2023.

Award Winning Middle School Chorus

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8th grade Boys finish 1st at South County Waves Classic Wrestling Tournament in memory of Allie Nelson

Student Recognition

Weeko Thompson won the discus and was second in the shot put at the High School Girls' Track and Field Southern Division Championship.

Eli Sposato placed 1st in the 400 (improving his own school record) and Ian Clark placed 1st in the 200 and 2nd in the 100 at the High School Boys' Track and Field Southern Division Championship.

Erin von Housen finished 1st in the 3,000 at the Mariner Invitational Girls' Track and Field Meet (she improved her own school record with a time of 10:23.53 winning the race by almost 23 seconds) and she took 1st place in the 800 at the Class B Meet.

Brooke Kanaczet topped the field in the 1,500 at the Mariner Invitational Girls' Track and Field Meet with a time of 4:51.10.

High School Junior Maicey MacLeod received the 2023 Young Leaders Award from RI General Treasurer James Diossa.

Postseason Awards: High School Girls' Basketball – Keira Frias (2nd Team All-Class, 1st Team Division II-A); Jules White (3rd Team All-Class, 1st Team Division II-A); Emily Ballard (2nd Team Division II-A); Brianna DeGiacomo (2nd Team Division II-A); Tori Babineau (3rd Team Division II-A).

Trey Lazauskas received top honors in a state-level competition at the Providence Career and Technical Academy, was the only Rhode Island applicant to qualify for Project MFG, a highly competitive nationwide challenge issued through the US Department of Defense and is the 2023 RI SkillsUSA State Competition Winner (Gold Medal in Welding). Trey is considered to be one of the top high school welders in the country.

2023 SkillsUSA State Competition Winners:

GOLD: Brooklyn Vacca (Action Skills); Noah Dinucci (Carpentry); Ella Murphy (Commercial Baking); Alanna Healy, Cameron Petrangelo, Julianna Gerjes and Emily DeRita (Health Knowledge Bowl); Kelly Bentzel, Alyssa Murray and Mykal Yeskewicz (Crime Scene Investigation); Jacob Simone (Information Services Technology.

SILVER: Audrey Dolahan, Abigail O'Brien and Shea Smith (Crime Scene Investigation); Catherine Pilkington (Criminal Justice); Cheyenne Knipe and Allyson McDonough (Esthetics).

BRONZE: Trevor Crowley (Criminal Justice); Jesse Brunelle (Industrial Motor Control); Alex Ilgenfritz (Marine Service Technology); Brett Mowry (Automotive Service Technology); Erin von Housen (Architectural Drafting); Grace Marcotte (Welding Sculpture). The students who earned Gold medals are eligible to compete in the National Competition in Georgia the end of June.

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Student Recognition

Virginia Keister has represented Chariho for three consecutive years and has placed twice in the Poetry Out Loud State Competition

Congratulations to Class of 2023 Valedictorian Alanna Healy and Salutatorian Abigayle Fadgen.

Rhode Island FFA 75th State Convention Winners: Anita Brown (3rd Place Employment Skills); Amber Daniels (3rd Place Agricultural Demonstration and 2023-2024 RI FFA Secretary); Charlotte Kona (2nd Place Illustrated Talk); Russell Mack (State FFA Degree Award); Arianna Collet (1st place Prepared Public Speaking and 2023-2024 RI FFA Vice President). Arianna will travel to the National Competition this fall in Indianapolis.

Middle School Track and Field State Championship: Meriden Alge (1st Place in the 400); Zoe Liguori-Bills (4th Place in the 800); Meriden Alge, Aila Grant, Halyna Mykhaylyshyn and Zoe Liguori-Bills (5th Place in the 4x400 Relay); Reid McCann (3rd Place in the Boys' Turbo Javelin).

High School Boys' Track: Eli Sposato broke his own school record in the 400 (cracking the elusive 50-second mark) at the Hendricken Invitational Boys' Track and Field Meet.He won the race with a time of 49.97. Sposato, a junior, became the first athlete in school history to run the 400 in less than 50 seconds.He then went on to win the 400 in the State Competition and qualified for the New England Meet. He was also selected as *The Westerly Sun Athlete of the Week* for the week ending May 27, 2023.

High School Girls' Track: Junior Erin von Housen improved her own school record in the 800, winning the event at the Mt. Pleasant Invitational Girls' Track and Field Meet with a time of 2:16.21. She placed first in the 3,000 at the State Competition and qualified for the New England Meet.Erin received All New England Honors placing 3rd in the 3,000 at the New England Meet.

Emily Brown earned 3rd Team All-State recognition for placing 3rd in the 300 Hurdles at the State Competition.

Weeko Thompson placed 6th in shot put in the State Competition and qualified for the New England Meet.

Matt Tiernan established a school record for kills in a season. The previous record was 433 in a regular season. Matt has surpassed 500 for the season. He was named ProJo's Boys' Volleyball Player of the Year!

High School Junior Erin von Housen established a state record in the 2,000 steeplechase at the New Balance Nationals Track and Field Meet in Philadelphia. She turned in a time of 6:56.63, good for 10th in the event, running in the second of three heats just before midnight due to a rain delay.

High School Junior Varsity Baseball Team won the Justin Rocha Memorial Tournament.

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Student Recognition

Post-Season Awards: High School Girls' Lacrosse – Laurel McIntosh (1st Team All-Division, All-Academic); Chaia Elwell (1st Team All-Division); Emily Ballard (2nd Team All-Division); Megan Ballard (Honorable Mention); Gabrielle Macaruso (Honorable Mention); Kayden Jaillet (All Rookie); Kaitlin Wojcik, McKenzie Allen and Taylor Lambert (All Academic).

Regan, Lilia and Liam present their portfolios before the Charlestown Town Council

High School Boys' Lacrosse – Nate Ballard (2nd Team All-Division-Attack); Max Marshall (2nd Team All-Division-Midfield); Owen Gillis (2nd Team All-Division-Face-off); Drew DeNoncour (2nd Team All-Division-Defense and US Lacrosse "Bob Scott Award" for all of Division II – Bob Scott Award is for a senior player with exemplary service to their team, school and community. They must be outstanding students with high academic achievement and serve as role models within their school community).

High School Girls' Indoor Track – Brooke Kanaczet (1st Team All-Sullivan Division in the 1,500 and the 1,000; 2nd Team All-Medium Class in the 1,500, 5th in the 1,500 at the State Meet establishing a school record of 4:54.62 and 11th in the mile at the New England Championships with a school-record time of 5:18.04.Erin von Housen (1st Team All-Medium Class in the 3,000 with a school record time of 10:33.07, 2nd Team All-Sullivan Division in the 1,500 and the 1,000 establishing a school record in the 1,000 (3:04.26). 4x200 Relay Team of Emily Brown, Chloe Babcock, Emmiline Wiberg and Evelyn Campbell (3rd Team Sullivan Division). 4x400 Relay Team of Emily Brown, Emmiline Wiberg, Erin von Housen and Brooke Kanaczet (3rd Team Sullivan Division). 4x800 Relay Team of Brooke Kanaczet, Ella Murphy, Kara Linke and Erin von Housen (7th in the East Coast Invitational with a school record time of 10:45.08).

