

CALA students and staff construct an impressive gazebo at Ashaway Elementary



Lego Transformation Day at Ashaway Elementary School



Charlestown Elementary students viewing the eclipse



Chariho High School AP Literature students support Reading Week



Richmond Elementary students loving the fall leaves



Chariho Middle School STEM students build a structure on Outdoor Learning Day



CHARIHOTech participates in the Green Power Electric Car Challenge at Ninigret Park



Hope Valley students participating in Chalk It Up to Kindness Day



Chariho Regional School District

2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

All Kids. All of the Time.

CHILL Mentors and Mentees
celebrating at Ninigret Park



CTC Construction Technology and Electrical
Technology Students and Instructors
recognized for their involvement with the
construction of homes in Hopkinton for
Habitat for Humanity

Ag 101 Students begin their
training with chickens



WE ARE CHARIHO

Mission: The Chariho Regional School District ensures that all students meet high academic standards and are prepared for lifelong learning and productive global citizenship.



Vision: The District is recognized by the community as its greatest asset. With a commitment to continuous improvement, the District's highly-qualified staff engages with students in state-of-the-art facilities to master challenging content, to promote creativity, and to foster critical thinking.



Superintendent Gina Picard, Assistant Superintendent Michael Comella and Director of Administration & Finance Ned Draper accepting the US Dept of Education Green Ribbon Sustainability Award in Washington, DC. Chariho is the first District in RI to receive this award.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

ASHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

CHARLESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

HOPE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: PreK-and 1-4

RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADES: K-4

CHARIHO REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADES: 5-8

CHARIHO REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES: 9-12

CHARIHOTECH
GRADES: 9-12

CHARIHO ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY
GRADES: 5-12

ASHAWAY PROGRAM: GRADES 1-4



A Message from our Superintendent

"We have worked tirelessly to implement all initiatives for our district strategic plan, Vision 2026. We are confident this work will accelerate learning, focusing on student educational opportunities and wellness."

There is much to celebrate over this past year. We have worked tirelessly to implement all initiatives for our district strategic plan, Vision 2026. We are confident this work will accelerate learning, focusing on student educational opportunities and wellness.

Paige Leddy, a Richmond Elementary Educator, was selected as the RI Milken Elementary Educator of the Year. Paige is an excellent representative for our district and state. Paige is a fantastic educator and an asset to our Chariho community. We are thrilled that she received what educators call the "Oscars of Teaching." Paige attributed her award to all the fantastic educators that she works with and that her award was a team effort. In addition, Chariho Middle School Teacher Michelle Conary Brittain was named the 2023 Middle School STEAM Educator of the Year, and Chariho Alternative Learning Academy Teacher Adrienne Buckley was named 2023 RI Environmental Education Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Paige, Michelle, and Adrienne!

The 2024 US News & World Report ranked Chariho Regional High School in the Top 10 among all RI High Schools. Chariho High School's Advanced Placement (AP) exam performance is strong, with most students outperforming state and global data across many subject areas. Seventy-three percent of Chariho AP students earned a score of 3, meaning that a student has proven capable of doing similar work in an introductory-level college course.

CHARIHOTech's Construction Technology Program worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a home in the community again, and we will continue to partner with them to build another house this coming year. CHARIHOTech also has a newly recognized Visual Arts career and technical program and we have received a food truck through a RIDE grant to expand opportunities in our CTC programs!

Our newest Chariho Charger is our therapy dog in training, Hope. Hope is an Australian Labradoodle. The principal at Hope Valley Elementary, Mr. Gencarelli, is Hope's handler. Our students and staff are absolutely in love with our newest addition. Research has shown that school therapy dogs can reduce the stress hormone cortisol and boost academic focus. In the process, they relieve anxiety and heighten students' motivation to participate in learning activities. In a time of higher-than-normal anxiety, Hope has supported positivity and excitement across our district.

Ashaway Elementary School has received a 5-star rating, and Charlestown, Hope Valley, and Richmond Elementary schools are ranked as 4-star elementary

schools based on our State proficiency data. The district continues to grow strongly, with Richmond Elementary seeing the highest growth. RIDE has a special segment entitled "RICAS RockStars," which highlights the efforts of our students and staff at Richmond.

Our Health and Wellness Subcommittee worked diligently to revise our Health and Wellness policy to include language regarding mental health, outdoor learning, and farm-to-school opportunities. We are also in our second year partnering with the Chris Collins Foundation to train Peer Mentors at the middle and high school to support their peers and work on removing mental health stigmas.

We continue to enhance our work by exploring grant opportunities. We are continuing our work with Project AWARE this year, which is a multi-year \$1.2 million dollar grant. In 2024, we received numerous grants including a USDA [Project SCALES](#) grant, which will support increasing local foods in our school breakfasts and lunches. We also installed outdoor learning spaces and pollinator gardens across the District with our [Green Team](#) and our Learning Inside Out Grant.

We continue to review facility needs in our Capital Improvement Plan, which requires approximately \$30 million dollars for the entire district over the next five years to keep our schools safe, warm, and dry. For that reason, the district has done extensive facility reviews. We will continue to work on plans to upgrade our elementary school buildings while remaining fiscally responsible for all Chariho taxpayers.

Our Annual Report is designed to provide important information on policy, events, recognitions, and results. This report is used to showcase the fantastic accomplishments of our students and staff. Please feel free to reach out to me for any reason. I can be reached by phone at 401-364-7575 or by email at gina.picard@chariho.k12.ri.us. Remember to follow us on X @CharihoRegional, and for all updates and district information, you can visit our website at www.chariho.k12.ri.us.

A strong school district benefits everyone, as good schools positively impact property values and the local economy and prepare students to be productive and engaged community members! Our Chariho pride continues to grow every year.

Gina M. Picard

District Leadership



Best wishes to
Ned Draper

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Important Announcement!

Annual RI Background Checks are required of ALL Volunteers. Forms are available in all school offices, at the central administration building, and at the following [link](#).

The Chariho Regional School District Committee



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Karen Reynolds, Vice-Chair



Donna Chambers



Tyler Champlin



Kathryn Colasante



Polly Hopkins



Craig Louzon



Linda Lyall



Andrew McQuaide



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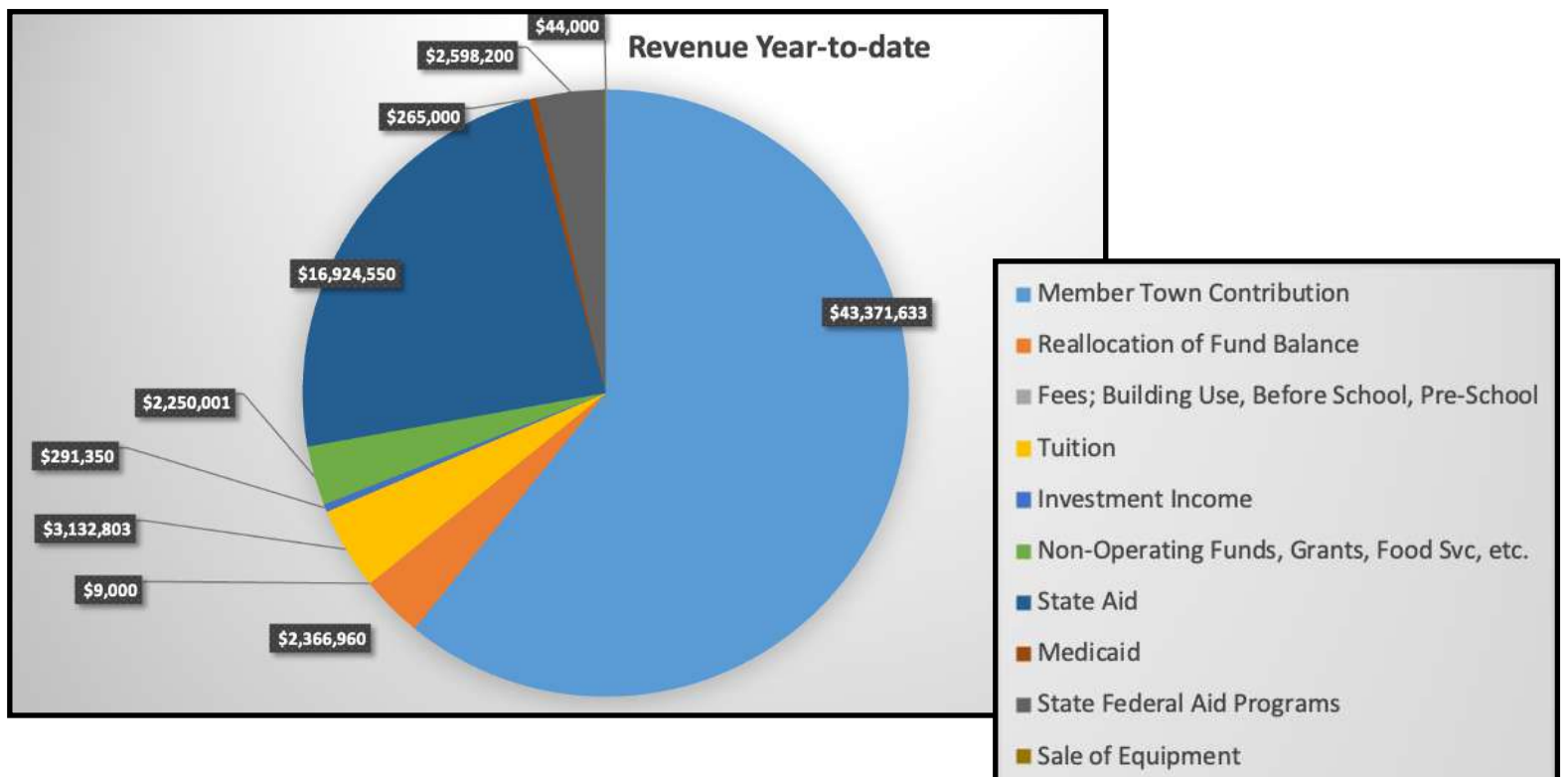
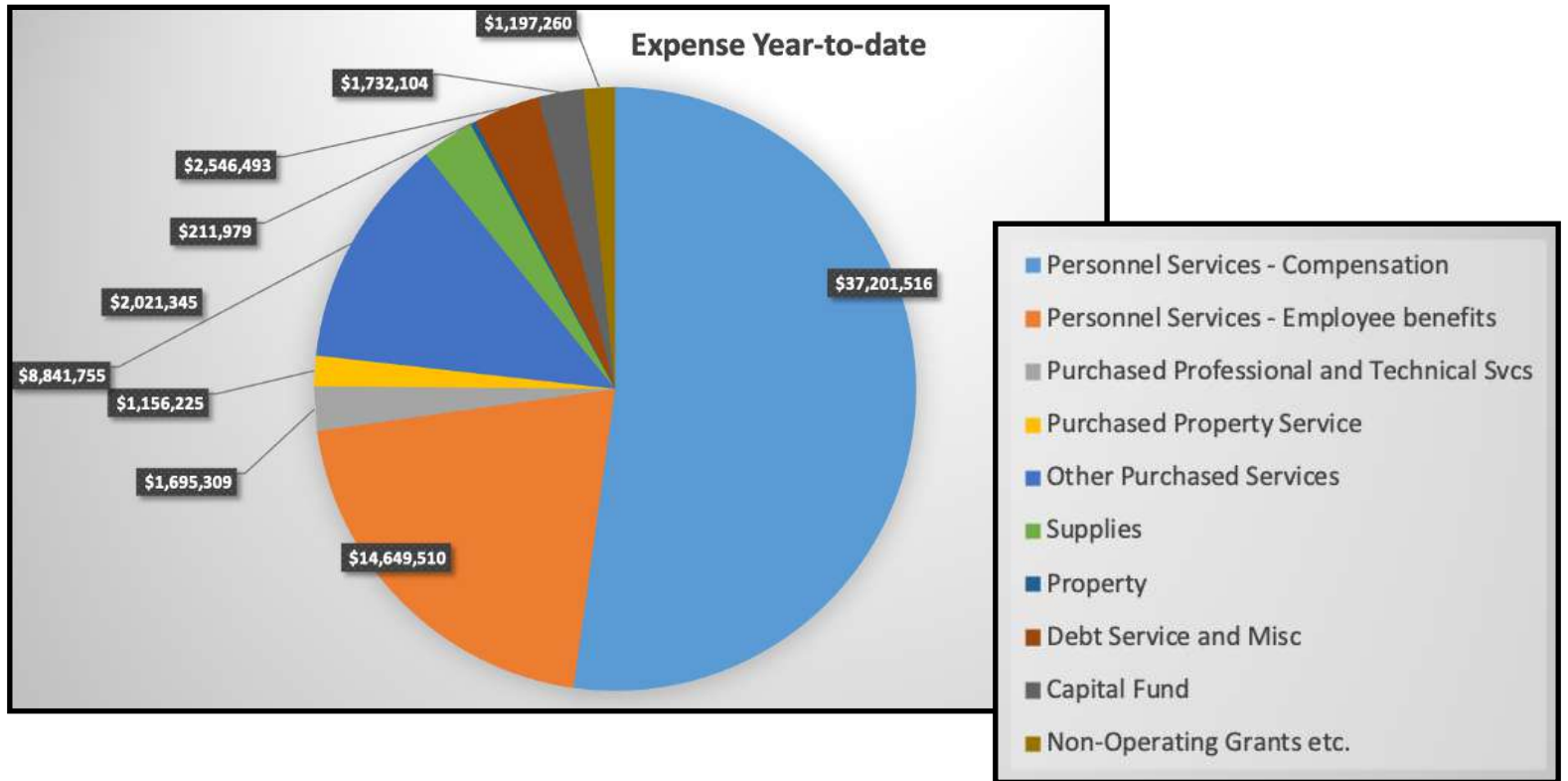
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Our sincere thanks to Member Andrew McQuaide for his service to the Chariho Regional School District.

