Our Annual Report is now digital, and was distributed on August 21st. If you didn’t receive one or if you prefer a paper copy, please reach out to Report author Donna.sieczkiewicz @chariho.k12.ri.us.

If you have not done so already, please register for transportation for 2019-2020 here. We construct our bus routes for those who need transportation, not for all who are eligible. You may change your mind in the future. If you need assistance, please call Kerri at 364-7575.

Our Summer Advance is in the books. The Advance is a four-day learning and planning event for the leadership team of the District. I call it an Advance, as opposed to a retreat, because of the ‘looking forward’ nature of the event. We studied the best districts and countries in the world and tried to apply lessons learned from those districts.

Advanced Placement exam pass-rates continue to rise. Even with more test takers, 78% of our students scored a 3 or better. I appreciate the effort to serve all students and to promote college-like experiences.

All students will receive training about two significant policy changes, which especially apply at the middle and high school levels. Cell phones will only be allowed in instructional spaces with teacher permission. Also, a social suspension (exclusion for 30 days from participation in or attendance at all extracurricular events and athletics) and mandatory attendance at a Prevention Retreat will be required when there is a substance abuse violations. Here’s the policy.

Partnering with the Sandy Hook Foundation, we will implement a Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. Details will be shared early in the school year with students, parents/guardians, and staff.

Take care. Have a great start to the new school year!
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](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa).

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/parents_resources/chariho_mentoring_program).

With the use of federal funds, we have developed and the School Committee has approved a student mentor program. We will be ready to implement in October. 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 complete 2019-2020 calendar is available [here](https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/parents_resources/chariho_mentoring_program).

**IMPORTANT AUGUST & SEPTEMBER DATES!**

August 26 & 27: New Teacher Orientation (No School for Students)
August 28 & 29: Teacher Professional Learning Days (No School for Students)
August 30: Opening Convocation/Staff Orientation Day (No School for Students)
September 2: Labor Day (Schools Closed)
September 3: First Day for Students
September 19: Early Release Day

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Postseason Awards: High School Baseball – Cam Anderson (Division I-South 1st Team)
High School Boys’ Track – Tim Champlin (All-Southern Division 2nd team in the 800 and Class A 3rd Team in the 1,500); Finn Weedon (All-Southern Division 2nd Team in the 3,000); Kyle Merritt (All-Southern Division 2nd Team in pole vault); James Penhallow (All-Southern Division 3rd Team in the 1,500); Matt Dickerman, John Tripodi, Tim Champlin, James Penhallow (Class A 3rd Team 4x400 Relay).

High School Girls’ Track – Abby Cole (2nd Team in both Class A and Southern Division in the 3,000); Margaret Weedon (Class A 2nd Team and Southern Division 3rd Team in the high jump); Anna LaCroix (Southern Division 2nd Team in the 1,500).

High School Baseball Team - Sportsmanship Award from the State Coach’s Association.

**THANK YOU!**

Former Charlestown School Committee Member Stephen Huzyk for his years of service to the Chariho School Committee.