High School Boys' Indoor Track – Ian Clark (2nd Team All-Southern Division in the 55 dash and 300). Travis Plante-Mullen (2nd Team All-Southern Division in the High Jump). Eli Sposato (2nd Team All-Class B and 2nd Team All-Southern Division in the 600).

Postseason Awards: High School Gymnastics – Randi Swenson (1st Team All-State and 1st Team All-Division II) and Brooklyn Vacca (1st Team All-Division II). Both qualified for New Englands.

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Staff Recognition

Danielle Bruneau was selected as Chariho's 2022 Educator of the Year.

Amanda Palmer and Wendy Gillam were selected as Chariho's 2022 Education Support Professionals of the Year.

Distinguished Educators: Mark Carson, Suzanne Krause, Michele Gauthier, Michelle Laurie, Patricia Moore, Jill Cuddy and Cheri King.

High School Special Educator Michael Kelly was honored by NBC10, RIDE and Ocean State Credit Union with a Golden Apple for changing the lives of the students he works with. He was nominated by the Allamby family.

Richmond School Reading Specialist Franca Bartkiewicz received the Decoding Dyslexia of Rhode Island Educator Ally Award at a ceremony at the State House on Friday, October 14, 2022.This award is presented to exemplary Rhode Island Educators who have shown a commitment to support students with language-based learning differences.

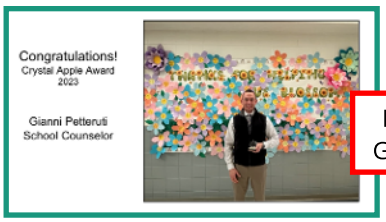
Katie Kirakosian, Dana Hall and Rebecca Burns were thanked for all their work in securing the Champlin Grant for the High School Amphitheater and their coordination of the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony.

District Attendance/Residency/Truancy Officer Rich Longolucco was thanked for his 12+ years of service to Chariho. He began his career in 2004 as the District's first Officer. Tom Richardson from Narragansett assumed the position of Attendance/Residency/Truancy Officer on November 16.

Certified Staff Retirees: Brenda Medina, John Labriola, Patricia Dipollino, Dorothy Cummings, Claudia Hartman, Patricia Pearce, Paul DeRita, Joseph Lopes, Jacqueline Haberland, Keith Croteau, Lynn Dowding, James McMonigle, Cristina D'Agostino. Support Staff Retirees: Laurie Capizzano, Frances Smith, Nancy Tanner, Marilyn Deware, Cheryl Ali.

The Crystal Apple Awards are an annual award that seeks to recognize public school educators who have made a positive impact on the lives of their students.This year's award was presented by Horace Mann for excellence in education. Chariho winners were:

High School
Pattee Dipollino



Middle School
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Christy Sheehy

Ashaway School
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Hope Valley
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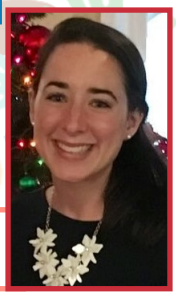

Hope Valley
Kayla Patten

A special thanks to

J. Chris Philips (1942-2022), founder of **Community 2000**, for his unwavering support of Chariho students and staff. The District also thanks the Philips family and the Community 2000 Board of Directors for continuing Chris' legacy.

A special thanks to Chariho Rotary

for their dedication and support to the District--this and every school year.

Chariho Rotary Scholarship Recipients

Chariho Rotary volunteers beautifying the Chariho Campus

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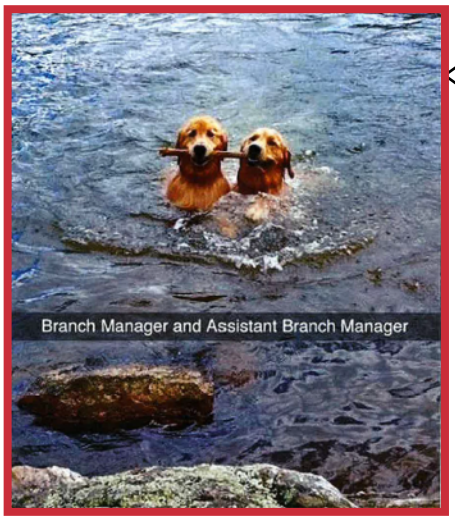

Lillian Benoit and

Michelle Pelchat

MECHANICS & MANAGERS

for going above and beyond for Chariho staff and students!

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Caleb Locke
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Dean Medenciy
Greyson Moffitt
Riley Myer
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Madison Niewiecki
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Ryleigh Orton
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Nicole Raymond
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William Sousa
Nathan Way
Dylan Whitman
Izzabelle Woodmansee

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Cameron Coggeshall
Kasey Cook
Maija Cook
Joseph Cunha
Juliana Cunha
Luke DeFedele
Mason deMelo
Leila DiSano
Sean Dorgan
Aiden Dugas
Josie Emery
Shane Furlong
Riley Gearon
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Aila Grant
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Chariho's CHILL Mentoring Program

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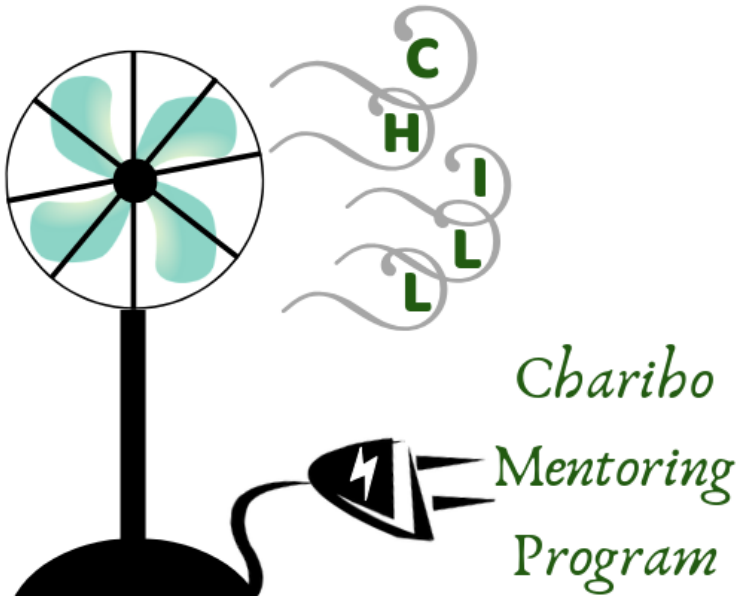
Learners to become Leaders



Please consider becoming a mentor for a middle or high school-aged Chariho student.