Our 2023-2024 budget



*Unaudited, unclosed estimate as of 7/19/24

Vision 2026-Strategic Plan

Priority Area 1: Academic Excellence for All Students

Priority Area 2: Educator Continuous Improvement

Priority Area 3: Family & Community Connections

Priority Area 4: Student Support and Services

Members of the District and school community came together in the '22-'23 School Year to draft the above strategic plan, *Vision 2026*, which focuses on four priority areas through School Year '25-'26. Read the full strategic plan, including outcomes and action steps, [here](#). Enacting our strategic plan is a group effort. We welcome community ideas and support as we work to implement our plan. Be inspired by our Strategic Plan video, which can be viewed [here](#).



Chariho Future Business Leaders of America State Winners at the National Conference in Orlando, FL

1st Place Team - RI FFA Leadership Conference Agriculture Quiz Bowl



Attention Alumni & Friends

Connect with...

THE CHARIHO ALUMNI & FRIENDS NETWORK

CHARLESTOWN • RICHMOND • HOPKINTON



Follow us on FaceBook at "**Chariho Alumni and Friends Network**".
Follow us on Twitter at **@chariho_pride**

To join us, please complete this short **form**. Spread the word and help us reach out to others.

WE ARE CHARIHO

A newsletter celebrating Chariho's past, present, and future

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We *Are Chariho* spotlights stories about our students, alumni, staff, community partners, schools, and our diverse school programs. If you have a story idea for an upcoming issue...

SPRING MARCHES IN ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Spring can be seen all around Chariho schools this month. Many Spring sports have kicked off or are beginning soon. Spring sports include Baseball, Softball, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Lacrosse, Golf, Football, Boys Tennis, Boys Outdoor Track & Field, Girls Outdoor Track and Field, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Unified Volleyball, Unified Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, and Wrestling. Find out more about our Middle School Spring sports and games [here](#) and our High School Spring sports and games [here](#). We encourage our Chariho fans to come down to watch a game and support our exceptionally talented student athletes!





Flowers are also in bloom at every turn as well. Many plants are also taking root through our Agriculture Sciences Plant Pathway. This includes many plants in our working greenhouse, where students learn about growing techniques through hands-on experience, including hydroponic growing.



We also welcome you to read the **We Are Chariho newsletter**. Archives of all '20-'21, '21-'22, '22-'23 and '23-'24 issues can be found [here](#).

For more information, email katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us

Safety and Technology Updates

The safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority. The past year has seen some changes and additions in the District to ensure our students are safe and secure on and off school grounds.



Increased coordination with local and regional first responders.

Over 95% of all Chariho staff received Youth Mental Health First Aid training and certification.



Officers Raymond, Ellis and Forbes

Worked in partnership with Wellbeing Collaborative.



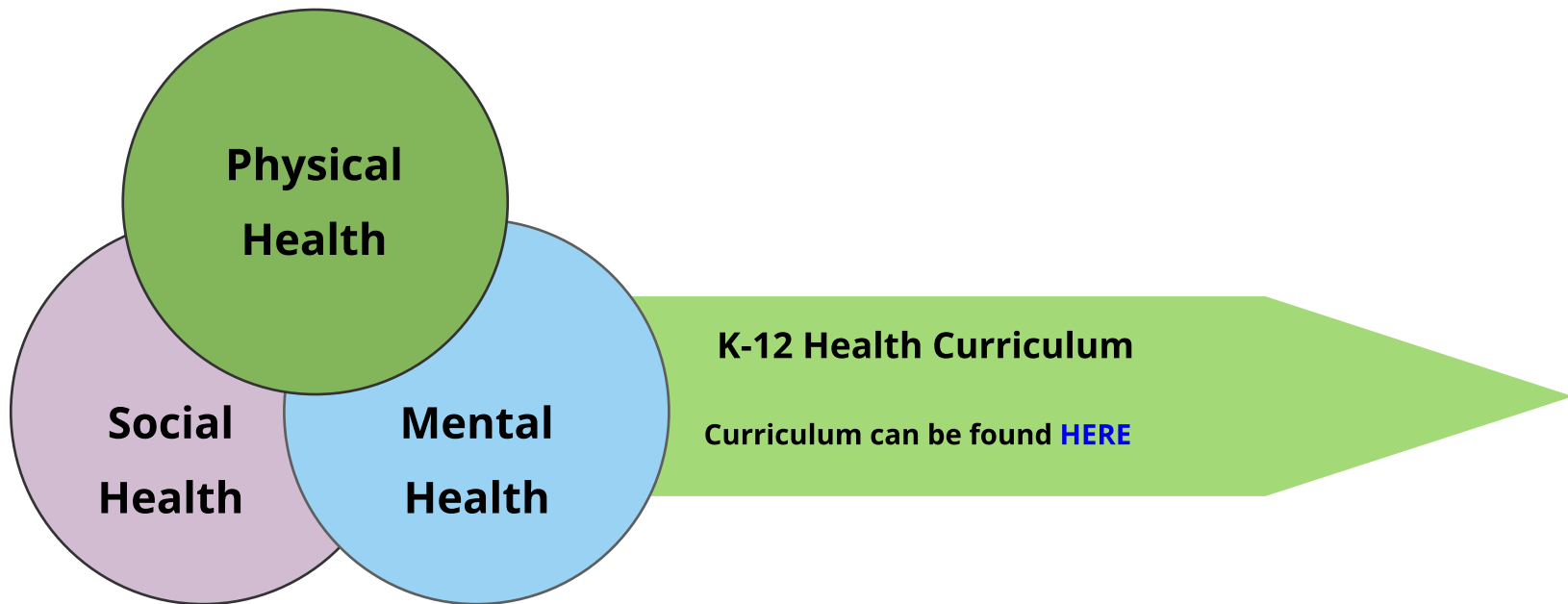
Increased physical and cybersecurity.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

In accord with Rhode Island General Law 28-5.1, and applicable federal law, it is the policy of the Chariho Regional School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, religion, genetic information, national origin, color, political affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability (including pregnancy) in its employment practices. Employment practices include, but are not limited to, posting of vacancies, recruitment, hiring, training, transfers and promotions. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal opportunity and affirmative action may be directed to Kristen Merritt, Human Resources Administrator, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI 02894 (364-7575 x2029); (364-1171 TDD); the Office of Equity and Access, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, or US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109-3921.

2023-24 Curriculum Revisions

The following curricula were revised and updated:

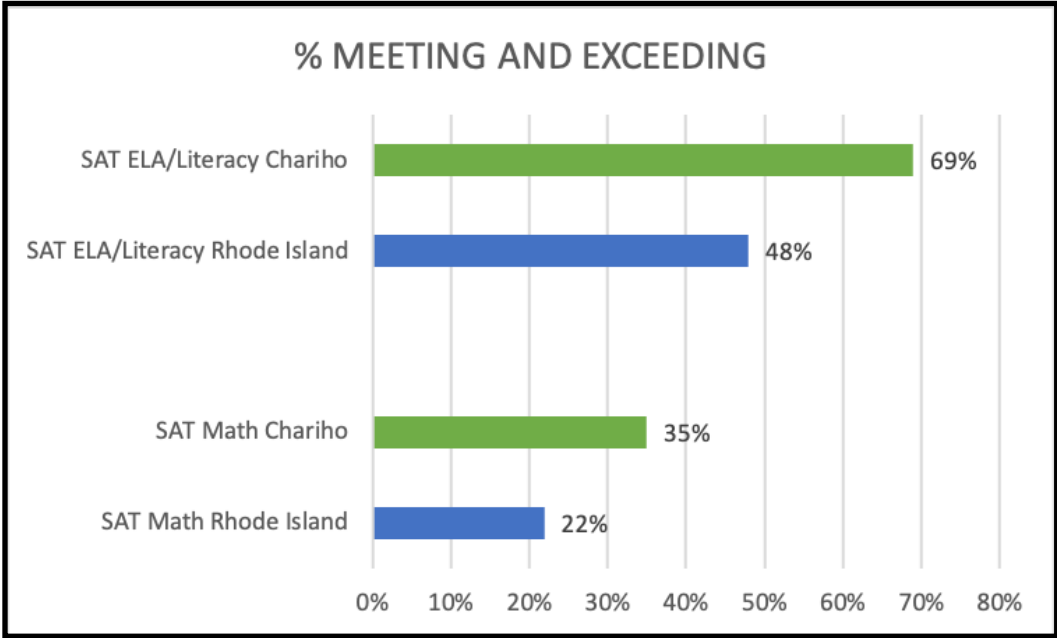


6-8 STEM Curriculum
Curriculum can be found [HERE](#)

