January 2020

The following newsletter was written by Superintendent Ricci last month. Superintendent Barry J. Ricci passed away on December 23, 2019. As stated in his 2019 “Year in Review” for the Westerly Sun, “Our improvement work will never be done. It will, however, be guided and informed by a commitment to high expectations, along with credible and reliable systems of student support.” The strong Chariho Regional School District Community Superintendent Ricci built will honor him by continuing the work he dedicated his life to.

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES!
January 1: New Year’s Day - No School
January 9: Early Release Thursday
January 20: Martin Luther King Day - No School

CONGRATULATIONS!

All-State Chorus
John Boger          Grade 9         Junior All State Chorus
Masie Datsun            Grade 9           Junior All State Chorus
Melanie Boger         Grade 12          Senior All State Chorus
Catherine Fugere  Grade 12           Senior All State Chorus
Brynn McCarthy    Grade 11            Senior All State Chorus

High School athletes Sullivan Cummins and Spencer Shiels, nominated for RIIL Student-Athletes of the month for Chariho.

Awarded Post-Season Awards: High School Boys’ Cross Country – Sullivan Cummins (2nd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Southern Division); Simon Manlove (2nd Team All-Class B, 2nd Team All-Southern Division, Academic All-State); CJ Elwell (2nd Team All-Class B, 2nd Team All-Southern Division); Dan Nimiroski (3rd Team All-Class B, 2nd Team All-Southern Division, Academic All-State); Joe Golas (2nd Team All-Class B, 3rd Team All-Southern Division), Sam Steere (3rd Team All-Class B, 3rd team All-Southern Division); Finn Weeden (3rd Team All-Southern Division); Luke Gillett (Coach’s Award); Kyle Merritt, Matt Power, Josh Smithey (Academic All-State)

CharihoTECH Culinary Program
Winners of the Ocean House Gingerbread House Competition

News Worth Knowing...

Charlestown Elementary School
2019 Blue Ribbon School
RANKED as 5-STAR SCHOOL

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
RANKED as 4-STAR SCHOOL

Thank You!
Donation from Ryan Saunders, Chorus of Westerly, of the George Kent Performance Hall to the CHS Chorus for their benefit concert in memory of Sylvia Overend and Dave DeAngelis.
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 continue to be made on the official @CharihoRegional Twitter account. This is the ONLY official Chariho Twitter account. Please follow us.

**Volunteers** are needed to develop a new five-year capital plan in accord with and to meet the intent of the RIDE School Construction Regulations. The School Committee has formed a Five-Year Capital Plan Building Committee to develop a new 5-year Capital Plan for the District. If you are a community member with engineering, architectural or construction experience, please let me know of your interest in participating by contacting me at barry.ricci@chariho.k12.ri.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.

We will be hosting a small number of Chinese students as part of a high school exchange program from January 27th thru Feb.3rd. If you have interest in being a host family for teachers and/or students, please contact Principal Craig MacKenzie at Craig.mackenzie@chariho.k12.ri.us.

The Chariho School Committee has approved the construction of the Maddie Potts Memorial Field House. See information on the next page.

Take care. Happy New Year.
Matching for Maddie

The Path to the Maddie Potts Memorial Field House

Have a brick engraved for the front of the new Field House. Honor family, friends, loved ones, pets, an organization, favorite cause, or in memoriam of a special person. Choose a favorite saying or poem or sponsor a brick.

Help us Raise funds to match Competitive Grant of $50,000 for Field House construction beginning on

April 11, 2020

4 x 8 (Student) engraved up to 3 lines - $50
4 x 8 engraved up to 3 lines - $100
8 x 8 engraved up to 5 lines - $200
8 x 13 engraved up to 6 lines - $300

To purchase a brick, please go:
www.maddiepottsfoundation.org or Email:
matchingformaddie@gmail.com