We are now taking applications for mentors (21+) and 5th-12th grade mentees attending the Middle School, High School and CALA.

For more information, visit https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/mentoring.

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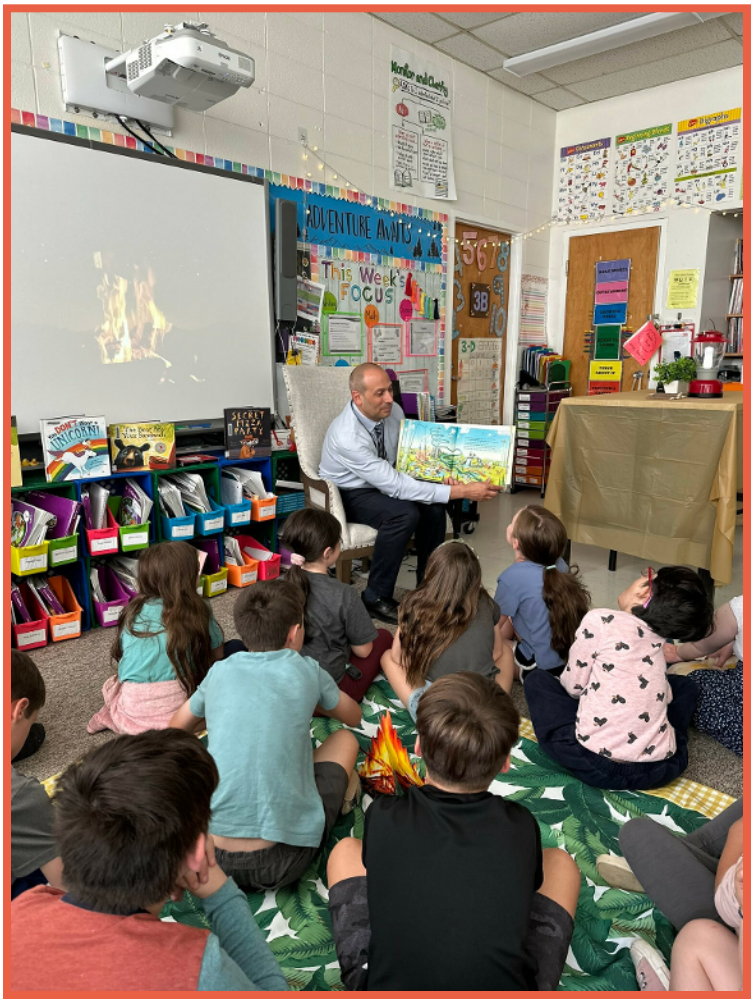

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STEM Summer Camp at the Middle School

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Our 2023 Graduates are attending...

Assumption University
Baylor University
Brown University
Bryant University
Castleton University
Clemson University
Community College of RI
Culinary Institute of America
Curry College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
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Fitchburg State University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Hawaii Pacific University
Illinois Wesleyan University
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
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Lehigh University
Lesley University
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Maine Maritime Academy
Merrimack College
Nova Southeastern University
New England Tech (NEIT)
Nichols College
Pace University
Palm Beach University
Providence College
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2022-23 District Grants

The District had a successful year in terms of grants as well. These grants allow for additional experiences and opportunities for our students and teachers, not covered by our school budget. Many thanks to Katie, our Development Officer, for all her work securing many of these grants.

- Hope Valley Elementary School--A Community 2000 grant for Flexible Seating
- CALA--A Community 2000 grant for a field trip to the New England Science and Sailing Foundation
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant for a Tetrix Robot
- Richmond Elementary School--A Community 2000 grant for Flexible Seating
- Richmond Elementary School--A Community 2000 grant for a climbing rock wall
- Charlestown Elementary School--A Community 2000 grant for a field trip to Salt Pond
- CALA--A Community 2000 grant for a field trip to Mystic Aquarium
- The District--funding from the Rhode Island Department of Education for the CALA School Improvement process
- The District--A 4-year grant with RIDE and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for Project AWARE, which focuses on student mental health
- The District--An ARTS grant for arts-focused enhancements across the District
- The District--A RIDE grant focused on Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Chariho Middle School--A RIDE grant for iReady Math
- The District--A RIDE SBA and CTE boost grant for furniture
- CHARIHOtech--A RIDE Menu for Success Food Truck grant
- Ashaway Elementary School--A RIDE STEM Mini grant for Beebots
- Richmond Elementary School--A RIDE STEM Mini grant for the Rise-and-Shine program

CALA students at the New England Sailing and Science Foundation

The Phoneme Awareness Buffet, funded by Community 2000

Chariho's Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainers

Donations to the District

The District is incredibly grateful for the generosity of our extended community partners. These donations have supported our students in many ways and helped beautify our community as well. Donations are always appreciated. If you are considering donating to the Chariho Regional School District, please contact the school's administration directly.

Lisa, Christopher and Michael Ricci donated $500.00 to the Barry J. Ricci Library.

First Baptist Church of Charlestown (Quonochontaug) donated $227.00 to Charlestown Elementary School to be used to assist needy students and families, snacks and Student of the Trimester Celebration.

Downey Weaver Post Women's Auxiliary, Hope Valley, donated miscellaneous school supplies (children's scissors, glue, notebooks, crayons, markers, pencil sharpeners, construction paper) to Hope Valley School.

Anonymous donation of 80 student chairs and 12 teacher desk chairs to the Middle School.

Special Olympics Rhode Island $250.00 donated to the Middle School.

Ambient Sound, Inc. Warwick, RI presented a brand new Draper Electric Projection Screen, valued at $1,500, to Hope Valley Elementary School.

Community 2000 Education Foundation, donated $500.00 to the CTC Culinary Arts Program for the community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Gotham Greens, Providence, RI donated 144 hydroponic seedlings, valued at $2.50 each for a total donation value of $360.00, to the Richmond School Greenhouse Project.

Charlestown Police Department (Town of Charlestown) donated items that will enhance the security system at Charlestown Elementary School.

Paul Family (Sandy Paul in memory of her son Jamie Paul) donated financial assistance, totaling $2,000, to be used towards the purchase of diabetic supplies for two students.

Ryan Saunders, Chorus of Westerly, donated the George Kent Performance Hall to the CHS Chorus for their benefit concert in support of the Benefit Concert Scholarship Fund.

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Donations to the District

Flood Ford Lincoln, Narragansett, RI, gave to the Middle School Gingerbread Express, $1,000 for holiday gifts.

Grow Generations, Warwick, RI donated different types of soil, valued at $916.28 to the Richmond School Greenhouse/ Garden.

Chariho Rotary (Frank Hopkins) and Chariho Interact Club (Advisor Dana Hall) - a Little Library Donation to Richmond Elementary School.