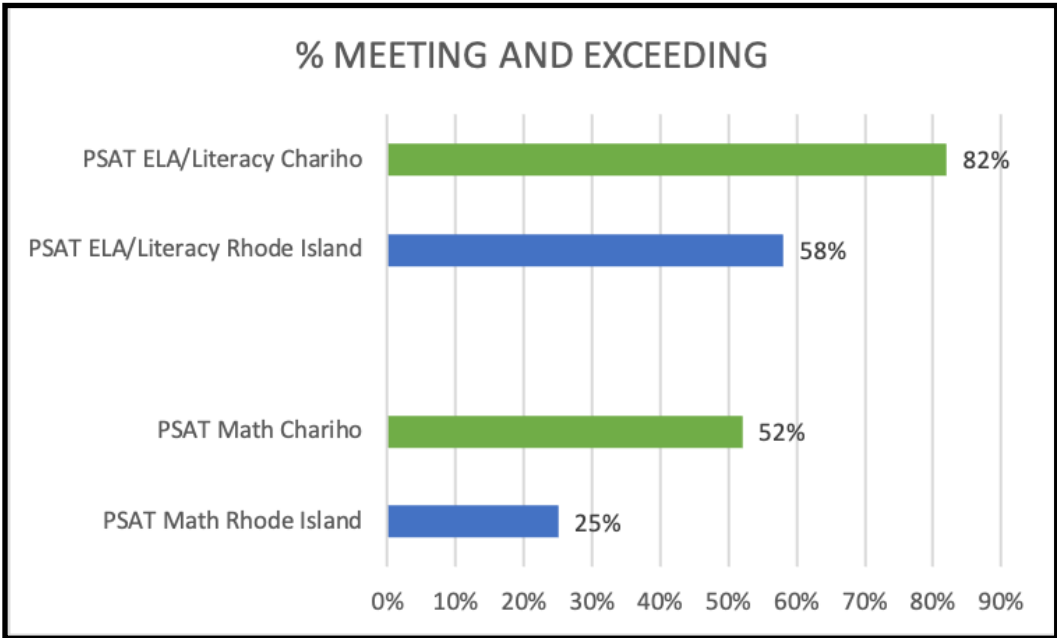
Be on the lookout! During the 2024-2025 school year, revisions to the following curricula are planned: Art, Business, Music, School Counseling, Social Studies, and World Languages.

2023-24 PSAT/SAT Results

The PSAT and SAT tests are Rhode Island State tests that are given during the school day. The PSAT/NMSQT is taken by all 10th graders and the SAT is taken by all 11th graders.



**PSAT
RESULTS**



**SAT
RESULTS**

2023-2024 AP[®] Results

Chariho High School is proud to offer 25 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, which is one of the highest numbers of offerings in any high school in the state. Our AP enrollment is open to all students who want to challenge themselves without the need for a teacher recommendation. A score of "3" or "Qualified" means that a student is capable of doing the work of an introductory college course in a particular subject.



Here is a listing of Chariho's AP course offerings:

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| 1. AP Art History | 14. AP Physics 2 |
| 2. AP Biology | 15. AP Psychology |
| 3. AP Chemistry | 16. AP Research |
| 4. AP Calculus AB | 17. AP Seminar |
| 5. AP Computer Science A | 18. AP Spanish Language and Culture |
| 6. AP Computer Science Principles | 19. AP Spanish Literature and Culture |
| 7. AP European History | 20. AP Statistics |
| 8. AP French Language and Culture | 21. AP Studio Art: 2D Design |
| 9. AP Language and Composition | 22. AP Studio Art: 3D Design |
| 10. AP Literature and Composition | 23. AP Studio Art: Drawing |
| 11. AP Microeconomics | 24. AP US Government |
| 12. AP Music Theory | 25. AP US History |
| 13. AP Physics 1 | |

Chariho had 316 students take an AP exam this past year, which is over 30% of our student body!

Seventy-five percent of all Chariho AP students earned a score of 3 ("Qualified") or higher on their AP exam.

100% of our AP Art 2D, AP Art History, AP Drawing, and AP Biology students scored a 3 or better on their AP exam.

92% of our AP English Literature and 91% of our AP US History students scored a 3 or better on their AP exam.

89% of our AP Chemistry and 87% of our AP Calculus students scored a 3 or better on their AP exam.

Student Recognition

Our District is so proud to have such exceptional students that excel in their academics and extracurricular activities.



A special thanks to High School Students Lucie May, Regan Clark and Lilian Raboin for performing the National Anthem and Albert and Lucie May for handling the sound and tech for Convocation.

Postseason Awards: High School Baseball – Alan Carpenter (1st Team Division II-D - led Division II in batting average .479 with no strikeouts); Adam Carpenter (1st Team Division II-D and Cy Young Winner Division II); Jack Stevens (1st Team Division II-D); Landon Sumner, Kyle McGovern and Caden Babcock (2nd Team Division II-D).

High School Boys' Volleyball – Matt Tiernan (Division I All-State 1st Team, Player of the Year and nominated for All-America); James Azzinaro (All-State 2nd Team and 2nd Team Division I); Travis Plante-Mullen (Division I Honorable Mention).

High School Boys' Track – Eli Sposato (Southern Division 1st Team and All-State); Eli Sposato, Will Steere, Austin Thorp and Ethan McCann (Southern Division 2nd Team 4x400 Relay); Ian Clark (Southern Division 1st Team, Southern Division 2nd Team and Class B 2nd Team).

High School Girls' Track – Erin von Housen (1st Team All-State 3000 meters, 1st Team All-Class 800 meters, 2nd Team All-Class 1500 meters, 3rd Team All-Division 800 meters and 2nd Team All Division 1500 meters); Weeko Thompson (3rd Team All-Class Discus, 2nd Team All-Class Shot Put, 1st Team All-Division Discus and 2nd Team All-Division Shot Put); Brooke Kanaczet (3rd Team All-Class 800 meters); Emily Brown (3rd Team All-State 300 Hurdles, 3rd Team All-Class 300 Hurdles and 3rd Team All-Division 300 Hurdles).

Senior Alexis Cole recorded her 1,000th career assist for the Chariho Girls' Volleyball Team last night in their win against East Greenwich in Division I-B.

High School Girls' Soccer Team – 2023 Piver Cup Champions.

High School Senior Chaia Elwell set a new program mark for career assists in Field Hockey at 27 breaking the mark of 26 previously set in 2015.

Middle School grade 7 student Meriden Alge finished 3rd overall out of 148 runners in the Intermediate race at the 51st Annual Manhattan College Invitational. Other Middle School medal winners were Cameron Coggeshall (34th), Noah Waterman (51st), Sam Prentiss (54th) and Jacob Holland (60th).

High School senior Erin von Housen finished 14th overall (15:06 over 2.5 miles) in the Girls' Eastern States Championship race at the 51st Annual Manhattan College Invitational. Additional medal winners were Grace Steere, 5th overall in the Sophomore A race and Emma Prentiss placed 16th in the Freshman B race.

High School junior Tom Golas finished 35th overall in the Varsity B race at the 51st Annual Manhattan College Invitational. Additional medal winners in the Varsity B race were Jared Peltier (72nd), Camron Eidam (75th). In the Boys' Sophomore C race, Ben Steere finished 30th, Isaac Graham (31st), Anthony Guglielmo (43rd), Everett Knerr (61st) and Andrew Fitzgerald (64th).

Fall Athletic Accomplishments:

High School Football Team received the Dick Reynolds Sportsmanship

Award. Thanks to Coach Samiagio for instilling this quality in his team.

High School Field Hockey – After graduating 12 seniors, the team, under the leadership of Alexa Bobbin and Emily Louzon (1st year as Coach), advanced to the Division II State Championship game against Lincoln who gave up only one goal all season. Unfortunately, Lincoln won by a score of 3-0. Next year looks promising!

High School Girls' Tennis made its first appearance in the State finals since 2015. They lost to South Kingstown Rebels who were 16-0. Thanks to Coach Marc Fain and his team for a great season.

High School Girls' Soccer edged Pilgrim by a score of 1-0 in the Division I quarterfinals. They were not as successful in the semifinal game losing to Mt. Hope by the same score 1-0. Four starters were injured and four of their losses were by one goal. This team, under the leadership of Coach Brittney Godbout, had numerous challenges and setbacks and had to overcome a lot of adversity in a short amount of time. Congratulations to them for finishing the season strong.

High School Girls' Volleyball beat East Greenwich 3-0 to advance to the Division I semifinals against Coventry. Chariho was undefeated in Division II last year and moved up to Division I this year. Unfortunately, they were defeated by Coventry. Thanks to Coaches Kathy McGeehan and Shawn Cole for raising the bar and watching their team excel in Division I.

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Student Recognition

High School Girls' Cross Country – Erin von Housen placed 2nd in the State Cross Country Championships at Ponaganset. She had a personal best time of 18:18 in the 3.1 mile course earning All-State Honors. She advanced to New Englands and earned All-New England status last Saturday by finishing 23rd overall. She was the top girls' finisher for Rhode Island.

Postseason Awards: High School Field Hockey – Chaia Elwell (Division II Offensive Player of the Year, 2nd Team All-State, All-Tournament Team, All-Academic Team); Victoria Barrette (1st Team All-Division, 2nd Team All-State, All-Academic Team), Brogan Manni (2nd Team All-Division); Taylor Browning (Honorable Mention, All-Tournament Team); Madeleine Barrette (All-Tournament Team); Rachael Barrette (All-Academic Team); Sophia Gagner (All-Academic Team), Elinor Hammett (All-Academic Team).

High School Girls' Cross Country – Erin vonHousen (1st Team All-Division, 1st Team All-Class, 1st Team All-State).

High School Girls' Volleyball (AVCA – American Volleyball Coaches Association) – The Team received the Team Sportsmanship Award – Jules White (1st Team All-Division, 1st Team All-State, All-Tournament Team); Katja Nelson (2nd Team All-Division, 2nd Team All-State, AVCA All-Region, AVCA Best and Brightest, All-Academic Team); Alexis Cole (3rd Team All-Division, 3rd Team All-State, AVCA Best and Brightest, All-Academic Team); Emma Kocab (All-Tournament Team, AVCA Best and Brightest, All-Academic Team), Elle Clark (AVCA Best and Brightest, All-Academic Team); Finleigh Callahan (All-Academic Team); Gianna Fitts (All-Academic Team); Maya Iskander (All-Academic Team).

High School Girls' Tennis – Emily Ballard (1st Team All-Division); Allison Cole (1st Team All-Division Doubles); Sara Johnson (1st Team All-Division Doubles); Molly Owren (1st Team All-Division Doubles); Olivia Gray (1st Team All-Division Doubles); Megan Ballard (2nd Team All-Division); Faith Owren (2nd Team All-Division); Kaitlyn Daniels (2nd Team All-Division Doubles); Lily Jackson 2nd Team All-Division Doubles); Sadie Grissom (Team Sportsmanship).

High School Girls' Soccer – Emily Brown (1st Team All-Division); Rachael Abbott (2nd Team All-Division); Reid DosSantos (3rd Team All-Division, All-Tournament Team); Tori Babineau (1st Team All-State, All-Academic Team); Grace Downey (All-Tournament Team); Charlie Edmunds (Alice Sullivan "Perseverance Award").

