

Chariho Regional School District

November 2017
E-Update



From your Superintendent...

I'm pleased to welcome Mr. Gerald Auth as the new Director of the Chariho Area Career and Technical Center (CHARIHotech). Gerry, a Westerly resident, formerly served as the Director of the Cranston Area Career and Technical Center. Bringing tremendous energy and enthusiasm to the position, Gerry's passion for high quality career and technical education will lead to even better programming for our students.

Also, Ms. Jeanne Ross has been appointed as the new Director of Alternative Programs (R.Y.S.E. School, soon to be Chariho Alternative Learning Academy). She has twice served as Interim Dean and has a strong background in special education. Ms. Ross will bring a deep desire to impact root causes of poor student performance through her comprehensive understanding of collaborative and proactive solutions.

We were notified on September 29th that the Chariho Regional High School Business Pathways in Marketing and Accounting/Finance have achieved certification by the National Academy Foundation. NAF conducted an in-depth review of our RIDE-approved pathways. Further information about NAF may be found at www.naf.org.

The School Committee has approved a resolution calling for a uniform school calendar among Washington County school districts. If approved by the other districts, all districts will start the school year on the Tuesday after Labor Day, will close on the Friday before Presidents' Day, will be open during the traditional February vacation, and will be closed during the traditional April vacation. Chariho will officially adopt a calendar for 2018-2019 after the start of the new year.

I couldn't be prouder that four of our six schools were rated as "Commended" by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Chariho High School/Career and Technical Center, Charlestown School, Hope Valley School, and Richmond School received this designation, which is the highest possible. (Chariho Middle School and Ashaway School also came close to achieving this ranking.) In addition, the Chariho elementary schools were the top K-12 public school district in the state in science achievement, with the district as a whole, at #3 in Rhode Island.

Take care.



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CHARIHotech Dining Room Open to Public

EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
11:15 AM

EXCITING NEW MENU
FROM-SCRATCH SPECIALS

FREE DESSERT WITH EVERY
MEAL THROUGH
THANKSGIVING

USED MacBook Pro

Laptops

\$350.00

Call 364-1163

October 30-November 22

What's new?

The final flu clinic will be held at Ashaway School on November 7th from 4:00-6:30. Complete information, including a consent form, may be found at www.chariho.k12.ri.us.

The College Planning Center of Rhode Island is hosting a series of FAFSA Completion Nights. Completing the FAFSA is the first step in securing financing for a college education. The closest workshops are being held at North Kingstown High

School on November 1 and at Coventry High School on November 8. Both sessions begin at 6:00 PM. Information is available at www.RISLA.com.

Parents/Guardians are asked to let us know if they are on active military duty. Please communicate this information to Dorothy.Fitzgerald@chariho.k12.ri.us. This is a new reporting requirement from the Rhode Island Department of Education.

This year's seniors may contact their school counselor to express interest in our new INCubator program. Information

about the program is available at www.chariho.k12.ri.us. The program will run during the second semester.

Senior citizens are invited to a Culinary Arts Thanksgiving Dinner on November 15 at 11 AM. Call 552-7567 to reserve a seat.

Our Annual Harvest Food Drive begins in all schools on November 1st. All donated nonperishable foods and canned goods are provided to local food banks, shelters, and/or Chariho families. The Drive runs through November 17th.

Congratulations!

Kristen Anderson & Bryan Lucas
Employees of the Month

High School Boys' Cross Country Team
2nd Place at Manhattan Cross Country Invite
1st Place at East Bay Challenge
Class B Champions

Open Forum with the Superintendent of Schools

Ask Questions...Get Answers...Give Feedback

Charlestown Town Hall – October 26
Richmond Town Hall – November 6
Hopkinton Town Hall – November 9

All forums begin at 6:00 PM.

IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES!

November 10 – Veteran's Day – No School
November 16 – Early Release Day
November 23 & November 24 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School

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

THANK YOU!

Westerly Wal-Mart Supercenter
Donation of Luminaria Bags, Candles, and Sand for Maddie Potts Vigil

Special Education Advisory Committee
Donation of up to \$800 or more for Planter in Front of New Chariho Alternate Learning Academy

Lori Bouchard
Donation of Brother GX-6750 Electronic Typewriter

Eric Norberg, Girls High School and Middle School Soccer Teams, Friends of the Potts Family, and Others
Donation of Stone Bench in Memory of Maddie Potts