Lisa, Christopher and Michael Ricci and their families donated $10,000 to the Barry J. Ricci Scholarship Fund.

Hab and Stacy Barton Family Fund of donated $500 to the Barry J. Ricci Library.

Staples, Westerly (Alexander Carr, General Manager) provided 53 boxes (12 donation kits in each box) of miscellaneous school supplies (over 10,000 items) to the District. These kits were purchased by customers to be donated to schools.

United Theatre, Westerly, RI provided a $100 Movie Package to Hope Valley School for their STEAM Night.

Friend Excavation (Brendan and Kayla Friend), Richmond, RI donated $738.00 of excavation work outside the Richmond School Greenhouse.

SENSIBLE Heating and Air Conditioning

Heating and Air Conditioning, Hope Valley, RI donated $1,000 to the Robotics Program.

Cove Restaurant (Travis Justice and Marisa Mara), Charlestown provided penne pasta for the Charlestown School PTO's Pasta Dinner Fundraiser.

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Donations to the District

Earth Care Farm, Charlestown, RI (Jayne Merner Senecal) of Earth Care, donated 1.5 cubic yards of raised bed compost mix, valued at $138.00 to the High School raised vegetable garden that will be maintained by Kathryn Sagamang's ADL Environmental Awareness Class.

Staples, Westerly donated 10 boxes of miscellaneous school supplies to Chariho Elementary Schools and 8 boxes of binders to the District.

Earth Care Farm, Charlestown, RI gave twelve (12) bags of their raised bed mix (black gold) for CALA's raised beds located in the campus courtyard.

Lucas Callahan's Eagle Scout Project constructed for Richmond Elementary School

Hope Valley (Jim Thompson) donated ten (10) yards of playground mulch, valued at $300.00, for the Middle School Sensory Garden.

Susan Rogers, Richmond, RI, donated a recumbent bicycle, valued at @ $350.00, to be used by the High School students in Cheryl Lightfritz' class.

We are proud of these helpers for donating their time at Wood River Cemetery replacing American Flags for Memorial Day!

From L-R: Back Row - Parker Pirnie, Gr 4 Char; Payton Pirnie, Gr 5 CMS

Front Row - Maisey Spears, Gr 3 HV; Charlie Greene, Gr 1 Char; Adalynn Spears, Gr 1 HV

Ashaway Elementary School

An Ashaway student is selected to be the "Principal for a Day"

Ashaway families participate in a Reading Night workshop.

Students enjoy the PTO Glow Dance

A local therapy dog visits an Ashaway classroom

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

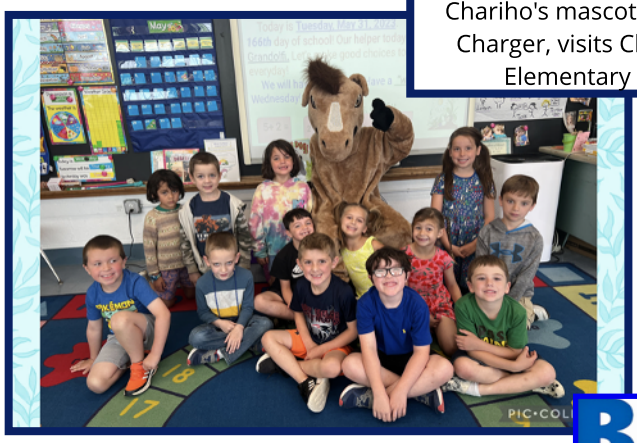
1. Completed a successful fifth year as a Robotics and Engineering specialty school
2. Invited POW Science to each classroom to learn about aerodynamics and flight incorporating hands-on experiential learning
3. Worked with the PTO on various sponsored events (i.e. Trunk or Treat, Spring Glow Dance)
4. This year's Crystal Apple Award went to Patricia Pearce, Grade 2 teacher
5. Hosted Dave Marchetti's Animal Experiences with local wildlife and reptiles

What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

1. Continuing our focus on robotics and coding through the use of our STEM bins
2. Hosting PTO and School Improvement Team (SIT) events for Ashaway students and families
3. Finding new ways to connect the local community to Ashaway Elementary School
4. Working to improve student attendance

For more information, visit https://ashaway.chariho.k12.ri.us/

Charlestown Elementary School



Chariho's mascot, Charlie the Charger, visits Charlestown Elementary School

Seniors who attended Charlestown Elementary School visit before graduation

BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

1. We increased our proficiency in reading and math when using two newer curricular resources in math and reading with the support of two district teaching fellows.
2. Our PTO hosted many in-person events for students and families. Most hadn't been held in three years.
3. Our new W.I.N. Block (What I Need in Reading and Writing) was a big win for all students!
4. Teachers participated in Science of Reading training to learn more about new brain research regarding how students learn to read and best practices for teaching reading instruction.

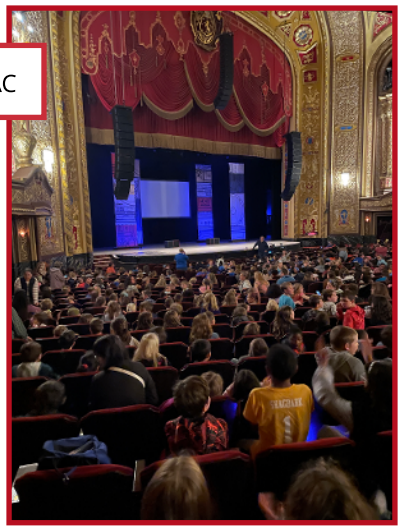
What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

1. Continued high levels of student success with academic and social skills.
2. Continued focus on outdoor learning and hopefully adding some new grant funded components to our outdoor learning spaces.
3. Continued collaboration with our PTO to plan and host engaging events for students and families.
4. Continued improvements with school attendance

For more information, visit https://charlestown.chariho.k12.ri.us/

Hope Valley Elementary School

Students participate in an Earth Day cleanup



Students return to PPAC

BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Hope Valley cast of Annie ready to take to the stage for their production

Hope Valley's Talent Show

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

1. Hope Valley students showed some of the highest growth in the state on the RICAS Math Assessment
2. Our teaching staff began the Science of Reading training to support our young readers and writers
3. Worked as a team with our PTO to provide the best learning experience for our students (i.e. Spirit Week, Reading Week, music with DJ Jazzy Mr. G, Talent/Variety Show, Ice Cream Social, and Bingo Night)
4. Continued the Drama Club and introduced morning theatre classes with Rhode Island Youth Theatre, participated in an after-school Chorus Program with the Westerly Chorus, and hosted Maker Mornings
5. Engaged the community through special events (i.e. Trunk-or-Treat, STEAM Night, Reading Night)