High School Boys' Soccer – Kody Poplaski (1st Team All-Division, 2nd Team All-State); Brandon Knowles (1st Team All-Division); Christian Resinger (2nd Team All-Division, All-Academic Team); Jakob Bennett (3rd Team All-Division).

High School Football – The Team received the Dick Reynolds Sportsmanship Award - Grayson Snyder (1st Team All-Division, All-Academic Team); Brady Anderson (2nd Team All-Division); Isaac Hague (2nd Team All-Division, All-Academic Team); Ryan Taylor (2nd Team All-Division); Sawyer Mason (3rd Team All-Division, All-Academic Team); Benjamin Donohue (3rd Team All-Division); Josh Bolek (All-Academic Team); Shea O'Brien (All-Academic Team); Gavin Card (All-Academic Team); Logan Smith (All-Academic Team).

Postseason Awards: High School Football – Luke Felkner (All-Academic Team).

High School Girls' Indoor Track 1st place at the Providence Career and Technical Academy: Emily Brown in the 600, long jump and 55 hurdles; Weeko Thompson in the shot put and weight throw; Emily Brown, Erin vonHousen, Lidia Taber and Evelyn Campbell in the 4x400 meter relay and Erin vonHousen in the 1000 and also set a new school record in the 1500 (4:45.68). Erin set a new school record in the 600 (new record 1:42.64 replaces 2005 record) and broke her own record in the 3000 (10:18.74) to win these events; Weeko Thompson won two events (shot put and weight throw); Grace Steere was first in the 1,000; Allison Cole won the long jump; Chloe Babcock, Kendra Meagher, Allison Cole and Lidia Taber placed first in the 4x200; and Lidia Taber, Emmiline Wiberg, Evelyn Campbell and Erin vonHousen finished first in the 4x400 as the Chargers swept a Sullivan Division quad meet at the PCTA.

High School Boys' Indoor Track 1st place at the Providence Career and Technical Academy: Tom Golas, Cam Eidam, Elias Sposato and Ethan McCann in the 4x400 meter relay. Eli Sposato broke the school record in the 300, winning the event at the URI Indoor Track Classic last Saturday.

Senior Brooklyn Vacca recorded state-qualifying scores on the bars, floor and all-around at the season-opening Division II Gymnastics meet in Middletown. Sophomore Lillian Grandolfi qualified for the states on the beam.

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Student Recognition

High School Poetry Out Loud Finalists Regan Clark, Carter Stolt and Penelope Nicolas



Senior Ryan Currier took 1st place (157 lbs) at the South County Invitational and earned Most Outstanding Wrestler honors. He was also the 157 lb champion at the Chad Antoch Memorial Wrestling Tournament this past weekend.

Congratulations to the Chariho High School Girls' Basketball Team for defeating six-time defending champion South Kingstown 48-32 in the Westerly Community Credit Union Holiday Tournament. Last time Chariho Girls' won the Tournament was in 1991. Charlie Edmunds received the Joseph N. Cugini Service award (given to a player on the winning team who demonstrates the spirit and importance of community service and leadership within the team and community); Tori Babineau earned the Bob Bewlay Sportsmanship Award; Jules White was named to the All-Tournament Team and Keira Frias was selected as the Most Valuable Player. High School Coach is Dan LaBelle.

High School Boys' Basketball player Owen Apice was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Westerly Community Credit Union Holiday Tournament.

High School Girls' Indoor Track: On January 13th, Erin vonHousen had another record-setting afternoon with two 1st place finishes at the Yale University High School Track Classic. She won the 1000 and broke her own mark set last year at the Last Chance Qualifier in Providence; her winning time in the 3000 lowered her record time that she broke two weeks ago. Both of her new record times in those events are the best so far this winter in Rhode Island. On January 27th, Erin vonHousen broke the school record she set three weeks ago in the 600 with a 1st place

time of 1:42:41; she also won the 3,000. Emily Brown set three personal bests winning the 55 hurdles, placing 2nd in the long jump and 3rd in the 600. Weeko Thompson won the shot put.

At the Class Medium Indoor Track and Field Championships, held the first week in February, Emily Brown finished 2nd in the long jump breaking the previous program mark set in 2011. She also set personal marks in the 55 hurdles for 3rd place and the 600 for 4th place. Erin vonHousen continued her assault on breaking her own records with a personal-best 1st place finish in the 1500; this time is also the best in the State this season. Weeko Thompson won the shot put with a season-best throw.

High School Boys' Indoor Track: On January 13th, Eli Sposao finished 5th in the 300 which broke the mark he set last week at the URI Indoor Track Classic; it is the third fastest time in RI this year. On January 27th, he won the 300 in a Southern Division Tri-Meet at the Providence Career and Technical Academy and he won this event again at the Class Medium Championships.

Senior Brooklyn Vacca qualified for the State Tournament on all four apparatuses and in the All-Around in a Division II Tri-Meet at Newport YMCA. She recorded a personal best on the beam (8.7) and recorded scores of 8.75 on floor, 8.6 on vault and 8.05 on bars. Sophomore Aila Carillo's personal best on floor (8.1) qualified her for the Junior Varsity States while Taylor Browning will compete in the Junior Varsity States on Floor (7.8), vault (8.2) and beam (7.5).

High School Robotics Team advanced to the State Level Competition.

Middle School grade 8 student Iain LaMunyon placed 1st and grade 6 student Caylee Durning placed 2nd in the Middle School Spelling Bee.

High School Poetry Out Loud Finalists: Regan Clark (1st Place); Carter Stolt (2nd place) and Penelope Nicolas (3rd Place). Regan will represent Chariho at the state level.

Students Charlotte Kona, Lola Hernandez, Shaelyn Musch and Eve Ogren took 1st place in the RI FFA Leadership Conference Agriculture Quiz Bowl.

High School Girls' Indoor Track: Erin vonHousen won the 3000 and took third in the 1000 at the RIIL State Championship. She then set a school record with her 2nd place finish in the 2-mile at the New England Indoor Track and Field Championship. At the Nike Indoor Nationals in New York City, she set new school records finishing 21st overall in the 1-mile on Friday, finishing 24th in the 800 meters on Saturday and lowering her school mark on Sunday in the 1-mile by 5 seconds finishing 11th overall.

Emily Brown took third in the 55-meter hurdles which qualified her for the New England Championship where she finished 19th in the preliminaries. At the Nike Indoor Nationals, she competed in the preliminaries of the Emerging Elite 60-meter hurdles finishing 48th.

High School Boys' Indoor Track: Eli Sposato came from behind to win the 300 at the RIIL State Championship. He finished 10th in the 300 at the New England Championship where he lowered his own school record. He took 26th in the Emerging Elite 400 meters at the Nike Indoor Nationals.

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Student Recognition

Hospitality Management Award Recipients



Tom Golas, Ethan McCann, Cam Eidam and Jared Peltier finished 6th in the 4x800 relay at the State Championship and competed in the New England Championship where they finished 26th.

High School Senior Regan Clark placed 3rd at this year's prestigious Poetry Out Loud Rhode Island State Competition.

Ashaway Grade 3 student Edie Mitchell was the Artessy Logo Winner.

Middle School Wrestling Team placed 6th in the State Tournament with Enzo Falcone placing 3rd (75 lbs), Cian Archer 4th (82 lbs), Landon Martin 5th (112 lbs), Cedar Shuler 7th (180 lbs) and Garrison Maraia 8th (106 lbs). Middle School Wrestler Michael Newton won his second straight State Title at 100 lbs and Jackson Nickerson won the State Title at 165 lbs. Coach is Josh Merritt.

High School Wrestler Ryan Currier won the 157-lb title at the RIIL State Championship Wrestling Tournament and placed 4th at the New England Wrestling Championship.

Freshman Wrestler Aidan Fahlman was named the Freshman State Champion (144 lbs).

CTC Hospitality Juniors Gavin Apice, Morgan Allen, Juliet Costa, Ellie Hammett and Olivia Swanson placed 1st in the Hospitality Management Competition at the Crowne Plaza. Each one received a \$2,000 scholarship to Johnson and Wales University, reciprocal for four years for a total of \$8,000. Senior students Alexia Katechis, Madeleine Barrette, Hailey Harrington, Madeline Moorehead and Kali Callahan placed 3rd and they each received a \$1,000 scholarship to Johnson and Wales University, reciprocal for four years for a total of \$4,000. Congratulations to all and thanks to Instructor Don Fair.

2024 Rhode Island Art Anchor Award Winners: Jordan (Finn) Almagno-Gilooley (Anchor Award for photograph *Dreams of an Unknown*); Ayden Selvidio (Anchor Award and Best in Category for photograph *The Mill*); Victoria St. Onge (Anchor Award for Drawing *Skyla*); and Katie Wood (Wave Award Best in Experimental/Abstract for sculpture *Repairs*).

Esports Mario Kart won the RIIL State Championship - Team Members: Lennon Rodgers, Alexander Sensenig, Geena Kenyon, Parker Bruso, Bobby Brown and Josh Ballesteros. Head Coach: David Landi.

CTC Construction and Electrical Technology Students and Instructors, in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, have constructed one new home in Hopkinton and are working on several others in the same area. Construction Technology: Tyler Catalan, Caleb Caswell, Noah Dinucci, Noah Blanchard, Brendan Byers, Colin Cooley and Instructors Dave Bannister and Bonny Pride. Electrical Technology: Christian Antinucci, Keegan Beck, Jesse Brunelle, Logan Gardiner, Philip Gingerella, Logan LoBianco, Jonathan Manning, Nathan Marcotte, Travis Plante-Mullen, Jordan Robinson, Lennon Rodgers, Dominic Santospirito, Alexander Sensenig, Jake Tedeschi, Elijah Henley and Instructor Ryan Northup.

Postseason Awards: High School Girls' Indoor Track - Erin von Housen (All-New England - 2 mile, 1st Team All-State - 3000, 3rd Team All-State - 1000, Class Champion - 1500 & 1000, Division Champion - 600 & 3000, All-Division - 4x400, School Records - 600, 800, 1000, mile, 3000, 3200 & 2 mile) and Academic All-State); Emily Brown (3rd Team All-State - 55

Hurdles, All-Class - 600, 55 Hurdles, Long Jump & 4x400, School Record - Long Jump); Evelyn Campbell (All-Division - 4x400); Lidia Taber (All-Division - 4x400); Weeko Thompson (All-Division and All-Class - Shot Put); Chloe Babcock, Mia Cleary, Kaden Kelly, Kendra Meagher and Emmiline Wiberg (Academic All-State).

High School Boys' Indoor Track - Elias Sposato (1st Team Southern Division, 1st Team Class B, 1st Team All-State and School Record - 300); Everett Knerr, Charlie Allenson, Cam Eidam, Jared Peltier (2nd Team All-Southern Division - 4x800); Tom Golas (2nd Team Southern Division - 1500); Ethan McCann (3rd Team Southern Division - 1500); Tom Golas, Ethan McCann, Jared Peltier, Elias Sposato (3rd Team All-Class B - 4x800).

