

# Chariho Regional School District



September 2017  
E-Update



## *From your Superintendent...*

I wish everyone the greatest of starts to the new school year. We are indeed honored to serve the students of Charlestown, Richmond, and Hopkinton, along with students from neighboring communities, in a district focused on and committed to excellence.

Speaking of excellence, I was privileged to recognize Dr. Cathy Moffitt, our 2018 Chariho Educator of the Year, and Norma Cote, our 2018 Educational Support Professional of the Year, during our Opening Convocation. They represent all educators and support professionals committed to high quality public education.

I used the graphic above during my opening-of-school presentation to faculty and staff on August 25<sup>th</sup>. While reminding all of how far we've come as a district, I indicated that much of our success was due to meeting challenges with 'big thinking', with a growth and improvement mindset. Among our next set of educational challenges is to be more effective and efficient in responding to students with social and emotional needs. Many thanks to all who worked on our support plan.

With the implementation of a transportation system based upon need, we were able to remove two buses from our system. There will be some adjustments necessary during the first week of school until things settle. Please be patient with us. All inquiries during the first two days of school regarding transportation registration should be directed to Nancy Pirnie at 364-1150.

Construction has started on the new Chariho Alternative Learning Academy (The RYSE School). As a result, parking will be very difficult on the Chariho campus. Importantly, there will be no access around the back of the Middle School. Your understanding is appreciated.

PARCC scores were received this week. While there is still a great deal of data analysis necessary, I am pleased to tell you that we ranked #2 in RI in English Language Arts and #5 in RI in Mathematics among K-12 school districts.

Take care.

## *In the News...*



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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.

Follow us on Twitter @CharihoRegional!

## *From community groups...*

The largest fundraising event for the Community 2000 Education Foundation is their Annual Golf Tournament. Everyone is welcome to participate or donate! Information is available at [http://www.community2000.org/Golf\\_Tournament.html](http://www.community2000.org/Golf_Tournament.html)

The Friends of Hopkinton Land Trust are sponsoring a free event, Music in the Valley, at 4:00 PM on September 9th at Depot Square Park. The Marching Milkmen and The Barley Hoppers will perform. Contact Christine Anderson at [chrisanderson@verizon.net](mailto:chrisanderson@verizon.net) for more information.

## What's new?

The School Committee seeks a volunteer Parent Liaison. The Liaison provides information to the community regarding School Committee actions, assists the parental community regarding policies and procedures, and presents the parental voice to the School Committee. If interested, contact [Barry.Ricci@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:Barry.Ricci@chariho.k12.ri.us).

Beginning in October, flu clinics will be held in all of the schools. Watch the next E-Update for specific dates and times.

The School Committee has established a School Calendar Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is taking a long-view of potential changes to the school calendar, in collaboration with our neighboring districts. Contact Chair [Catherine.Giusti@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:Catherine.Giusti@chariho.k12.ri.us) for more information.

and The R.Y.S.E. School have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby the Agency will bring its college and career preparation curriculum and other supports directly to our students.

Construction of the new Chariho Alternative Learning Academy (R.Y.S.E. School) has begun. Thank you for tolerating some parking inconvenience.

Tri-County Community Action Agency

## Congratulations!

Catherine Moffitt  
2018 Chariho Teacher of the Year

Norma Cote  
2018 Chariho Educational Support Professional of the Year

High School Boys' Volleyball Post-Season Awards  
Gabe Felicetti (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State), Shea Jackson (3d Team All Division, All-State Honorable Mention)

Matthew Stanley  
All America Interscholastic Swimming Team/Scholastic All American

John Labriola  
2016 RI Finalist-Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Kristina Sparfven  
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High School Boys' Lacrosse Team Post-Season Awards  
Zach Grassi (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division), Will Foley (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division & Championship Game MVP), Lucas Iacobbo (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division), Will Quinn (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Division)

Dave Petrocelli  
High School Softball Division I Coach of the Year

High School Softball Post-Season Awards  
Sarah Dias (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State), Jess Rego (3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-State), Lauren Rousseau (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Division), Kate Powers (3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Division), Caitlin O'Leary (3<sup>rd</sup> Team All-Division), Michaela Caparco (Honorable Mention)

## IMPORTANT AUGUST-SEPTEMBER DATES!

August 28 – First Day for Students

September 4 – Labor Day

September 21 – Early Release Day

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

## THANK YOU!

Our Kids Farm  
Donation of 40 Flats of Annuals to Chariho FFA

Edward Rose  
Donation of Miscellaneous Equipment for Advertising, Design and Digital Print Technology Program

Brandon Stamp  
Donation of Labor and Materials to Reconstruct High School Pitching Mound

Pete's Grocery  
Donation of Vegetable, Herb and Flower Seeds to FFA and Agriculture Program

Nancy Roth  
Donation of Funds to Subsidize Outstanding Lunch Balances at Charlestown School