What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

1. Seeing the great growth from our recently adopted ELA and Math curricula
2. Implementing our new School Improvement Plan, focused on academic excellence and student support
3. Continuing to enhance our What-I-Need (WIN) blocks so all students received individualized supports
4. Focusing on Visual and Performing Arts with increased student and community engagement
5. Working with our PTO to sponsor fun-filled events and experiences
6. Collaborating with the High School Drama students and teachers on a multidisciplinary project

For more information, visit https://hopevalley.chariho.k12.ri.us/

Richmond Elementary School

Bringing music class outdoors

Ice cream social

Richmond's Student council

Students learning chess

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

1. Strong end-of-year student achievement in reading
2. Participated in multiple Health and Wellness challenges (Get Outside and Play, Fruit and Vegetable, Hydration, “The Great Kindness”, “Planksgiving” Challenge) and enjoyed many Health and Wellness focused events (Food Ambassador Days, Harlem Wizards assembly, the PTO Color Run).
3. School wide attendance improvements
4. Increased 2023 RI Survey Works data, 89% of Richmond School parents report that their children enjoy going to school, 96% of Richmond students are motivated by their teacher’s high expectations.

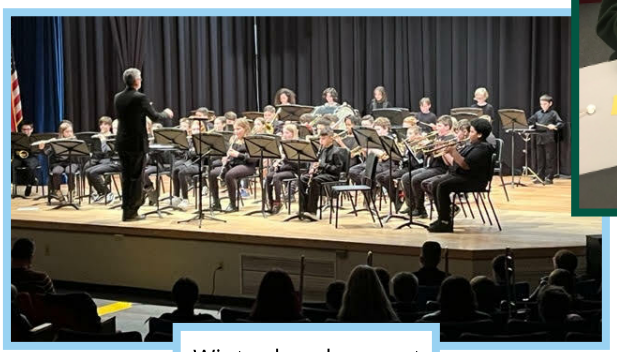
What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

1. Spotlight on using researched best practices to teach writing using our Into Reading program.
2. Strengthen communication among our special education teachers, regular education teachers, and reading and math specialists.
3. Support or extend students’ learning in W.I.N. (“What I Need”) block.
4. Increasing math proficiency across grade levels
5. Expansion of our mentoring program, after-school “Shine Club”, and related supports and programs.

For more information, visit https://richmond.chariho.k12.ri.us/

Chariho Regional Middle School

STEM Summer Camp



Winter band concert

The Halloween Dance

Chariho Middle School receives Title I funds. Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, parents of children attending the Middle School may request the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s). Parents may request information related to state certification and licensing criteria, emergency certification, and degrees held as well as information about the qualifications of paraprofessionals. This information is available by calling the Superintendent's office at 364-7575. Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii) of the Title I statute requires that schools provide timely notice that a parent's child in a participating Title I school has been assigned to, or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state qualifications and licensing criteria.

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

1. Successful introduction of WIN (What I Need) in grades 6th and 7th.
2. Professional development in math supported teachers and showed increased student growth.
3. Wrestling and softball teams winning state championships.
4. Drama production of the Lion King.

What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

1. Master schedule update to include WIN (What I Need) in all grades.
2. Introduction of advisory to our 5th grade students.
3. New course offerings in computers, STEM, music, and art.

For more information, visit https://cms.chariho.k12.ri.us/

Chariho Regional High School

The Drama Club's Performance of Annie

Seniors return to their elementary school for one last visit before graduation

The Robotics Team participating in qualifiers

Chariho's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

SAB leadership team hosted a panel for 8th grade students on the "Top 10 Things I Wish I Knew Before Coming to CHS"

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

- CHS began a new Peer2Peer program where students lead efforts in mental health awareness
- CHS placed 2nd and 3rd at the RI State ESU Shakespeare Competition
- 15 students placed in the State Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competitions, offering them a chance to compete at Nationals
- Chariho Performing Arts presented two amazing performances: MacBeth & Annie
- Our Student Advisory Board was featured on a local Cox Communications story, find it HERE!
- Out of 52 schools, CHS made it to the final round of the RI Interscholastic League Spirit Challenge
- The new Graduation Project was approved and introduced to the current 9th graders
- Our Robotics students received 2nd place in the State Robotics Qualifier
- Chariho boasts a Golden Apple Award Recipient and the 2022 NFHS Female Coach of the Year!

What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

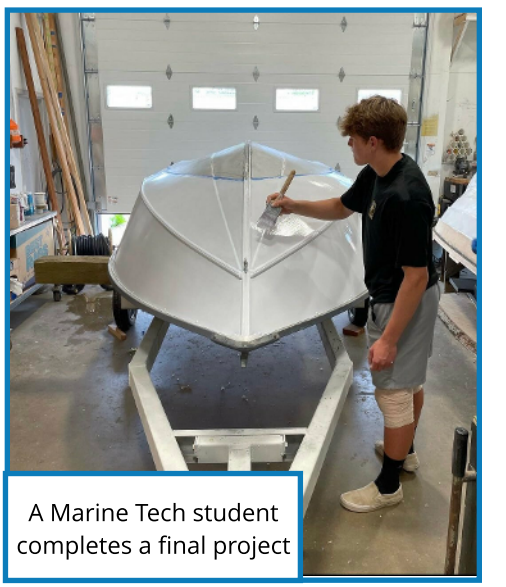
- Welcoming our newest Student Advisory Board leaders
- Implementing Vision 2026 along with our recently created School Improvement Plan
- Sharing our new Mission & Vision with the school community
- Curating Graduation Project resources for our 9th and 10th graders

For more information, visit https://chs.chariho.k12.ri.us/

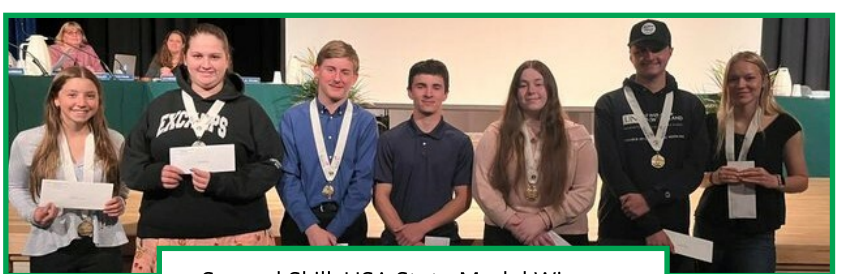
CHARIHOtech

Welding students recognized for their talent and skill with their intsructor

CHARIHOtech students volunteer at the RI Home Show



A Marine Tech student completes a final project



Several SkillsUSA State Medal Winners recognized at a School Committee Meeting

A CTC Hospitality student wins the Alfred A. Zannella Memorial Scholarship

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

1. Having CTC students continue to participate in SkillsUSA
2. Seeing another great group of CTC students graduate and pursue their post-secondary paths
3. Having Construction Technology students partner with Habitat for Humanity on a house in the local community