High School Girls' Basketball - Division II Team Sportsmanship Award (Coach Dan LaBelle); Keira Frias (All-State Honorable Mention, 2nd Team All-Class Division II, 1st Team Division II-A and All-Academic Team Division II); Jules White (2nd Team All-Class Division II and 1st Team Division II-A); Emily Ballard (2nd Team Division II-A and All-Academic Team Division II); Tori Babineau (2nd Team Division II-A and All-Academic Team Division II); Megan Ballard (3rd Team Division II-A and All-Academic Team Division II); Charlie Edmunds and Erin O'Leary (All-Academic Team Division II).

High School Boys' Basketball - Division II Team Sportsmanship Award (Coach Corey Downey);

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Owen Apice (3rd Team All-Division II); Wyatt Holt and Will Ellis (All-Academic Team Division II).

High School Gymnastics – Brooklyn Vacca (1st Team All-Division II).

High School Boys' Ice Hockey – Preston Abbott (1st Team All-Division and All-Academic Team); Mason Campbell (2nd Team All-Division); Evan Harley, Jack Loring and Lucas Beaudry (All-Academic Team).

High School Girls' Ice Hockey – Helena Beasley and Nadia McFarlane (All-Academic Team).

High School Wrestling – Ryan Currier (1st Team All-State).

High School Freshman Adriana Jeannenot threw a no-hitter with 16 strikeouts to lead Chariho past North Kingstown, 5-0, in a Division I Softball game. She recorded her second consecutive shut-out in as many days, a three-hitter with 16 strikeouts, in a 9-0 win against St. Mary Academy/Bay View. She then struck out a season-high 19 batters in a 2-2 tie against Moses Brown. She has struck out 88 batters in the last six games with the Chargers record of 5-0-1 over that stretch.

Ian Dunham shot a 2-under par 33 on the front nine at Shelter Harbor Golf Course leading Chariho to its season-opening Southern Division win against Narragansett and Westerly.

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League presented High School Senior Emily Ballard with the RIIL Distinguished Achievement Award for her exemplary achievements over the past year.

High School Junior Brandon Thorp's artwork titled *"The Tyranny of Avarice"* was awarded an Honorable Mention

at the Regional Level of the Scholastic Art Awards and was awarded the "Staff Favorite" in the annual Senator Reed Art Competition. This is the second year he was the Staff Favorite in this competition.

High School Junior Matthew Boyd has been selected from a highly competitive applicant pool of over 1500 students to participate in the STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) Internship Program. This program is conducted in collaboration with the University of Texas Center for Space Research and NASA and Matthew was placed on the Mars Rover Resource Utilization Team. He will spend most of July in Texas, fully sponsored by NASA, and will earn certification in Python Programming. His parents have expressed their gratitude to two of Chariho's exceptional teachers, Karen Parson (High School Science) and Matthew Clarke (CTC Engineering, Drafting and Design), for their support.

Middle School Boys' and Girls' Track Meet (against Westerly, Jamestown, Monsignor Clark and Compass Middle Schools): Leo Haxton took 1st place in the 3000; Rider Spears qualified for the State Tournament in the High Jump and Jackson Nickerson won the shot put and discus.

Erin von Housen was the first female athlete in program history to compete at the prestigious Penn Relays. She finished 12th in the High School Championship Mile with an outdoor personal best and school record time of 4:58.71.

At the Southern Division Tri-Meet at Coventry, Lily Baxter won the high jump and long jump; Weeko Thompson took first in shot put and

discus; Lidia Taber was first in the 100; Emily Brown finished first in the 300 hurdles and second in the 100 hurdles; Erin von Housen took first in the 800; Elle Clark picked up a pair of seconds in the 100 and long jump and third in the 100 hurdles.

Emily Brown finished 2nd in the pentathlon to establish a new program mark at the Glenn Loucks Games in White Plains, NY. She also recorded three additional second-place finishes in the 800, 100 hurdles and high jump and a third-place finish in the long jump.

Erin von Housen placed 14th in the 800 with a personal best and new school mark (2:15.33) to break her own record set in 2022. She also finished 5th in the 2000 meter steeplechase. Elle Clark placed 8th overall which included a 4th place finish in the shot put and Lily Baxter tied for 3rd place in the high jump.

Eli Sposato won the 200 in a school-record time at the Classical Classic at Mt. Pleasant High School and finished fourth in the 100. He was a triple event winner at the Southern Division Tri-Meet at Coventry, finishing first in the 100, 200 and 400; Isaac Graham won the 800; Ethan McCann took the 1500; Charlie Allenson won the 3000, Maverick Morrone won the long jump and Adam Lenihan took the triple jump.

High School Girls' Track finished 2nd at the Southern Division Championships. Erin von Housen won the 3,000; Sonja Beasley was first in the high jump, Emily Brown finished second in four events (100

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hurdles, high jump, 300 hurdles and long jump) and Weeko Thompson had a pair of seconds in the discus and shot put. Jules White took third in the javelin, Lily Baxter was third in the triple jump and Elle Clark was fourth in the 100 hurdles and long jump.

High School Boys' Track: Eli Sposato won three individual events and the Duke Award as the Most Valuable Performer at the Southern Division Championships. He set a new school and meet record with his first-place finish in the 400 (49.4) and picked up firsts in the 100 and 200. He also anchored the 4x400 meter relay team that included Ethan McCann, Tom Golas and Jared Peltier, to a third-place finish. Charlie Allenson, Greyson Moffitt, Cam Eidam and Isaac Graham were third in the 4x800; Tom Golas placed 3rd in the 1500 and Nick Wilusz took fourth in the high jump.

Eli continued to break records this past Saturday at the 56th Annual Glenn Loucks Games. His seventh place finish in the 400 set a school mark (48.89) and broke his own school mark of 49.40 that he set at the Southern Division Championships. Tom Golas, Isaac Graham, Ethan McCann and Jared Peltier finished 2nd in the 4x800 relay at the St. Germain Invitational last Saturday.

Senior Nate Ballard scored his 100th career goal in a Division II Boys' Lacrosse game against South Kingstown.

Kody Poplaski recorded his 1000th assist in leading the High School Boys' Volleyball Team to a Division I sweep over South Kingstown.

Sophomore Kayden Jaillet scored seven goals, including her 100th career goal, in a Division II Girls' Lacrosse victory over Cumberland (18-6).

High School Girls' Lacrosse Team -

Division II Champions (and Postseason Awards): Kaydence Fusco, Alexis Comella, Evelyn Campbell, Maija Brundage, Lola DosSantos, Lillian Grandolfi, Gabrielle Macaruso (3rd Team All-Division and All-Academic), Jezelle Rios (All-Academic), Kylie Hoffman (All-Academic), Aubrey Currier, Lily Jackson (All-Academic), Eiley Simmons, Alexis Korus, Cassidy Petrangelo, Rosie Sposato, Kayden Jaillet (2nd Team All-State and 1st Team All-Division), Dylan Whitman, Juliana Almeida, Olivia Maderia, Megan Ballard (2nd Team All-Division and All-Academic), Madeline Bayles, Madalyn Burdick, Emily Ballard (1st Team All-Division and All-Academic), Hayden Norris, Genevieve Ogren, Makayla Hill, Ava Laird, Kya Perrin (Sportsmanship Award and All-Academic) and Chaia Elwell (Chaia scored her 200th goal on Senior Night (she finished with 214 goals in her High School career) and was named Cardi's Furniture & Mattresses Hometown Sports Hero this week. Her Postseason Awards: Division II Player of the Year, 1st Team All-State, 1st Team All-Division and All-Academic). Head Coach: Brittney Godbout (Division II Coach of the Year). Assistant Coaches: Michael McGuire and Dan LaBelle.

Chariho Middle School Band (8th grade students Sophia Cotton, Christopher Cubina, Luke DeFedele, Owen deMelo, Aiden Dugas, Madeline Dutra, Garrett Furlong, Elizabeth Kona, Liam Lafazia-Kennedy, Alexia McCabe, Abigail Nunn, Everett Spencer, Keelan Velander; 7th grade students Alaia Biurrun, Madison Brucker, Fiona Buckley, Ashley Collett, Chace Conley, Gabriel Corah, Tynan Cutting, Cody DeFedele, Allyha Desomma, Anna England, Mindy Evans, Brianna Garcia, Connor Gwaltney, Yoyatche Harris, Zach Hedderich, Sophia Lafond, Sawyer Lyons, Ian MacInnis, Deven Meece, Evan Pariseau, Jack Rapoza, Kellen Smith, Mason Thorp, CJ Vieira, Mia Vieira, Camdyn Ziegenfuss; 6th grade students Caylee Durning, Robert Kenyon, Skye McCabe, Emily Nunn, Willow Piermont, Emma Tutko; 5thgrade

students Evan Biurrun, Clare Cutting; Taps: Ian MacInnis and Kellen Smith) participated in both the Hope Valley and Carolina Memorial Day parades and did a wonderful job. Thanks to Band Advisor Chuck Johnson, Assistant Advisor Ian Rondeau, parents and teachers - it was a true effort by all who participated in these back-to-back events.

Chariho Middle School Baseball - Southern Division Champs (undefeated). They won the Tournament Opener but were defeated in the quarterfinals. Team members: Domenic Andrade, Jameson Aptt, Colin Calner, Tanner Cassidy, Leo Clarke, Riley Conroy, Mason Costa, Michael Dachowski, Preston Davis, Brody DeVoe, Drew Gordon, Parker Gray, Jacob Holland, Ethan Jeannenot, Daniel Kocab, Lucas Lindsay, Owen McKeen, Sean O'Leary, Evan Pariseau, Logan Pepler, Joseph Stracuzzi, Camdyn Ziegenfuss. Head Coach Mike Dachowski; Assistant Coaches John Pellegrino and Jensen Orewiler.

Jackson Nickerson finished 1st in the shot put and turbo javelin; Reid McCann took 2nd in the turbo javelin; Leo Haxton finished 4th in the 3000 and the Middle School Boys' Team finished 3rd at the Middle School State Track and Field Championships at Johnston High School.

Meriden Alge finished 2nd in the 400 and 800 (setting a pair of personal bests); Lily McCann took 3rd in the 800; Lily McCann, Ailia Grant, Claire Toscano and Meriden Alge finished 2nd in the 4x400 relay and the Middle School Girls' Team finished 6th at the Middle School State Track and Field Championships at Johnston High School.

High School Freshman Adrianna Jeannenot recorded her 200th strike-out of the season in the May 20, 2024 9-1 Division I victory over Smithfield. She finished with a total of 260 strike-outs for her freshman year.

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High School Softball advanced into the 2nd round of the Division I Tournament Winners' Bracket with a 2-0 victory over Coventry. They were defeated by East Greenwich 1-0 in the 2nd round of the winners' bracket. Postseason Awards: Adrianna Jennerot (1st Team All-Division and 1st Team All-State, Maddie Dorgan (2nd Team All-Division), Emma Kocab (3rd Team All-Division) and Kaitlyn Daniels (Honorable Mention).

High School Boys' Lacrosse Postseason Awards: Nate Ballard (1st Team All-Division Attack and Academic All-State. He holds the record for the most Chariho goals in a career with 128 goals. He finished his career with 184 points which is also a new school record), Jackson Hernandez (1st Team All-Division Offensive Midfield and Academic All-State), Grayson Snyder (2nd Team All Division Defense and Academic All-State); Cole Jennings, Evan Harley, Shea O'Brien and Hudson Juenger (Academic All-State).

