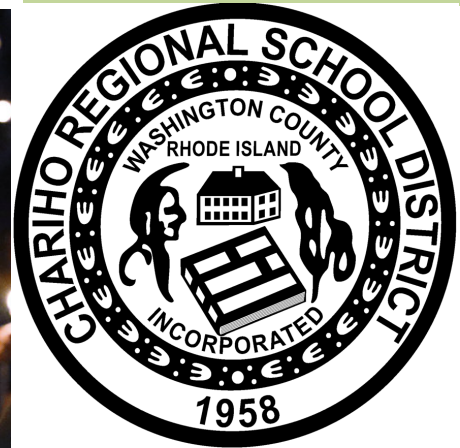


Chariho Regional School District



March 2018
E-Update



From your Superintendent...

The horrific and tragic event of Wednesday, February 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, during which seventeen persons, mostly students, were killed by a former student has again raised serious concerns about school safety and security, access to firearms, and mental health services. Something, however, seems different this time.

I have received a number of questions about our security procedures. For obvious reasons, I will not publicly disclose our protocols, but I will tell you that all our buildings have been the subject of a security assessment, that all of our schools have crisis plans, that we practice safety protocols, and that we have made investments in school security. Further, the provision of mental health services is now more effective in that those students with the greatest need are most intensively serviced. Our excellent relationship with the local police departments and the state police result in a timely exchange of information and our student discipline policies require referral to the police for serious violations. That said, I welcome further suggestions. If you see something, please say something!

What's different? I sense a movement by high school students to address the issue of student safety at school. Organized, student voice can be very powerful. I hope that our own students will take the time to research and understand these complex issues, to listen to varying viewpoints, and come to understand the power of their own voice.

On another note, we continue to move forward with the fiscal year 2019 budget, with a public hearing scheduled for March 6 at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Auditorium. The total impact on the member towns, which includes new debt service on the Chariho Alternative Learning Academy, stands at 1.59%. To conduct the hearing, twenty-five voters per town must attend.

I hope to see you at ARTESSY on March 16th and 17th. Take care.



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Include your voice in the budget development process!

Regional Meeting/Public Hearing on Budget

March 6-7:30 PM-Middle School Auditorium

Adoption of Budget

March 13-7:00 PM-School Committee Meeting

Budget Referendum

April 10-8:00 AM to 8:00 PM-Town Halls

<https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/budget>

What's new?

We're actively seeking additional internship placements, paid or unpaid, for our students. Internships provide high school juniors and seniors with an opportunity to practice what they are learning in the classroom and/or to explore career interests. If you are the decision-maker of a business or agency, please express your interest to Ryan.Northup@chariho.k12.ri.us.

Early decision letters have been sent to those students who have applied to career and technical programs for next year. As of February 16th, applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. We have vacancies in several programs and have established a waiting list in many others. For more information, please contact Gerald.Auth@chariho.k12.ri.us.

ARTESSY will be held on March 16th and 17th! This event showcases

the arts, in their many forms. Each year, new interactive activities are added. Watch the Hot News section of the Chariho website for more information.

Kindergarten registration is scheduled for March 13th and 15th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at all of the elementary schools. Please bring a locator card (from Town Hall), immunization records and a birth certificate. We have a surprise for the Class of 2031!

Congratulations!

Andrew Lindelow

Winner of District Spelling Bee

High School Wrestling Team

Winners of Division I South Title

High School JV Wrestling Team

Winners of JV State Title

Gary Gardiner

Winner of State Wrestling Title

Alexandra Nelson

Winner of State Wrestling Title; Most Outstanding Wrestler of State Tournament

Andrew Ackroyd, Chloe Shilale

Short Stories to be Published in Write RI Anthology

Craig MacKenzie

RI Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Administrator of the Year Award

Michael Shiels

RI Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Athletic Director of the Year Award

Sports Boosters President Michael Kirby

RI Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Sister Charlene Award

Jasmine Learner

Winner of Poetry Out Loud School Competition

Hannah Benavides

Winner of Breaststroke and Individual Medley; Named Freshman Swimmer of the Meet/Bay View Invitational

Matt Stanley

State Swimming Titleist in 200 Yard Individual Medley and 100 Yard Breaststroke-Qualifies as All American

Tommy Wrzesien and Ben Dougherty

Winners of State Wrestling Titles

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES!

March 13 & 15 – Kindergarten Registration

March 15 – Early Release Day

March 16 & 17 - ARTESSY

March 30 – Good Friday – No School

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

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

THANK YOU!

Douglas Boisclair

Donation of Starcaster Drum Set to Middle School Band

American Partners

Donation of Office Furniture and Technology to District