

Thank You for Supporting Our Schools!



From your Superintendent...

On behalf of our students, please accept my thanks for your support of our budget. With the knowledge that this was a challenging fiscal plan, I am all the more grateful. I understand the enormous responsibility that we have to spend wisely and to operate efficiently.

While we have a budget, our fiscal struggles are not over. Thanks to our legislators and to those from other regional school districts, bills have been submitted to restore and permanently fund both the regional bonus and transportation categorical aid. If we are not successful, we will need to identify reductions in the amount of \$185,000.

The Chariho Sports' Boosters have announced a capital campaign to raise funds for a new main field concession stand, to include bathroom facilities. While the last estimate for this facility was \$200,000, we hope to take steps to reduce this cost. For example, students in our construction technology program may erect the roof. Please contact Boosters' President Mike Kirby at mkirby2@cox.net or Athletic Director Mike Shiels at Michael.Shiels@chariho.k12.ri.us if you are interested in assisting with fundraising for this project.

Please be watching the mail for a letter describing how to register for transportation services for next year. We'll be constructing our bus routes for those students who need transportation, as opposed to constructing them for all students. Remember, no decision is final. Changes can be made at any time. If you want to get a head start, go to Transportation Registration under Latest Information at www.chariho.k12.ri.us.

The most recent KIDS COUNT Policy Brief is focused on physical activity in Rhode Island's schools. Working closely with the Health and Wellness Subcommittee, we have added intramural activities at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; doubled physical education time and added physical education electives at the High School; and increased recess time through grade six. Our newly revised Nutrition and Physical Activity policy can be found here:

https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/sites/default/files/policy/nutrition_and_physical_activity2.pdf.

Take care.

In the News...



2016

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 for more information.

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

Follow us on Twitter @CharihoRegional!

**NEW PUBLIC HOURS!
SOUTH COUNTY ROOM
CHARIHotech STUDENT-RUN
RESTAURANT**

**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY
11:30 – 1:00**

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 is the person with whom to speak.

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.

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.

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!

Nate Shimkus
2ND Team All-State/Track & Field

SkillsUSA RI Medalists

Nick Griffin-Silver (Automotive Service Technology); Renee Sherman-Gold and Stephanie Shawn-Bronze (Cosmetology); Isla Magnusen & Melissa Morrill-Gold and Tabetha Holm & Kennedy Davis-Silver (Esthetics); Olivia Pellegrino, Joseph Penhallow & Nicholas Edwards-Gold and Molly Beaudreau, Haley Dyer & Rachel Boyle-Silver (Crime Scene Investigation); Drew Anderson-Gold, Katelynn Tefft-Silver and Tyler Nutting-Bronze (Criminal Justice); Samuel Lake-Gold and Tyler Upton-Bronze (Architectural Drafting); Jordan Beason & Hunter Claudio-Gold (Mobile Robotics); Kevin Yeaw-Silver (Health Occupations Portfolio); Benjamin Feeney-Silver and Nathaniel Shimkus-Bronze (Related Technical Math); Matthew Sweisford-Gold and Quentin Lake-Silver (HVAC); Arianna Angilly-Gold and Joel Desrosier-Silver (Culinary Arts); Jessica LaFreniere-Bronze (CPR First Aid); Wyatt Petrichko-Silver (IT Services); Caleb Orabone-Bronze (Technical Computer Applications); Mitchell Morin-Bronze (Job Skills Demo Open); Matthew Jeffries-Gold and Aiden Parman-Bronze (Marine Service Technology);

Samantha Joslin-Gold (Photography)

William Scott Lovewell and Morgan Allen
RI Geography Bee – District Winners

Colby Boisclair
Honorable Mention – RI Duck Stamp Competition

Anna Tarasuk
Her original play, *The Story of the Night Sky*, will be presented by Trinity Repertory Company

RI Future Farmers of America Winners
Dana Crandall-1st Place and Tori Johnson-2nd Place (Job Interview Career Development Event); Carly Gordon-1st Place and Jordynn Cahoon-2nd Place (Prepared Public Speaking CDE); Cristina LaPaglia-1st Place (Extemporaneous Speaking CDE); Corey Pierce-1st Place and Marco Bonano-2nd Place (Demonstration Contest); Jordynn Cahoon-2nd Place (Illustrated Talk Contest); Zachary Oneschuk, Cristina LaPaglia and Carly Gordon (RI FFA State Degree Award); Corey Pierce, Dana Crandall and Cristina LaPaglia (RI FFA Alumni Grants); Carly Gordon (RI Star State Farmer)

RI Future Farmers of America State Officers
Carly Gordon – President and Cristina LaPaglia – Vice President

IMPORTANT MAY DATES!

May 12 – Secondary 4th Quarter Progress Reports

May 18 – Early Release Thursday

May 29 – Memorial Day/ No School

The 2016-2017 Calendar is available at 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>.

THANK YOU!

James Thompson Native Lumber, Inc.

Donation of Mulch to Chariho Chapter of Future Farmers of America

Judith Ray

Donation of 2005 Ford Focus to Automotive Program

Asa and Ellen Hoxie

Generous Donation Toward Purchase of High School Band Uniforms

The Final Word...

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. I'm not a big fan of special weeks because they relieve us from paying attention every day. However, they do serve a purpose for those of us who don't say 'thank you' often enough.

We are blessed with enormously talented and skilled educators, who are passionate about their work and profession. Each day, I think about how fortunate our students are to receive instruction and care from these individuals. On behalf of our students and the entire school community, thank you to each and every educator of the Chariho Regional School District. You are appreciated in more ways than you can imagine.