What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

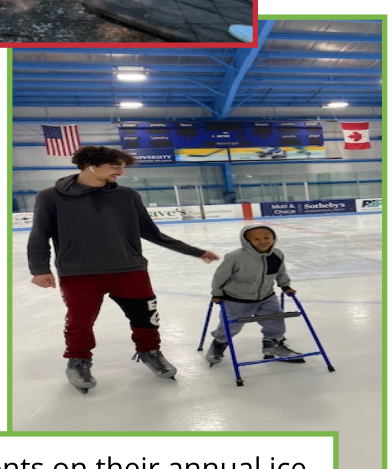
1. Placing our students in internships across southern Rhode Island
2. Supporting the local community through educational opportunities for our students
3. Meeting the next group of 8th graders in southern Rhode Island who want to have the best education available in South County

For more information, visit https://charihotech.chariho.k12.ri.us/

Chariho Alternative Learning Academy

Students completing a Challenge course at URI

Students participating in the Sail Newport Ocean Race



Students on their annual ice skating trip at URI

CALA students working on an outdoor classroom with CTC Construction students

What are some highlights from 2022-2023?

1. Graduation of 7 CALA Seniors
2. Awarded stipends for successful completion of internship/Job Coaching program requirements
3. Implemented Project Based Learning activities and experiences including the Ocean Race - Newport Stopover and the Woonsocket Museum of Work and Culture
4. Installed a new indoor Aquaponics system
5. Hosted a regional Professional Learning Community focused on best practices in alternative education

What are we looking forward to in 2023-2024?

1. Guiding CALA's largest ever senior class to graduation
2. Providing additional internships for High School students through the Job Coaching program
3. Introducing a new Robotics curriculum and completing our outdoor classroom project
4. Collaborating with Highlander Institute for enhanced professional development
5. Welcoming a new part-time Student Assistance Counselor and two clinical interns
6. Partnering with the CTC Culinary Program through our Aquaponics system and courtyard gardens
7. Participating in Maisey's Tree Farm youth forestry program for our elementary student

For more information, visit https://cala.chariho.k12.ri.us/

CHARIHO Youth TASK FORCE

EDUCATE. EMPOWER. ENGAGE.

The Chariho Youth Task Force is a community-based nonprofit organization that focuses their work on substance use prevention, mental health promotion, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. Its mission is to educate, empower, and engage youth and adults to create a sense of community, to promote wellness, and to sustain opportunity for Chariho voices to be heard.

Educate:

- Provides monthly educational prevention retreats for students who break the school's substance use policy
- Provides community-wide education opportunities including substance use education pages available on CharihoYouth.org

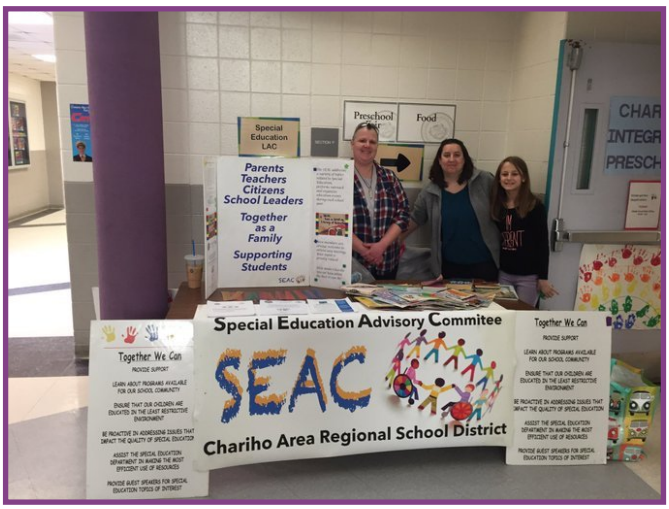
Empower:

- Ensures mental health and substance use resources are accessible to all
- Equips volunteers with the skills and opportunities to impact change

Engage:

- Monthly Community Coalition Meetings comprised of first responders, faith leaders, educators, parents, and more.
- Bi-Weekly Youth Ambassador Meetings
- Bi-Weekly Strong Arms Support Group
- Bi-Weekly Community Hikes

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)



The Special Education Advisory Committee is composed of individuals involved in or concerned with the education of children with disabilities. Parents of such children compose the majority of the committee membership. Other members include school personnel and representatives of the community. Students with disabilities may also be important members of the committee.

SEAC meets four times a year. New members are always welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings are at 6 PM in the Middle School Library and are posted on their **webpage** at least a week in advance.

Chariho in the News

The District is fortunate to have had a very successful year, as is evident by the numerous Westerly Sun news stories about our varied initiatives and successes. Below are some of the Chariho news stories covered over the past year.

2023 Graduates hold up lighted cell phones during the Chariho Chorus rendition of "Somewhere Only We Know"

Welding Student Trey Lazauskas qualified for Project MFG, a highly competitive nationwide challenge issued through the US Dept. of Defense. He is pictured winning another SkillsUSA Gold Medal!

Donovan Reno, Grade 4 Charlestown School student demonstrates how Puchalski Field will look with lights at the school's annual Electricity Fair

Girls' Volleyball Coach Kathy McGeehan, named Division II Coach of the Year

Ashaway School 3rd graders perform at the school's annual Veterans' Day Breakfast and Celebration

High School Girls' Soccer Team wins Piver Cup

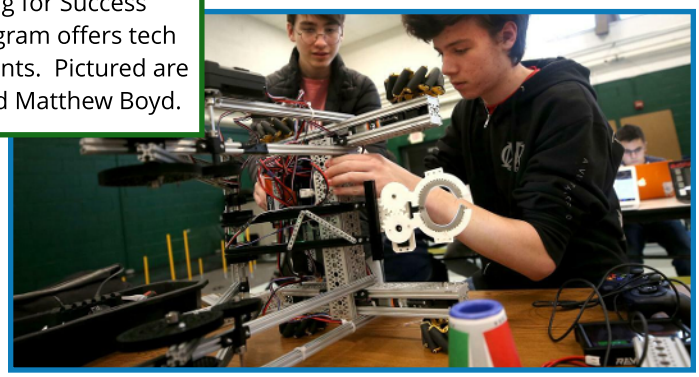
Coach Bill Haberek inducted in the RIIL Hall of Fame.

Chariho in the News

A surpise ceremony was held to honor Class of 2023 Valedictorian Alanna Healy and Salutatorian Abigayle Fadgen

High School sophomore Brandon Thorpe's artwork 'Reverence' was chosen as one of two Senator Reed Staff Picks in the 2023 High School Art Competition.

Engineering for Success Robotics Program offers tech base for students. Pictured are Evan Asch and Matthew Boyd.



Hope Valley School's production of Annie Jr.

