

Chariho Regional School District

May 2019
E-Update



The Chariho 2020 Budget was approved by a margin of 431-211. To those who supported our budget, I thank you. To those who did not, we'll work even harder to earn your support next time.

Congratulations to the Chariho High School community! US News & World Report has ranked the High School as 6th best in Rhode Island and in the top 10% nationally.

Before the Spring Recess, there were several incidents of vaping at the Middle School. Because these devices are small and easily concealed, vaping is likely more widely prevalent than the small number of incidents would indicate. We've taken several steps, including (1) increased supervision, (2) adjustments to the permissions on our computing devices, and (3) a doubling down on education in this area. Please increase monitoring at home to help us to eliminate this unhealthy practice. (To dispel a rumor, there was no heroin in the Middle School.)

In the last E-Update, I highlighted several changes to our codes of conduct. A new consequence in our secondary code is a social suspension, which is exclusion from participation in or attendance at all extracurricular events and athletics and revocation of a parking permit for a period of thirty (30) calendar days. This will be imposed for substance abuse violations, cell phone violations, and for failure to serve a consequence.

The Middle School is now peanut free. We have several students with severe life-threatening allergies in attendance at the Middle School. Following consultations with the school doctor, we've been advised that this is the best course of action. While we will not be conducting inspections of lunches and snacks brought from home, we are seeking a good faith effort from the community to keep everyone safe. Principal Zenion will provide additional direction to the school community.

Bus routes are created to serve students who need transportation. To that end, we ask that parents/guardians register for transportation services each year. As of May 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.

As I'm sure that you are aware from media reports, the former Commissioner issued an advisory opinion that parents may no longer be required to pay a field trip fee. While I understand and appreciate the true meaning of a free public education, we did not plan for this new required and considerable expense. I will be proposing a revised Field Trip Policy to the School Committee at a future meeting and, if they adopt the policy, will need to adjust the FY20 Budget to allow for this new spending requirement.

Take care.

News Worth Knowing...



Chariho Regional High School
US News & World Report
RANKED
2016, 2018 & 2019

Tri-County Community Action Agency is now recruiting for its FREE Head Start Program for children between birth and five years old. Call 515-2471 to give your child a HEAD START.

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More News Worth Knowing...

A **FREE SafeStop bus tracking app** is available to parents and students. The app gives real time updates on the bus as it travels to and from school. Information is updated every thirty seconds. The app can be downloaded here: <https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/sites/default/files/safestop.pdf>

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 offering internships to Chariho juniors and seniors, please

contact Director Gerry Auth at Gerald.Auth@chariho.k12.ri.us.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step students must take to get free grants, scholarships, and financial aid for college. Yet, every year, available dollars are left on the table because the FAFSA is not completed. Information is available from a school counselor or visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>.

With the use of federal funds, we are in the initial stages of developing and implementing a student mentor program. Our thinking right now is that we will be ready to implement in the fall. If you have an interest in program development, serving on an advisory board, or in being a mentor, please send an email to me at barry.ricci@chariho.k12.ri.us.

The Chariho Youth Task Force will sponsor an Every Body Is Beautiful FREE Showcase on Friday, May 10th at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Auditorium. Join the Task Force on Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 am at the Rainbow Race at Harvest Acres. The goal of this event is to end the stigma of mental illness. For information about both events, contact Dan Fitzgerald at dan@charihoyouth.org.

WE'RE HIRING!

APPLY HERE:

<https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/employment>

Congratulations!

SkillsUSA Winners (See pg. 3)

Allie Nelson

Winner of National Championship at the USA Wrestling/United States Marine Corps Competition

Mae Felkner

RI Egg Design, featuring Castle Hill Lighthouse, represented RI at the White House's Annual Easter Egg Roll

Coach Scott Merritt

Honored as Coach of the Year

Hannah Benavides

1st Team All State 100 Yard Breastroke

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Martha Dion

Perryville Grange 2019 Teacher of the Year

Kyle Waterman

South County Art Association Student of the Month

Reed Tremblay

State President of RI Children of the American Revolution at Mt. Vernon

IMPORTANT MAY DATES!

May 10 – 4th Quarter Progress Reports

May 16 – Early Release Thursday

May 27 – Memorial Day/No School

The 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 Calendars are available at

<https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/school-calendar>

Thank you!

Greg Kenney

Donation of Large Roller for Use on Athletic Fields

Robert Spencer

Donation of Gateway Desktop, Wireless Keyboard and 20" Monitor

Greenlove Foundation

Donation of ELKAY Water Bottle Filling Station to Hope Valley School

RI Builders Association

Donation of Flowering Plants to Hope Valley School

Skills USA Winners

Contest	Place	Name	Medal
Employment Application Process	1st Place	Meagan Butler	Gold
Criminal Justice	1st Place	Luke Mead	Gold
Welding	1st Place	Dylan Cabral	Gold
Welding Sculpture	1st Place	Luke Bouchard	Gold
Job Interview	1st Place	Madison Berlam	Gold
Crime Scene Investigation	1st Place	Kody Gordon, Nathaniel Pepler, Zachary Jesuino	Gold
RI State Pin Design	1st Place	Grace Bueno	Gold
Marine Service Technology	2nd Place	Colby James Elwell	Silver
Employment Application Process	2nd Place	Nickolas Williams	Silver
First Aid-CPR	2nd Place	Claudia Nelson	Silver
Job Skill Demonstration Open	2nd Place	Kiley Cook	Silver
Architectural Drafting	2nd Place	Henrique Raposo	Silver
Criminal Justice	2nd Place	Alyssa Kinney	Silver
Welding	2nd Place	Andrew DiFormato	Silver
Welding Sculpture	2nd Place	Lincoln Chagnon	Silver
Early Childhood Education	2nd Place	Lilah McDonough	Silver
Commercial Baking	2nd Place	Marisa Boss	Silver
Automotive Service Technology	2nd Place	Samuel Lee	Silver
Health Knowledge Bowl	2nd Place	Gina Scala, Maria Scala, Rose-Malak Salem, Abigail Feight	Silver

Employment Application Process	3rd Place	Emma Calhoun	Bronze
Information Technology Services	3rd Place	Mark Wightman	Bronze
First Aid-CPR	3rd Place	Taryn Opalka	Bronze
Customer Service	3rd Place	Meghan Reilly	Bronze
Job Skill Demonstration Open	3rd Place	Grace Wicklund	Bronze
Architectural Drafting	3rd Place	Zachary Snow	Bronze
Related Technical Math	3rd Place	Joshua Benros	Bronze
Medical Terminology	3rd Place	Jasmine Skalin	Bronze
TeamWorks	3rd Place	Ryan Robalewski, Zachary Milller, Nicholas Franco & Matthew Palmer	Bronze
Nail Care	3rd Place	Conner Pierce, Model Celine Brodeur	Bronze
Crime Scene Investigation	3rd Place	Sydney Anderson, John Narvaez, Shelby Bawden	Bronze