As a school district, we are committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students, visitors, educators and administrators.

To do this, we believe community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, mental health & wellness professionals and elected officials will be necessary.

**Chariho is pleased to announce the district-wide launch of the “Say Something Anonymous Reporting System” (SS-ARS) on November 18, 2019.** This program teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and Say Something to a trusted adult OR use its anonymous reporting system.

Specifically, the program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR
- Report it anonymously through the SS-ARS 24/7 Crisis Center, mobile app, or website
- Respond to and manage the submitted tip via multi-disciplinary educator and administrator teams
- Sustain the curriculum and awareness via student clubs, in-school activities and call-to-action weeks

Our students often are aware of the problems their peers are facing, so we must empower them to know the danger signs and give them the tools to help each other with the assistance of trained and caring adults. As you know, most conversations...
are taking place on social media, therefore it is critical that we teach our students to be looking out for one another as these digital conversations are taking place. SS-ARS teaches them what to look for in text, video and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student.

Please click here to learn more about the SS-ARS program:

The SS-ARS program is being provided through Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a nation-wide non-profit organization. SHP’s programs are in 50 states – with 7,000+ schools and over 3.5 million students and adults trained. They have a track record, reputation, and knowledge of how to work effectively with kids, parents, and teachers to improve school safety and culture. The program is age-appropriate and research-based. They also have funding to provide and sustain the program at NO COST to the district. To date, SS-ARS and other SHP prevention programs have helped stop multiple school shootings, suicides, and gun threats; reduce bullying, and cyberbullying, cutting, drug use, racial conflicts, and other violent and victimization acts. We know this program will have a positive impact on the culture our district. A Parent Night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, from 6-7PM, in the High School Library.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 364-1175 or email me at Barry.Ricci@chariho.k12.ri.us.

RICAS scores are now available here. Individual student reports were sent home on October 25th. Generally, we saw modest to strong gains in RICAS scores at most schools, including growth, with all results well above the state level. We do, however, question the reliability of Middle School results as there were significant technology issues during testing. Now, the hard work of analysis and instructional adjustment begins. We will, without a doubt "stay the course" and keep the emphasis on high and rigorous expectations, where the emphasis should be. Compared to Massachusetts (MCAS), Chariho’s RICAS ELA scores are higher but are slightly lower in Mathematics. Compared to other K-12 RI public school districts, Chariho ranked #9 in mathematics and #7 in English Language Arts.

Take care.
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 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.

A FREE SafeStop bus tracking app is available to parents and students. It is available at SafeStopapp.com. Speaking of buses, at its next meeting, the School Committee will discuss the worrisome issue of drivers that pass buses, even with flashing red lights on. Here’s the law.

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

All official announcements from the District are made on the official @CharihoRegional Twitter account. Please follow me. This is the only official Chariho Twitter account.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES!

November 1 – Secondary Grading Period Ends (1st quarter)
November 4 – Winter Sports Meeting – CMS Auditorium – 7:00 PM
November 8 – No School for Students – PD for Teachers
November 11 – Veterans’ Day – No School
November 14 – Early Release Day
November 27-29 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School

The complete 2019-2020 calendar is available here.

THANK YOU!

Michael & Shannon St. Louis
Donation of Six Backpacks Filled with School Supplies for Middle and High School Students

Anonymous Donor
Donation of $150 to School Store at Chariho Alternative Learning Academy

Charriho Youth Task Force
Donation of NARCAN for Use by Elementary School Nurse Teachers

Progeny Systems
Donation of Binders, Hanging Files, White-Out Tape

Murat Dymov
Donation of Two Auto Racing Helmets to Automotive Program

CONGRATULATIONS!

Hope Valley School
Principal Giuseppe Gencarelli Receives Grant to Champion Creativity in Schools

Repurposed Fashion & Design Workshop
After School Program of the Year Award

Nicole Carnevale
Hotel & Tourism Management Student of the Year

THANK YOU!

Arnold Lumber, West Kingston, RI Donation of a large assortment of hardware, valued at @ $3,750, to the CTC Construction Technology Program.

Kenneth Mitchell
Donation of Two Caps and Gowns