



From your Superintendent...

I'm pleased to announce, via a partnership with CCRI, that our students may earn enough college credits by taking Advanced Placement courses, to complete their first year at CCRI while attending Chariho Regional High School/CHARIHotech. With the School Committee's decision to reimburse families for AP exam fees when a student scores 3 or better, the first year at CCRI is free! Better yet, the student enters CCRI as a sophomore. Interested students should contact their school counselor.

Beginning October 1st, a new visitor management system, designed to improve school security, will be implemented in all schools. Upon arrival, visitors will be asked for a license which will be scanned to check against a national data base of sex offenders. This will apply to all visitors, including vendors. When cleared for entry, a visitor pass with photo will be issued. The license or car keys will be held in the office until the visitor pass is returned. Please bear with us as our staff becomes familiar with these new procedures.

Occasionally, I will be highlighting ways in which we deliver a message of 'high expectations' to our students. I believe that the establishment of high expectations for student work and conduct is the fix that public education so badly needs. At the secondary level, an automated phone call is made to parents/guardians when students fail to submit an assignment (other than homework). Until that assignment is submitted, the privilege to participate in extra-curricular activities or to park on the Chariho campus is withdrawn.

We have issued a Request for Proposals to install mini-split air conditioning units in our classrooms, starting at Ashaway and Hope Valley Elementary Schools. This is part of the information-gathering process and will hopefully become a mechanism by which we improve air quality in all of our schools. If you have specific knowledge of these systems and have some time to spare, I would appreciate some assistance.

Take care.

News Worth Knowing...



2016 & 2018

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We have received a commitment from RI Student Assistance Services (RISAS) to assist with funding Student Assistance Counselors at the Middle School and High School. The School Committee will be asked to approve a three-year agreement at a future meeting. Student Assistance Counselors provide prevention and counseling services related to substance abuse.

More News Worth Knowing...

Requests for a **parent-teacher conference** may be made at any time. You will receive a response within one school day; a meeting will be scheduled within five school days. Schools will no longer be closed for conferences.

On a student's **18th birthday** all of the rights of the parent are automatically transferred to the student. Parents and guardians may provide the High School principal with income tax returns showing the child as a dependent. (Redact financial information, please.) This will prevent the automatic transfer of rights to the student.

On recent **AP exams**, 75% of our students scored a 3 or better, even with significantly more test-takers and exams. Our average pass rate over the last four years was 57%. The statewide 2018 pass rate was 58%. In 2019, the School Committee will reimburse the cost of exam fees when a student scores 3 or better on an exam.

Student parking on the Chariho campus is back to 'normal'. The student parking policy will be strictly enforced. Vehicles driven by students must display a parking permit. Students interested in parking on the campus should be familiar with <https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/sites/default/files/policy/parking.pdf>.

As of Wednesday, September 26, the use of **bottled water** at Charlestown Elementary School has been discontinued.

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 student internships, please contact Director Gerry Auth at Gerald.Auth@chariho.k12.ri.us.

Yes, we accept **donations**, which may be directed to specific programs or schools. A letter offering the donation must be sent to me at Barry.Ricci@chariho.k12.ri.us. The donation is then accepted by the School Committee, with written notification to the donor. We acknowledge donations in this newsletter (see below) and in our Annual Report. We also honor requests for anonymity.

Congratulations!

Andrew Devereaux
2018 State Baseball Coach of the Year

Lt. Robert Wild, Denise Hall, Jill Keating, Sandy Cook,
Amanda Palmer, Gail Chacon, Stacey King, Lori
Bouchard, Dianne Devereaux
Distinguished Educators

Alex Woodbury
Commendation for Outstanding Performance on the
Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying
Test in 2017

Thank you!

Robert and Virginia Cardozo
Donation of 2006 Nissan Sentra to CHARIHOTECH Auto
Program

Business From Fellowship RI
Donation of \$200 in School Supplies to Students at
Charlestown and Richmond Elementary Schools

IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES!

October 5 – Secondary Progress Reports
October 8 – Columbus Day: No School
October 18 – Early Release Thursday
October 19 – Elementary Progress Reports

The 2018-2019 Calendar is available at
https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/sites/default/files/2018-19_school_calendar.pdf