Richmond celebrates the first day of school

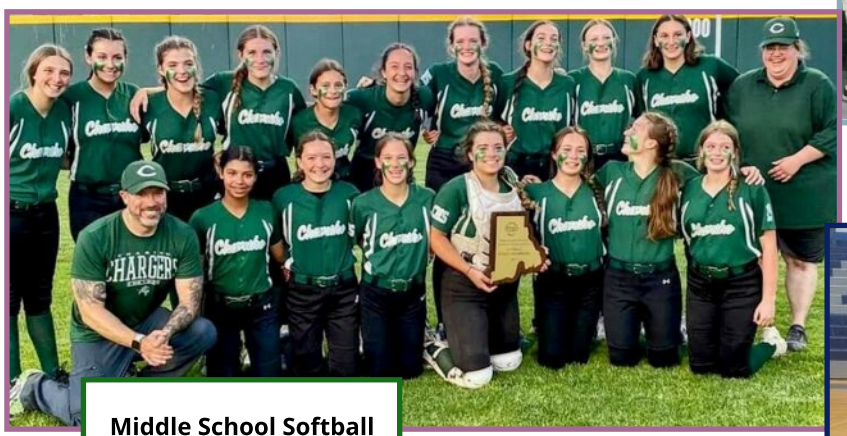
CTC Construction Technology students raise the roof on a Habitat for Humanity Home

Chariho Sports in the News

High School Boys' Soccer Repeat as Division II Champs

Middle School Wrestling State Champions

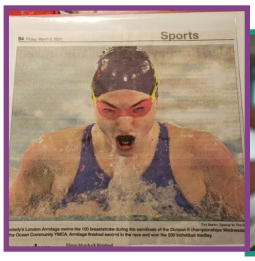
Unified Volleyball made it to the Division III semifinals

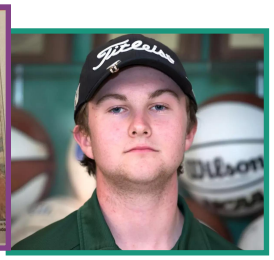


Middle School Softball Undefeated State Champions

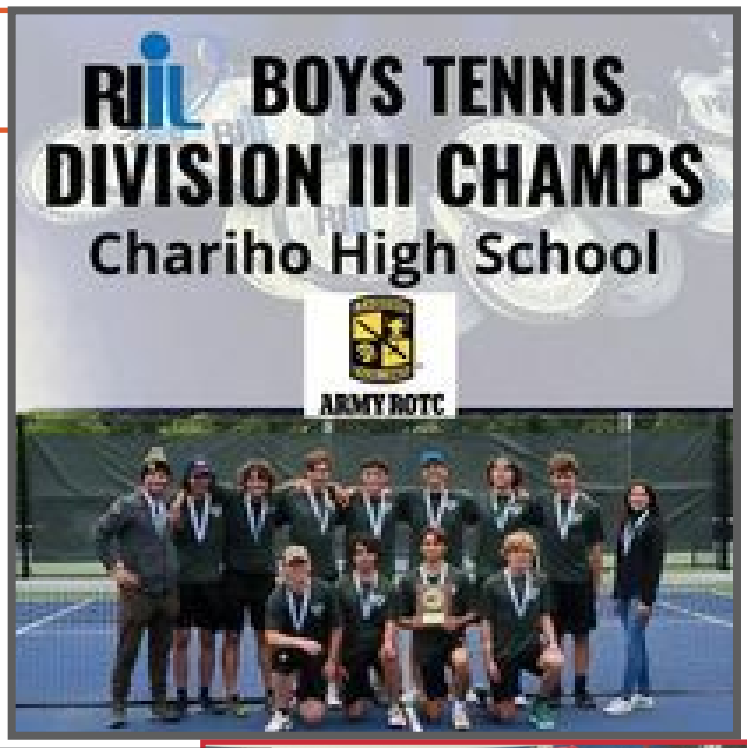
High School Boys' Basketball won the WCCU Tournament and made it to the Division II quarterfinals

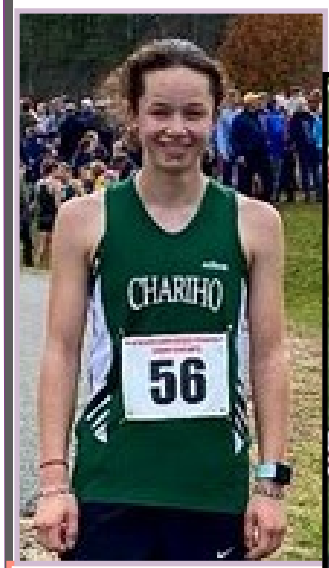
Chariho Sports in the News





High School Boys' Tennis Undefeated State Champions





Erin von Housen earns all New England Honors. She has had an amazing year as noted under Student Recognitions

High School Girls' Ice Hockey in the quarterfinals

High School Girls' Tennis made it to the Division II semifinals

High School Boys' Ice Hockey Game 3 of the Division III Finals

Chariho Sports in the News

High School Girls' Basketball in the Division II State Tournament

High School Girls' Lacrosse in the Division II semifinals

High School Boys' Lacrosse lost by one goal to SK in the Division II Tournament

High School Field Hockey moved up to Division II and started the season 12-0. They made it to the semifinals

High School Boys' Baseball in the Division II Tournament

Chariho Regional School District
2023-2024 School Calendar

SC approved 3-14-23

Revised Calendar approved 8-8-23

Progress Reports Issued	Secondary
1st Quarter	10/6/23
2nd Quarter	12/15/23
3rd Quarter	3/1/24
4th Quarter	5/17/24

End of Grading Period	Secondary	Elementary
1st	11/10/23	12/8/23
2nd	1/26/24	3/15/24
3rd	4/5/24	6/18/24
4th	6/18/24	

Report cards will be issued five school days following the close of the quarter or trimester at the elementary and middle school levels and six school days following the close of the quarter at the high school level.

August *0 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
			NTO	25
		SO	DPD	

24 - NTO - New Teacher Orientation
30 - SO - Staff Orientation
31 - DPD - District Professional Development

September *19 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
X	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Cumulative Days 19

5 Students Report
21 Early Release Day - No PM Pre-K AM Pre-K Attends

October *20 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
X	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	DPD	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Cumulative Days 39

9 No School Students and All Staff
12 Early Release Day - No AM Pre-K PM Pre-K Attends
19 DPD - No School Students

November *18 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	~~10~~
X	14	15	16	17
20	21	X	X	X
27	28	29	30	

Cumulative Days 57

13 No School Students and All Staff
16 Early Release Day - No PM Pre-K AM Pre-K Attends
22 No School Students and School Year Staff
23-24 No School Students and All Staff

December *16 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	PD	~~8~~
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
X	X	X	X	X

Cumulative Days 73

7 PD - No School Students
25-26 No School Students and All Staff
27-29 No School Students and SY Staff

January *21 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
X	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
X	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	~~26~~
29	30	31		