High School Baseball Postseason Awards: Darren Clarke (1st Team All-League, 2nd Team All-Division); Gavin Apice (2nd Team All-League); and Adam Carpenter (3rd Team All-League).

Ian Dunham and Jesse Desarro both won their individual matches in the top two positions with 3-over-par 39s on the front nine at Point Judith Country Club to share medalist honors in a Southern Division Tri-Meet. Ian Dunham shot a 2-over-par 73 on the first day of the State Golf Championships at Cranston Country Club. He was tied for third, one shot behind the leader. He finished 15th in the State. At the Division II Championship match at Winnipaug Country Club, Ian was the medalist winner shooting 3 under par with Chariho finishing in third place out of twelve teams.

At the High School Girls' Junior Varsity State Track and Field Championships at Conley Stadium in Providence, Allison Cole finished 1st in the triple jump and 2nd in the long jump; Lindsay Maine won the high jump and Lidia Taber placed 2nd in the 100.

High School Girls' Track and Field: The team placed 2nd overall at the Class B Championships at West Warwick High School. Erin von Housen won two events and her 1st place time (4:38.04) in the 1500 broke the previous meet mark set by Portsmouth's Nikki Merrill in 2019 (4:38.46). Emily Brown won the high jump, placed second in the 300 hurdles and 3rd in the 100 hurdles. Jules White was 2nd in the javelin and Lily Baxter finished 2nd in the triple jump. Lily Baxter, Lidia Taber, Sonja Beasley and Erin von Housen finished 2nd in the 4x400. Weeko Thompson was 3rd in the shot put, Elle Clark took 3rd in the long jump while Sonja Beasley and Lily Baxter were 4th and 5th in the high jump.

At the Mt. Pleasant Invitational Girls' Track and Field Meet at Conley Stadium Emily Brown won the 300 hurdles and Erin von Housen took the 800. Lily Baxter finished fifth in the triple jump and Lidia Taber, Sonja Beasley, Allison Cole and von Housen were 5th in the 4 x 400 relay.

Chariho Girls' Track and Field Team finished fifth overall with a pair of school records set at the State Championship Meet at Conley Stadium. Erin von Housen won two individual events, breaking her own school mark in the 800 (2:13.54) and was 1st in the 1500. Emily Brown set a school mark with her 2nd place finish in the 300 hurdles (45.71) breaking the mark held by Mary Serdakowski (45.8) set in 2002. She also was 3rd in the 300 hurdles and 5th in the high jump. Sonja Beasley set a new school mark in the high jump (5-4) and she, Lidia Taber, Emily Brown and Erin von Housen finished 6th in the 4x400 meter relay for their best time of the season. Elle Clark placed 7th in the 100 hurdles.

High School Boys' Track and Field: The team finished 8th overall at the Class

B Championships at West Warwick High School. Eli Sposato won the 200 in a time of 21.95 that broke the previous state mark (23.00) set by Lincoln High's Aiden Fletcher in 2021 and Eli finished 1st in the 400 with a time of 48.58 that broke the mark (50.71) set in 2021 by Portsmouth's John Madeke. Eli is the first in school history to break 50 seconds in the 400 and he has accomplished that several times this spring. Jared Peltier took 4th in the 800.

Chariho Boys' Track and Field Team finished eighth overall at the State Championship Meet at Conley Stadium. Eli Sposato won a pair of state titles. He set a new school and state mark in the 200 (21.44) and set another school mark in the 400 (47.85). Ethan McCann, Tom Golas, Isaac Graham and Jared Peltier finished 4th in the 4x800.

High School Track and Field Postseason Awards: The Girls' Team finished 5th overall in the State which is the highest scoring finish in school history. Sonja Beasley (1st Team All-State in the high jump with a new school record of 5'4); Emily Brown (earned All-State honors in the 300 meter and 100 meter hurdles – she set a new school record in the 300 hurdles with a time of 45.71); Erin von Housen (1st Team All-State 800 meter and 1500 meter run); Eli Sposato (1st Team All-State in the 200 meter dash and 400 meter run).

High School Senior Chaia Elwell, 2024 Recipient of the Providence Journal Courage Award.

High School Junior William Ellis, one of 62 students from across Rhode Island, earned the Herbert and Claiborne Pell Medal for US History This award recognizes college and high school students in the state who have excelled in US History.

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Hope Valley Students participated in the Math Olympiad for Elementary and Middle Schools (MOEMS). Hope Valley's Team consisted of the following: Grade 2 - Lydia LaPlume, Rowan Porter, Bowen McGuire, Adrian Pettigrew; Grade 3 - Jocelyn Vandever, Brody Lynch, Reid Palumbo, Cole Woodard, Hailey Lucas, Peyton Lemery, Dillon Stracuzzi; Grade 4 - Sebastian Sherzer, Billy Clarke, Owen LaFountain, Caden Cahoon, Abby Howland, Maggie Roland. They competed against students from across the country in monthly math contests from November to March. After completing the contests, they received scores on how their students performed. The statistics listed are based on national percentages: Top 20% - Sebastian Sherzer (highest scorer on the Hope Valley School team). Top 30% - Billy Clarke, Owen LaFountain, Caden Cahoon, Abby Howland, Maggie Roland. Top 40% - Brody Lynch, Cole Woodard. Top 50% - Bowen McGuire, Adrian Pettigrew. While all of these achievements are outstanding, it is impressive to note that two 2nd graders - Bowen and Adrian - ranked in the top 50% of students who participated. Traditionally, MOEMS participants are 4th through 6th grade students. We are so proud of how hard these students worked.

Middle School Science Olympiad Winners - Titus Castrataro and Ian MacInnis (3rd Place in Dynamic Planet); Sean Dorgan and Angelo Guido (3rd place in Fossils); Luke DeFedele and Cameron Coggeshall (2nd Place for Fast Facts); Luke DeFedele (Gold for the Science Bowl); Team of Angelo Guido, Ava Bertrand, Titus Castrataro, Cameron Coggeshall, Brett Creamer, Preston Davis, Sonia Dropek, James Haxton,

Tucker McGlinsey, Louis Dancause, Luke DeFedele, Ian MacInnis, Sean Dorgan, Noah Vandever and Keelan Velandar (5th Place at States). Congratulations to all and a special thanks to Advisor Trisha Whipple.

RI FFA State Convention Winners: Employment Skills Leadership Development Event - Chapter Division: Arianna Collet (1st Place), Lola Hernandez (3rd Place). Greenhand Division: Genevieve Ogren (1st Place). Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event - Chapter Division: Lola Hernandez (2nd Place). Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event - Chapter Division: Charlotte Kona (2nd Place). Illustrated Talk Leadership Development Event - Greenhand Division: Shaelyn Musch (1st Place), Genevieve Ogren (2nd Place), Kieley Pucino (3rd Place). Veterinary Science Career Development Event - Team of Lola Hernandez, Charlotte Kona, Loren Levesque and Rachel Ullucci (2nd Place). RI FFA Alumni College Scholarship: Arianna Collet (Salve Regina University - Environmental Studies) and Theodore Czarnecki (SUNY Cobleskill - John Deere Construction & Forestry Program). RI FFA State Degree: Arianna Collet, Theodore Czarnecki, Lola Hernandez, Charlotte Kona and Grace Marcotte.

FBLA State Competition Winners - Grace MacLeod (1st Place - Advertising); Efe Koseoglu (1st Place - Introduction to Business Procedures and 2nd Place - Introduction to Public Speaking); Nolan Lopes (1st Place - Supply Chain Management); Ella Murphy, Lidia Taber and Lillian Baxter (1st Place - Introduction to Business Presentation); Maicey MacLeod (1st Place - Social Media Strategies); Quinn Goodman (2nd Place - Business Ethics and 2nd Place - Securities and Investments); Ella Murphy (3rd Place - Introduction to Business Procedures).

SkillsUSA State Competition -

Chariho tied Cranston for the MOST Gold Medals (18) earned at the competition this year. Award Winners:

GOLD: Erin von Housen (Architectural Drafting); Ella Murphy (Baking & Pastry); Preston Jaruta (Carpentry); Mia McNiece, Tori Babineau and Emerson Flynn (Crime Scene Investigation); Elijah Henley (Electrical Construction Wiring); Abigail Heim (Health Occupations Professional Portfolio); Aidan Calianos (Marine Service Technology); Amber Lambert (Nurse Assisting); Caleb Caswell, Colin Cooley, Noah Dinucci and Lucas Holloway (Teamworks); Tucker Sargent (Technical Drafting); Parker Slangenaupt (Welding); Grace Marcotte (Welding Sculpture); Benjamin Costa (Information Technology Services).

SILVER: Lindsay Maine (Architectural Drafting); Nicholas Paine (Automotive Service Technology); Mackenzie Myers (Baking & Pastry); Kyle Bodnar (Computer Programming); Josie Mastin (Criminal Justice); Jesse Desarro (Electrical Construction Wiring); Megan Ballard (First Aid - CPR); Sara Johnson (Information Technology Services); Hudson Juenger (Marine Service Technology); Janelle Parrilla (Welding Sculpture).

BRONZE: Fiona Smith, Cassidy Moyer and Hayleigh Conklin (Crime Scene Investigation); Catherine Pilkington (Criminal Justice); Lillian Asci (Medical Math).

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIONAL SkillsUSA AWARD WINNERS:

Erin von Housen - Silver Medal in Architectural Drafting

Ella Murphy - 8th place in Baking and Pastry Arts

Mia McNiece, Tori Babineau and Emerson Flynn - 8th Place in Crime Scene Investigation

Staff Recognition



Tricia Abbott selected as Chariho's 2023 Educator of the Year.

Kerri Fisher selected as Chariho's 2023 Education Support Professional of the Year.



Distinguished Educators:

Certified Staff: Paige Leddy, Kelly DiCocco and Tammy Lyons .ESP Staff: Paula Whalen, Amy Heywood-Balicki, Deborah Dawkins, Stacey King and Amy Branconnier.



CALA Elementary Special Educator Adrienne Buckley received the Rhode Island Environmental Education Associations' 2023 Teacher of the Year Award for her partnership with Maisy's Tree Farm.



Milken Award Winner Paige Leddy.



District Attorneys Jon Anderson and Sean Clough have been recognized by *Best Lawyers*, in conjunction with US News & World Report, in the Providence metro region.



Jon was recognized as a *Best Lawyer* for the practice area of Education Law and Sean was included in *Ones to Watch* for Education Law.



Crystal Apple Awards

SRO Brock Taylor honored by the District for receiving the MADD School Resource Officer Award.



Special Olympics named their Outstanding Service Award in honor of longtime Super Plunge organizer Richmond Police Chief Elwood Johnson.



Middle School Teacher Michelle Conary Brittain received the 2023 RI Middle School STEAM Educator Award presented by RIDE and RI STEAM Center at Rhode Island College.



