From Your Interim Superintendent...
Chariho Regional School District is a beacon of excellence. Our staff spark a love of learning, and provide daily inspiration to engage our students in diverse offerings of educational experiences at all levels.

Our schools provide a strong foundation in the core subject areas, as evidenced by ratings of excellence from the state, where three of our schools have earned 5-stars (the highest accountability rating which can be earned), and two have earned 4-stars. Ashaway Elementary School was recognized this fall as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. Chariho Regional High School, a 4-star school, is ranked by US News & World Report as #6 in Rhode Island and in the top 10% in the USA. Chariho is also the #1 high school in RI with a career and technical center.

Chariho schools furnish a K-12 well-rounded education with attention to teaching social emotional learning skills, and instruction in Art, Computer Science, Health, Library Skills, Music, Physical Education, and World Language. When students move to the “campus” and our secondary schools, the opportunity for rich and diverse Humanities and STEM courses expands. At the high school level, our students can choose from 22 RIDE-approved programs at CHARIHOtech. All programs include industry certification and over 80 hours of work-based learning experiences. At the high school level students can earn college credit choosing from twenty-three (23) Advanced Placement Courses and courses for which the district has established college partnerships. Our K-12 student activities program including elementary specialty school themes, athletics, co-curricular, and other activities provide for a variety of distinct student interests, passions, and strengths. The Chariho Regional School District will continue to lead the way in providing engaging and personalized learning for our students.

On February 11, the School Committee will approve a fiscal year 2021 budget. As a result of a number of adjustments, my current recommended budget calls for an increase to the member towns of 4.31%. The impact is different for each of the towns because of a shift in enrollment, as the member towns contribute to the Chariho budget based upon each town’s share (percent) of enrollment as verified on October 1st. For the last four years, the amount in the fund balance has incrementally decreased in order to fund the next year’s budget, from 2.8% for FY17 to 2% for FY20, and each year during the budget process it was explained that this would eventually catch up with us and effect the ability to reduce future budget increases. The School Committee has requested that I bring a list of $1.2 million in potential cuts for their review at the February 11 meeting. On March 3rd a public hearing on the budget will be held in the Middle School Auditorium. FY2021 Budget information can be found at www.chariho.k12.ri.us/central_administration/business_office/budget_information.
More News Worth Knowing...

We would like to be able to offer every junior or senior in good academic standing either a **paid or unpaid internship**. If you are a business owner or the head of an agency and are interested in hosting a Chariho junior or senior intern, please contact Director Gerry Auth at Gerald.Auth@chariho.k12.ri.us.

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 or by visiting [here](#).

All official announcements from the District will be made on the official @CharihoRegionalTwitter account. This is the ONLY official Chariho Twitter account. Please follow us.

On a student’s 18TH birthday, all of the rights of the parent are automatically transferred to the student, including the right to deny parental access to school records. This upsets many parents and guardians, who may provide the High School principal with redacted income tax returns showing the student as a dependent. This will prevent the automatic transfer of these legal rights to the student.

### Congratulations!

**Hannah Benavides**

Winner of 100 Breaststroke at Bay View Invitational Swim Meet

**Dominic Bonanno**

1st in weight class at the Griswold Invitational

**James Dougherty**

1st in weight class at the Chad Antoch Memorial Tournament and the Griswold Invitational

**Wade Husing**

1st in weight class at the Griswold Invitational

**Nate Marchione**

1st in weight class at the Griswold Invitational

**Kyle Merritt**

1st in weight class at the George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament, Griswold Invitational, and 1st and named Most Outstanding Wrestler at both the Chad Antoch Memorial Tournament and the Griswold Invitational

**Kate Powers**

Scoring 1000th point on January 9th game against Cranston East

**Samantha Snyder (Gr. 11) & Kyle Merritt (Gr. 12)**

RI Interscholastic League Students of the Month for Chariho

**CHS Robotics Team**

 Winners of the Connect Award

Honorable Mention in the RI Scholastic Art Competition

**Katherine Dubay**, Photography, **Luke Gillett**, Photography, **Alison Klein**, Mixed Media, **Camryn Olf**, Ceramics & Glass, **Trinity Yee**, Mixed Media

**November Employees of the Month**

CALA Teacher Danielle Bruneau & Richmond Teacher Sheri McCue

**December Employees of the Month**

Hope Valley Teacher Jeanine Mankoff, Teacher Assistants Sally Andreozzi & Loren Girlingone

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**APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS FOR 2020-2021**

- Advertising and Design
- Agricultural Sciences - Animal
- Agricultural Sciences - Plant
- Automotive Technology
- Biotechnology
- Business - Accounting/Finance
- Business - Marketing
- Computer Technology
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood/Elementary Education
- Electrical Technology and Renewable Energy
- Engineering, Drafting and Design
- Health Careers
- Hospitality and Event Planning
- Marine Technology
- Performing Arts - Music
- Performing Arts - Theatre Arts
- Welding and Shipfitting

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**Thank You!**

**Linda Lawrence**

Donation of one Sunfish Sailboat & Sunfish Sailboat Rigging

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**IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES!**

February 13 - Early Release
February 14 & 17 – Winter Recess

The 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Calendars are available at Chariho.k12.ri.us/oms/one.aspx?pageid=1053500