Great crisis produce great men and great deeds of courage.

John F. Kennedy

Truer words could not be said about the Chariho Regional School District Community over these past few months. In the face of uncertainty, we had the courage to address and overcome any adversity! As the community dealt with the encroaching COVID-19 pandemic, all banded together to provide a virtual learning school community, inclusive of all students. Teachers and parents have become full-time partners in providing for the needs of our children. Everyone has been willing to quickly adapt and learn new ways to interact virtually and coordinate remote learning activities. Support staff have taken on a variety of new roles to make sure that there was a connection with every student, every day. We all have recognized, even more than before, the importance of providing for social emotional and academic learning. Our school administrators and staff are working to develop new ways to celebrate the end of the school year on a positive note. With that in mind, we encourage you to stay engaged, stay curious, stay connected, get outdoors (off screens), and finish strong! As we approach the end of a school year like no other – I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone for their extraordinary efforts to help make virtual learning as successful as possible for our children.

During COVID-19, the Internet has become an essential tool for educators and families. Digital technology is helping students continue their studies and stay connected with teachers and classmates. At the same time, increased online presence, if unmonitored, may expose children to potentially adverse effects, including predatory individuals and cyberbullying.

The United States Attorney's Office, the Rhode Island Attorney General, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Rhode Island State Police and the United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations produced a “Keeping Children Safe Online” flyer. This information is attached to help parents, guardians, and caregivers help increase children's online safety.

Thank you to the Chariho community for working together for....ALL KIDS...ALL of the TIME!
More News Worth Knowing...

**Bus routes** are created to serve students who need transportation. To that end, we ask that parents/guardians register for transportation services each year. We know there is a lot of uncertainty as to what next year will look like in the Fall, and as we await further guidance from the state, at this time we ask you to register as you would any other school year. As of June 1, registration is open [here](#). Regardless of the option you choose, it may be changed at any time in the future. Our transportation system operates most efficiently when we transport those who need transportation, as opposed to those who are eligible, but may not use it.

Virtual Kindergarten Registration has begun! Click [here](#) to go directly to our Kindergarten registration webpage and find all the information you need to know.

Completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step students must take to get free grants, and scholarships; help is available from a school counselor.

We would like to be able to offer every junior and senior in good academic standing either a paid or unpaid internship. If you are a business owner and are interested in offering internships to Chariho juniors and seniors, please contact Director Gerry Auth at [Gerald.Auth@charahi.k12.ri.us](mailto:Gerald.Auth@charahi.k12.ri.us).

### Important June Dates!

- **June 1**
  - Professional Development Day Staff/No School for Students

- **June 5**
  - Senior Celebration Parade (6-7:30 PM)
  - & Virtual High School Graduation

- **June 17**
  - Last Day of School

### Thank you!

**Wood River Health Services**

Dr. Tiffanie Waldeck and Helen Bell donated 250 Dental "Smile Bags" (which include dental supplies/reminders) to be distributed with Grab and Go meals.

**Stop & Shop**

Donation of 500 paper bags to Richmond School to be used to gather students' personal items at the end of the school year.

### Congratulations!

- **Matthew Gouvin**
  - Valedictorian for the Class of 2020!

- **Simon Manlove**
  - Salutatorian for the Class of 2020!

- **Melanie Roger, Catherine Fugere, Brynn McCarthy**
  - Senior All-State Chorus

- **John Roger and Maisie Datson**
  - Junior All-State Chorus

- **John Zielski and Karen Johnston**
  - February Employees of the Month

- **Laurie Gigliotti**
  - March Employee of the Month

- **Jessica Geremia and Rene Rosivach**
  - April Employees of the Month

- **Dana Hall**
  - Golden Apple Award Recipient

- **Craig MacKenzie**
  - RI Secondary Principal of the Year for 2020
...and further Congratulations go to the following SkillsUSA 2020 Award Winners!

2020 Judge Pin Design Winner:  
Kaitlyn Burns  
CHARIHOtech Instructor:  
Ed Rose

2020 SkillsUSA Career Essentials:  
Assessment Certificate Earner (Individuals)

Welding: Dale Allard and Owen Brayman  
Culinary Arts: Arianne Anagnos  
Criminal Justice: Danielle Aubee and Alyssa Kinney  
Carpentry: Chris Bliven and Lance DelBonis  
Commercial Baking: Marisa Boss  
Graphic Design: Ally Buckley and Kyla Van Horn  
Technical Drafting: Riley DeCourcey, Sean Goulet and Preston Simpkins  
Nail Care Assessment: Emily Fish and Conner Pierce  
Electrical Construction Wiring: Robert Impellitteri and Matthew Palmer  
Customer Service: Vera Judkins and Lia Kelvington  
Architectural Drafting: Brendon O'Rourke and Caden Wilson  
Computer Maintenance Technology: Mark Wightman  
Nurse Assisting: Nicole Wrzesien

2020 SkillsUSA Career Essentials:  
Assessment Team Events

Crime Scene Investigation  
Dreydan Cianci, Hunter Humeston, Chelsea Lopes, Jacob Linacre, Kyle Merritt, Joshua Smity, Jasmine Babbitt, Sabrina Rubenstein and Victoria Smith  

2020 SkillsUSA Rhode Island  
Championships Medals

Criminal Justice  
Silver - Danielle Aubee  
Bronze - Alyssa Kinney  

Esthetics  
Bronze - Christa Holland & Sarah Felicetti, Model  

Nail Care  
Silver - Emily Fish & Abigail Standeven, Model
Keeping Children safe
ONLINE

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- **DISCUSS INTERNET SAFETY AND DEVELOP AN ONLINE SAFETY PLAN** with children for engaging in online activity. Establish clear guidelines, teach children to spot red flags, and encourage children to ask questions and have open communication with you.

- **SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN’S USE OF THE INTERNET**, including periodically checking their profiles and posts. Keep electronic devices in open, common areas of the home and consider setting time limits for their use.

- **REVIEW GAMES, APPS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA SITES** before they are downloaded or used by children. Pay particular attention to apps and sites that feature end-to-end encryption, direct messaging, video chats, file uploads, and user anonymity, which are frequently relied upon by online child predators.

- **ADJUST PRIVACY SETTINGS AND USE PARENTAL CONTROLS** for online games, apps, social medial sites, and electronic devices.

- **TELL CHILDREN TO AVOID SHARING PERSONAL INFORMATION, PHOTOS, AND VIDEOS ONLINE** in public forums or with people they do not know in real life. Explain to children that images posted online will be permanently on the internet.

- **TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT BODY SAFETY AND BOUNDARIES**, including the importance of saying ‘no’ to inappropriate requests both in the physical world and the virtual world.

- **BE ALERT TO POTENTIAL SIGNS OF ABUSE**, including changes in children’s use of electronic devices, attempts to conceal online activity, withdrawn behavior, angry outbursts, anxiety, and depression.

- **ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO TELL A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR OTHER TRUSTED ADULT** if anyone asks them to engage in inappropriate behavior.

- **IMMEDIATELY REPORT SUSPECTED ONLINE ENTICEMENT OR EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD** by alerting local law enforcement, contacting the FBI at tips.fbi.gov, or filing a report with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) at 1-800-843-5678.