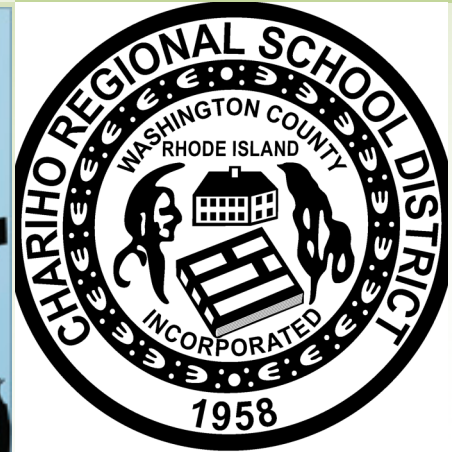


# Chariho Regional School District

June 2017  
E-Update



## *From your Superintendent...*

Graduation ceremonies will be held for the Class of 2017 on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Ryan Center on the campus of the University of Rhode Island. All members of the community are invited to attend. No tickets are required. All who plan to attend should leave plenty of time for travel.

We'll be selling student MacBook Air laptops for \$350.00 each. Seniors who are in possession of these devices will be given first choice to purchase their own laptop. Remaining devices will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis from July 10 – July 21 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am at the Maintenance/Technology Building behind the Middle School. Sale will be by cash or money order only and laptops will be sold in 'as is' condition, with no returns possible.

If you haven't already done so, please register for bus transportation at [www.chariho.k12.ri.us](http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us). The link is in the upper right hand corner of the homepage. Last year, 35% of eligible students did not make use of the buses. We want to streamline our transportation system and the registration of students is critical. Register today!

Did you know that the national graduation rate for students enrolled in quality career and technical programs is 93%, compared to 82% for those not enrolled? And, nearly 8 out of 10 students enrolled in a career and technical program plan to attend college. Real career and technical programs provide students with four years of career related instruction, an industry certificate, and, in most cases, an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. CHARIHOTech accepts students from all of South County, with tuition paid and transportation provided by the resident district. With only a few openings remaining, spread the word!

At the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chariho Better Health Forum, I learned more about the work of the Chariho Youth Task Force. Comprised of middle school, high school, and college level students, the Task Force is committed to "building a safer community through advocacy, education, and social awareness campaigns." New members are encouraged to register at [CharihoYouth.org](http://CharihoYouth.org).

Take care. Watch for the next update in August.

## *In the News...*



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Effective with the 2017-2018 school year, free sports physicals will no longer be provided. A comprehensive physical exam completed by a physician within thirteen (13) months of athletic participation will be required. Contact the Athletic Director at [Michael.Shiels@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:Michael.Shiels@chariho.k12.ri.us) for more information.

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Menu and nutritional information is now available from ARAMARK at <http://chariho.schooldish.com>. Contact ARAMARK at 552-7571 for employment opportunities.

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## High School Information Worth Remembering...

An **internship** experience is a great way to apply skills learned in the classroom or to explore career interests. Internships are credit-bearing and may be either paid or unpaid.

[Thomas.spadoni@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:Thomas.spadoni@chariho.k12.ri.us) is the person with whom to speak.

On a student's **18<sup>th</sup> 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.

High School students may choose to accelerate their studies by "**testing out**" of courses so that they may advance to the next sequential course. Information is on page ten of the Program of Studies. It's important that students consult with their counselor and any college of interest before making this decision. Our new graduation policy allows students to design their own **personalized pathway**. While we offer a number of formal options, such as accounting, culinary arts and marketing, it would be impossible to create every possible career pathway. School counselors can assist interested students.

High School students may choose to design their own course of study

through an **Independent Study Project**. These projects allow High School students in good academic standing to study areas of interest that are not offered through traditional courses at the High School. Contact [kelly.delacruz@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:kelly.delacruz@chariho.k12.ri.us).

Effective immediately and in accord with R.I. General Law 23-4.5-1, 17 year old students may **donate blood** without parent permission.

Commencement exercises for the Class of 2017 will be held on Friday, June 9 at 7:00 PM at the Ryan Center at the University of Rhode Island. Principal MacKenzie will communicate specific and detailed directions to graduating seniors. Everyone is invited to attend; no tickets are required. (If you plan to attend, arrive early as the traffic is a nightmare!)

## Congratulations!

High School Unified Basketball Team  
Division III State Champions

Emma Hughes  
Middle School Gandhi Essay Contest Finalist

Jackie Wnek and Ellen Hoxie  
Recipients of You Inspire Me! Award

Charlestown Elementary School  
Winner of April Energy Conservation Award

Culinary Arts Students  
Winners of the RI Seafood Cook-off

John Curran  
Recipient of Young Leaders Award

Alexa Kieltyka and Nathan Berry  
Honored as Middle Level Scholar Leaders

Martha Dion  
Recipient of WJAR Golden Apple Award

High School Baseball Team  
First Place – Division II

High School Boys' Lacrosse Team  
First Place – Division III

High School Girls' Outdoor Track Post Season Awards  
Natalie Keefe, Nicole Montague

High School Boys' Outdoor Track Post Season Awards  
Nate Shimkus, Evan O'Neil, Garrett Miller, Tim Champlin, Christian Sardelli, Kyle Keefe, Ed Golas, Joseph Penhallow

High School Baseball Post Season Awards  
Derek Shea, Will Beaudreau, Dan Labelle, Sean Sposato, Mason Lamont

High School Girls' Outdoor Track Post Season Award  
Elizabeth LaCroix

High School Girls' Lacrosse Post Season Awards  
Maddie Potts, Ally Bobbin, Mollie Dyer, Haley Dyer, Alexandria Williams, Maura Beaudreau, Maeve Anderson, Molly Beaudreau

## IMPORTANT JUNE DATES!

June 9  
Graduation

June 20  
Final Day of School

The 2016-2017 Calendar is available at [http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/sites/default/files/2016-17\\_chariho\\_school\\_calendar.pdf](http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/sites/default/files/2016-17_chariho_school_calendar.pdf).

The 2017-2018 Calendar is available at <https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/sites/default/files/2017-18charihoschoolcalendar.pdf>.