Cumulative Days 94

1 No School Students and All Staff
11 Early Release Day - No AM Pre-K PM Pre-K Attends
15 No School Students and All Staff

February *16 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
X	X	X	X	X
26	27	28	29	

Cumulative Days 110

8 Early Release Day - No PM Pre-K AM Pre-K Attends
19 No School Students and All Staff
20-23 No School Students and SY Staff

March *20 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	~~15~~
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	X

Cumulative Days 130

14 Early Release Day - No AM Pre-K PM Pre-K Attends
29 No School Students and All Staff

April *16 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
1	DPD	3	4	~~5~~
8	9	10	11	12
X	X	X	X	X
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

Cumulative Days 146

2 DPD - No School Students
4 Early Release Day - No PM Pre-K AM Pre-K Attends
15-19 No School Students and SY Staff

May *22 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
X	28	29	30	31

Cumulative Days 168

16 Early Release Day - No AM Pre-K PM Pre-K Attends
27 No School Students and All Staff

June *12 days*

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	~~18~~	X	(20)	(21)
(24)	(25)	(26)		

Cumulative Days 180

5 Last Instructional Day for Seniors
7 Graduation
18 Last Day of School
19 State Holiday - No Make-Up Day
20-26 Make-Up Days

	NO SCHOOL STUDENTS & SCHOOL YEAR (SY) and/or ALL STAFF
	DPD - DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS - NO SCHOOL STUDENTS AND NON-CERTIFIED STAFF (School year)
	PD - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY - CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED STAFF ATTEND - NO SCHOOL STUDENTS
	EARLY RELEASE DAYS - SECONDARY STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 12:45 PM; ELEMENTARY AND PRE-K STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 1:55 PM

Also available on the District's website

Subject to change

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

A federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records, FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student, or former student, who has reached the age of 18 or is attending any school beyond the high school level. Students and former students to whom the rights have transferred are called eligible students. Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review all of the student's education records maintained by the school. Parents and eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record commenting on the contested information in the record.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student before releasing any information from a student's record. However, the law allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties:

1. School officials who have a need to know;
2. Other schools to which a student is transferring;
3. Certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for the school;
6. Accrediting organizations;
7. Individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas;
8. Persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies;
9. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law; and
10. Another school in which a student enrolls.

Parents have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Chariho Regional School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 260-3887
www.ed.gov/FPCO

Schools may also disclose, without consent, directory type information such as a student's name, address, email address, telephone number, honors and awards, date and place of birth, height and weight of athletes, grade level, photographs, participation in officially-recognized activities and sports, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. If you wish to opt out from the disclosure of directory information, please complete the form at the bottom of the next page and return it to your child's school by the end of September or within one week from date of new student registration.

Chariho Middle School receives Title I funds. Under the Act, parents of children attending the Middle School may request the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s). Parents may request information related to state certification and licensing criteria, emergency certification, and degrees held as well as information about the qualifications of paraprofessionals. This information is available by calling the Superintendent's office at 364-7575.Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii) of the Title I statute requires that schools provide timely notice that a parent's child in a participating Title I school has been assigned to, or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet state qualifications and licensing criteria.

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights (PPRA) Amendment

PPRA affords parents, students who are 18, or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) -

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Income, other than as required by law, to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of –

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use –

1. Surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The School District has developed a policy, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, and has made arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The School District will directly notify parents and eligible students of this policy at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes are made. Parents of students who believe their rights under PPRA may have been violated may file a complaint with ED by writing the Family Policy Compliance Office. Complaints must contain specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of PPRA occurred.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call 202-260-3887 (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Or you may contact the following:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

In accord with Rhode Island General Law 28-5.1, and applicable federal law, it is the policy of the Chariho Regional School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, religion, genetic information, national origin, color, political affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability (including pregnancy) in its employment practices. Employment practices include, but are not limited to, posting of vacancies, recruitment, hiring, training, transfers and promotions. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal opportunity and affirmative action may be directed to Kristen Merritt, Human Resources Administrator, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI 02894 (364-7575 x2029); (364-1171 TDD); the Office of Equity and Access, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, or US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109-3921.

School Offender Registration and Community Notification Act

At the beginning of each school year, the Chariho Regional School District is required, under Rhode Island's Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37.1-1 et seq.), and in compliance with guidelines issued by the Department of the Attorney General, to submit to local law enforcement agencies a directory of the names and addresses of parents who have children attending schools in Chariho.

The Rhode Island Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act requires certain offenders to be registered with law enforcement agencies and, in certain instances, requires local law enforcement agencies to provide notification to the community.

The Rhode Island Attorney General's Department has issued guidelines for the procedures to be utilized in connection with community notification. Under the Attorney General's guidelines, the Chariho Regional School District is required to submit a directory listing of the names and addresses of parents whose children attend school in the district. In keeping with Chariho's responsibilities under the law and the Attorney General's guidelines, Chariho will be submitting a directory listing of all parents who have children attending schools in Chariho to the local law enforcement authorities.

In the event that a local police department determines that it is appropriate to provide community notification to the parents of children attending school, this directory will be utilized; and you may receive offender fact sheets from the law enforcement agency unless and until you notify Chariho that you wish your name(s) to be removed from the directory or until you no longer have children attending school within the district, whichever comes first.

Below is a form which you may utilize if you choose to opt-out from the disclosure of directory information. If it is your preference not to be listed in the directory, please complete the form, indicating the name(s) of your child or children, your address, and affix your signature(s). **Please return the form to your child's school by the end of September or within one week from date of new student registration.** Information will be included in the directory unless we receive this form, signed by you.

For more information on sexual offender notification, please visit the State of Rhode Island Parole Board and Sexual Offender Notification Unit website at http://www.paroleboard.ri.gov.

Armed Forces Recruiting

To: Parents/Guardians of 11th and 12th Grade Students:
Federal Law requires school districts to provide the names, addresses, and telephone listings of junior and senior class students to Armed Forces recruiters. The legislation also includes a provision that allows parents to have their child's information exempted from that list. In accordance with the provisions of that legislation, if you **do not** wish to have the above referenced information provided to Armed Forces recruiters, please complete and return the form below.

_____ I do not want directory information released about my child.

_____ I do not want my child's picture to be included in any publication.

_____ At times, food is made available to classes from a source other than our food service provider or from the Career and Technical Center kitchen. Please check on the line if you do not want your child to partake of food brought to school from the homes of other students or from other sources.

_____ I am directing that information regarding my child be excluded from the list provided to Armed Forces recruiters.

Child(ren) First/Last Name(s) Grade

_____ _____ Parent/Guardian Name_____

_____ _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

_____ _____ Student Signature (if over18)_____

_____ _____ Address_____

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Here's to a successful 2023-2024 School Year!

Go Chargers!

Chariho Regional School District

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