Charlestown School
Karen Owren



Ashaway School
Karen Pellegrino



Middle School
Ashley Smith

Richmond School
Catherine Stahl

Hope Valley School
Deb Zonfrilli and Tricia Scheer

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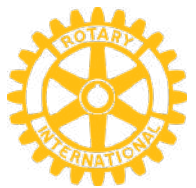


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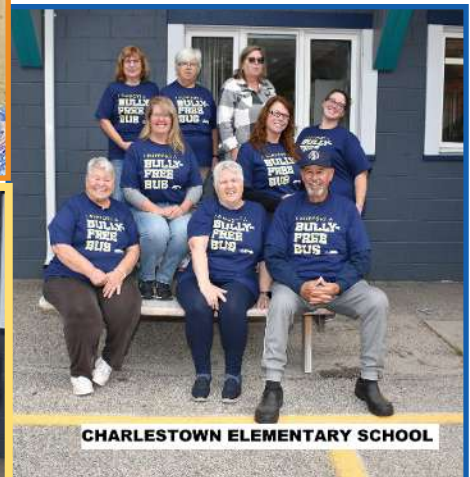
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Congratulations and Best
Wishes to Manager Lillian
Benoit on her retirement!

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Maura Stelik
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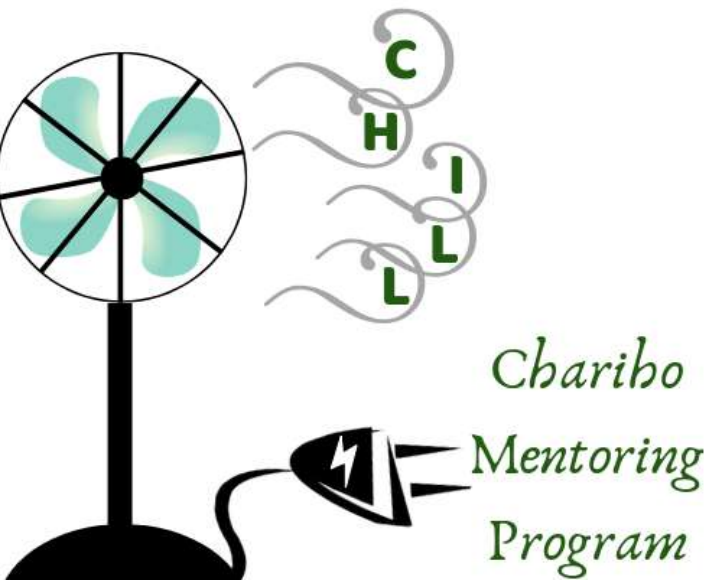
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Brynne Campbell
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Anderson Chapman
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 Elle Clark*
 Regan Clark*
 Darren Clarke*
 Alexis Cole***
 Arianna Collet*
 Colin Cooley*
 Benjamin Costa*
 Jillian Cusatis*
 Theodore Czarnecki*
 Kaitlyn Daniels***
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 Savanna Fisher***
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 Ava Francis*
 Elizabeth Francoeur***
 Keira Frias*
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 Philip Gingerella*
 Catalina Grandchamp***
 Alida Grim*
 Sadie Grissom*
 Wyatt Haggerty*
 Evan Harley*
 Abigail Heim***
 Jackson Hernandez*
 Kylie Hoffman***
 Wyatt Holt*
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 Amber Lambert*
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 Sarah Lynch*
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 Isabella Macaruso***
 Maicey MacLeod*
 Alexa Mancyak*
 Megan Marcille*
 Grace Marcotte*
 Lucie May*
 Jack McCallig*
 Samantha McCandless*
 Leah McCue*
 Evan-Paul Medenciy*

Bridget Milton*
 Katja Nelson*
 Emily Newett*
 Shea O'Brien*
 Daniel O'Horo*
 Jared Peltier*
 Madison Perlorca***
 Jesse Petrichko*
 Michaela Pont**
 Christian Resinger***
 Lennon Rodgers*
 Aaron Rossi*
 Dominic Santospirito*
 Jack Skaggs*
 Grayson Snyder*
 Elias Sposato*
 Jake Tedeschi*
 Yusef Telsac*
 Dezmond Tracy*
 Brooklyn Vacca*
 Danielle Vanegas*
 Erin von Housen***
 Amanda Way***
 Jules White***
 Katherine Wood*

*RI Honor Society
 **National Honor Society
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National Honor Society, New Inductees

Megan Ballard
 Matthew Boyd
 William Bryson
 Elle Clark
 Juliet Costa
 Alessandra Cunha
 Charlie Edmunds
 William Fritz
 Anna Gingerella
 Owen Golden
 Sadie Grissom
 Lola Hernandez
 Maya Iskander
 Lilah Jennings
 Kaden Kelly
 Charlotte Kona
 Adaline LaBossiere
 Julianne Manlove
 Penelope Nicolas
 Keira Pearce
 Hayden Puglia
 Quinn Sposato
 Brandon Thorp
 Danielle Vanegas



2024 Commissioner's Seal for Academic Excellence

Rachael Abbott	Caleb Caswell	Catalina Grandchamp	Lucie May
Philip Abby	Grace Chacon	Alida Grim	Jack McCallig
Skylar Ainsworth	Elle Clark	Wyatt Haggerty	Leah McCue
Lily Algieri	Alexis Cole	Evan Harley	Kayla McKellips
Sean Allen	Arianna Collet	Hailey Harrington	Evan-Paul Medenciy
Jordan Almagno-Gillooley	Lucas Corah	Abigail Heim	Katja Nelson
Massimo Alves	Benjamin Costa	Jackson Hernandez	Shea Parker
McKenna Anderson	Zachary Cotton	Kylie Hoffman	Daniel O'Horo
Amelia Ansel	Jillian Cusatis	Wyatt Holt	Jared Peltier
Harley Anthony	Theodore Czarnecki	Braden Hutchins	Madison Perlorca
Owen Apice	Kaitlyn Daniels	Alexander Ilgenfritz	Lilian Raboin
Lillian Asci	Cynthia Davis	Lily Jackson	Christian Resinger
Chloe Babcock	Elena DeAngelis	Cole Jennings	Lana-Lyn Robbins
Tori Babineau	Hunter Demario	Skyla Jennings	Aaron Rossi
Emily Ballard	Ethan Deniger	Sara Johnson	Dominic Santospirito
Megan Ballard	Jackson Deniger	Shelby Jones	Tucker Sargent
Nathan Ballard	Nicholas Docouto	Hudson Juenger	Jack Skaggs
Victoria Barrette	Jameson Dubreuil	Kelsey Kelleter	Grayson Snyder
Helena Beasley	Ian Dunham	Brandon Knowles	Sage Sylvestre
Keagan Beck	Ryan Edenbach	Emma Kocab	Jake Tedeschi
Kyle Bodnar	Chaia Elwell	Amber Lambert	Weeko Thompson
Joshua Bolek	Emerson Flynn	Ethan Lenihan	Dezmond Tracy
Robert-Raymond Brown	Cale Fortune	Mateo Llaguno	Brooklyn Vacca
Jesse Brunelle	Ava Francis	Jack Loring	Erin von Housen
Maddox Burdon	Elizabeth Francoeur	Sarah Lynch	Daniel Ward
Aidan Burns	Keira Frias	Gabrielle Macaruso	Amanda Way
Joslyn Butler	Aubrey Gatti	Isabella Macaruso	Jules White
Emalyse Cabral	Owen Gillis	Maicey MacLeod	Sarah Wojcik
Aidan Calianos	Anna Gingerella	Jonathan Manning	Katherine Wood
Finleigh Callahan	Philip Gingerella	Megan Marcille	

2024 Guided Pathway Endorsement Seal

Business and Industry

Rachael Abbott
Divine Alexander
Talia Almeida
Massimo Alves
Jenna Antunes
Owen Apice
Travis Avery
Nathan Ballard
Madeleine Barrette
Keagan Beck
Noah Blanchard
Ava Bridge
Jesse Brunelle
Brendan Byers
Mason Cabida
Emalyse Cabral
Aidan Calianos
Joseph Castle
Caleb Caswell
Tyler Catalan
Darren Clarke
Arianna Collet
Colin Cooley
Lucas Corah
Cynthia Davis
Hunter Demario
Noah Dinucci
Hannah Dion
Nicholas Docouto
Ryan Edenbach
Phoebe Erdos
Bennett Fontaine
Logan Gardiner
Anna Gingerella

Philip Gingerella
Rayshawn Golding
Dylan Gormly
Catalina Grandchamp
Andrew Gray
Chantz Green
Wyatt Haggerty
Evan Harley
Hailey Harrington
Shawn Harvey
Jackson Hernandez
Victoria Hicks
Ryan Horan
Shayla Huy
Alexander Ilgenfritz
Cole Jennings
Shelby Jones
Hudson Juenger
Alexia Katechis
Alexander Kores
Christopher Kozlosky
Logan LoBianco
Russell Mack
Maicey MacLeod
Jonathan Manning
Grace Marcotte
Nathan Marcotte
Riley Matarese
Leah McCue
Hudson McKay
Kayla McKellips
Cole Montanari-Whaley
Kyle Montanari-Whaley
Madeline Moorehead

Michael Murray
Mackenzie Myers
Daniel O'Horo
Caleb Pease
Travis Plante-Mullen
Alexander Plante
Lilian Raboin
Lana-Lyn Robbins
Jordan Robinson
Lennon Rodgers
Grace Russo
Dominic Santospirito
Alexander Sensenig
Elias Sposato
Jake Tedeschi
Lillyan Tefft
Kaiden Wild
Russell Wilkinson



Teaching

Jordan Apice
Gabriella Caracciolo
Jillian Cusatis
Kaitlyn Daniels
Kylie Hoffman
Lily Jackson
Samantha Main

Humanities and World Language

Regan Clark
Savanna Fisher
Emily Newett



Performing Arts-Theatre
students perform for
preschoolers



2023 Guided Pathway Endorsement Seal

Public Service

Skylar Ainsworth	Abigail Heim
Sean Allen	Logan Kane
Brady Anderson	Amber Lambert
Lillian Asci	Calvin Lementowicz
Tori Babineau	Ethan Lenihan
Emily Ballard	Cody Lindstrom
Megan Ballard	Isabella Maloney
Joslyn Butler	Shea O'Brien
Mason Campbell	Stephen Osella
Ella Conroy	Madison Perlorca
Hailey Corriveau	Haley Saverino
Ryan Currier	Aleksus Smith
Bella DelBonis	Sierra Sorrentino
Ethan Deniger	Victoria St. Onge
Chaia Elwell	Colin Tennant
Emerson Flynn	Danielle Terry
Keira Frias	Jacob Trolie
Aubrey Gatti	Brooklyn Vacca

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Philip Abby	Braden Hutchins
Lilly Algieri	Sara Johnson
Amelia Ansel	Kelsey Kelleter
Helena Beasley	Eden Kelley
Boone Bessette	Jack Loring
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Sophia Dionne	Weeko Thompson
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Ian Durham	Erin von Housen
Cale Fortune	

CTC Health Career
students ready to work



Middle School
students learn how
to program a robot



2024 Diploma Seal of Biliteracy

Lilly Algieri - Silver - Spanish

Aidan Calianos - Silver Spanish

Gabrielle Macaruso - Silver Spanish

Isabella Macaruso - Silver - Spanish

Erin von Housen - Silver - Spanish

Megan Marcille - Silver - French

Katherine Wood - Silver - French



**CONGRATULATIONS
ON A JOB WELL DONE!!**



Our 2024 Graduates are attending...

Bentley College
Cedarville University
Community College of RI
CT State Community College
Dean College
Eastern CT State University
Emmanuel College
Fairfield University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Southern College
Franklin Pierce University
Gordon College
Husson University
Jacksonville University
Johnson & Wales University
Keene State
Mass College of Pharmacy
Michigan State University

Mount Saint Mary College
New England Tech (NEIT)
Nichols College
Norwich University
Plymouth State University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island College
Rivier University
Roanoke College
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Saint Michael's University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Southern CT State University
SUNY Cobleskill
University of Hartford

University of Maine
University of New Hampshire
University of Rhode Island
University of South Carolina
University of Tampa
Vanderbilt University
Westfield State University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Wyoming Tech

Military Branches

Air Force ROTC
Air National Guard
Army
Marines
Navy

2023-24 District Grants

The District had a successful year in terms of grants as well. These grants allow for additional experiences and opportunities for our students and teachers, not covered by our school budget. Many thanks to Katie Kirakosian, our Development Officer, for all her work securing many of these grants.



- Richmond Elementary School--A Community 2000 grant for a Kindness Club
- Chariho Middle School--A Community 2000 grant for Science Field Studies field trips
- The District--A Community 2000 grant for Professional Libraries focused on the science of reading
- The District--funding from the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) for the CALA School Improvement process
- The District--A RIDE grant to support Preschool curricular materials and professional development
- Richmond Elementary School--A USDA People's Garden Grant for the Greenhouse and gardens
- The District--A USDA Project SCALES grant to increase local ingredients in school breakfast and lunch
- The District--A RIDE grant for Trauma Informed Services in Schools (TISS)
- CHARIHotech--A RIDE grant to support teacher professional development in working with Differently Abled Students (DAS)
- Chariho Middle School--A grant for students to learn about the Ocean Twilight Zone (OTZ) through a collaboration with the East Bay Educational Collaborative and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute
- Chariho High School--A Rhode Island Interlocal Trust Safety Grant for a new cell dialer
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant for a Student Government Day
- CHARIHotech--A Community 2000 grant for competition laptops for Engineering & Design students
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant for Summer Stage Exploration
- Chariho High School--A Community 2000 grant for Theatre Exploration for students in adaptive daily living classes
- The District--A RIDE Get the Foam Out grant to buy reusable lunch trays and to support composting
- The District--A USDA School Lunch Equipment grant for new cafeteria equipment



Grant-funded nooks are a student favorite thanks to RIDE's Wellness in Education Leads to Learning (WELL) initiative



Chariho staff and coach Matt Durham of Yellow Farmhouse Education Center attended the Northeast Farm to School Institute in Shelburne, Vermont

Donations to the District

The District is incredibly grateful for the generosity of our extended community partners. These donations have supported our students in many ways and helped beautify our community as well. Donations are always appreciated. If you are considering donating to the Chariho Regional School District, please contact the school's administration directly.

Assorted school supplies, valued at over \$300, donated from the American Legion – Downey Weaver Post, Charlestown to Charlestown Elementary School.



Donation from the Cahir Family (Lena and Thomas Cahir), Carolina, RI of one (1) tennis net, valued at \$150.00, to Richmond Elementary School.



Friends of Chariho donated \$2,420 for the purchase of new books for the schools' libraries.

Chariho Rotary donated books to the elementary schools.

Gladys Bowen, Bradford, RI, donated two backpacks filled with supplies, valued at \$54.00, to Richmond Elementary School.

Substitute Teacher, Katherine Rosen, Westerly, RI, donated \$549 to cover a one-year license for IXL (online resource for Math, ELA, Social Studies and Science) for the CALA Elementary Program.

Donation from Oldcastle Lawn and Garden, Richmond, RI of 51 yards of playground mulch, valued at @ \$1,500.00, to Charlestown Elementary School playground.

Sharon and Frank Forleo of Charlestown donated \$200.00 to the Charlestown Elementary School Lunch Fund.

Donation from Washington County Coalition for Children (Susan Orban, Director) of @ 400 T-Shirts and 3 cases of sidewalk chalk for Chariho students for Chalk It Up to Kindness Day, October 24th.



Betsy Lennon from URI Master Gardeners Program and the Staff and Volunteers, led by Refuge Biologist Nick Ernst, at the US Fish and Wildlife Service donated thirty (30) native plants, valued at approximately \$650.00, to CALA's Outdoor Classroom Project through the Learning Inside Out Initiative.



Howard and Helen Bentley, Shannock, RI, donated footballs, valued at @ \$250.00, to the Richmond Elementary School.

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Donations to the District

The Wellness Collaborative (Dan Fitzgerald) donated 95 personal toiletry bags, valued at \$750.00, to Chariho schools.

Joseph Jr. and Martha Quaratella donated \$50.00 in memory of their father/father-in-law, Joseph Quaratella Sr. (Mr. Q), a long-time employee of Chariho who passed away on March 14, 2023.

Home Depot, Westerly (Bernie and Robin) donated vinyl plank flooring, valued at \$180.27 to the CTC Construction Program Playhouse Project. A special thanks to Teacher Assistant Bonny Pride for her assistance with this donation.



Gotham Greens, Providence, RI donated 144 seedlings, valued at \$432.00, to Richmond Elementary School.

RICAN of Charlestown, RI donated 1 case (48 ct) Poland Spring water, 1 case (36 ct) Apple & Eve Juice, 1 case (40 ct) Pirate's Booty (popcorn), 1 case (36 ct) Pretzels and 1 case (28 ct) Pop Corners to Richmond Elementary School for student snacks.

Nancy Pirnie, Richmond, RI donated a flagpole kit with solar light, valued at \$250.00, as a parting gift to Chariho Central Office Administration.

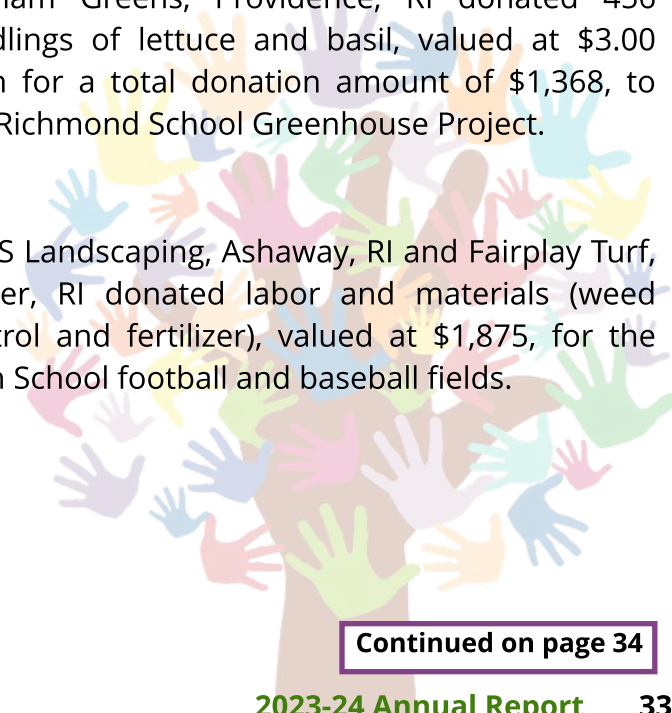


The Maddie Potts Foundation donated \$1,100 for CHS Unified Sports. Parent Alicia Fusaro purchased shirts for the Unified Volleyball Team and the rest was put into their account.

Global Partners LP, Waltham, MA provided a \$500 Grant through their partnership with ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program to Hope Valley Elementary School.

Gotham Greens, Providence, RI donated 456 seedlings of lettuce and basil, valued at \$3.00 each for a total donation amount of \$1,368, to the Richmond School Greenhouse Project.

S & S Landscaping, Ashaway, RI and Fairplay Turf, Exeter, RI donated labor and materials (weed control and fertilizer), valued at \$1,875, for the High School football and baseball fields.



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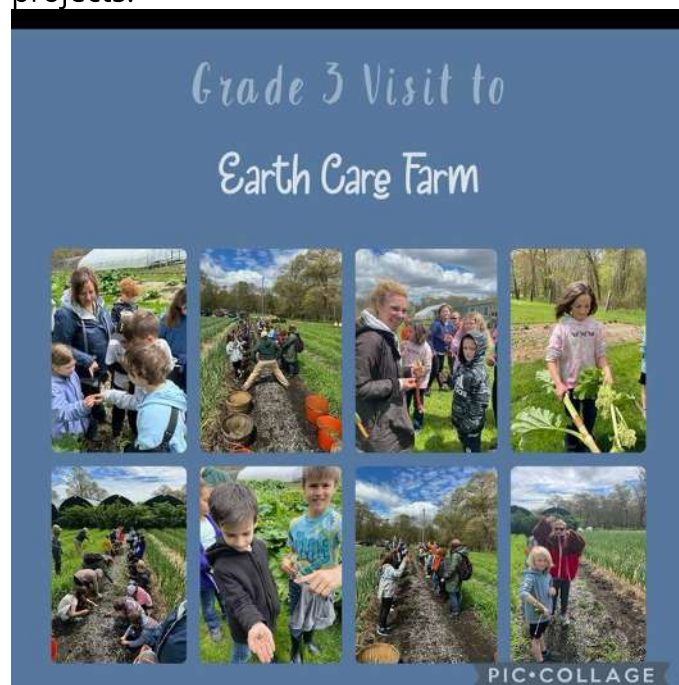
Donations to the District

Anonymous donation of \$200.00 to Charlestown Elementary School student lunch accounts for families in need.

Downey-Weaver Auxiliary Unit 34 donated miscellaneous school supplies, valued at \$224.00, to Hope Valley Elementary School.

Anonymous donation of \$150.00 to Richmond Elementary School student lunch accounts for families in need.

Earth Care Farm, Charlestown, RI provided an "in kind donation" of \$552.00 (Discount of 20% for 30 years of raised bed mix) to the Richmond Elementary School Gardens and Greenhouse projects.

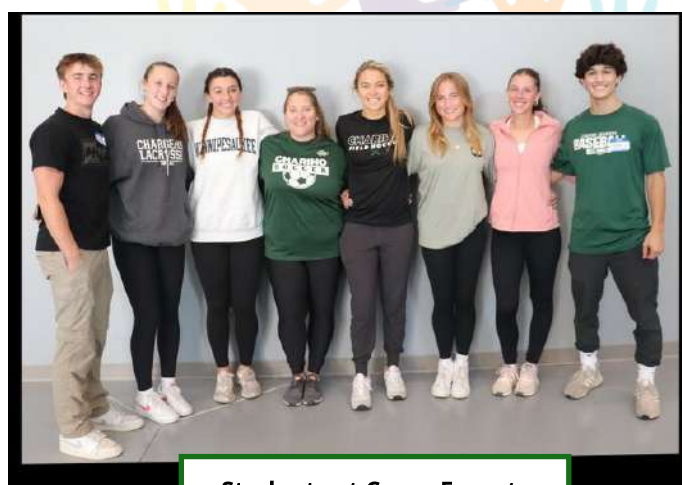


Donation from WE DIG/Wilcox Construction(Paul Wilcox), South Kingstown, RI of \$350.00 (they waived their delivery fee of the raised bed mix from Earth Care Farm) to the Richmond Elementary School Gardens and Greenhouse project.

Cardi's donated a table and chairs and Richmond School PTO (President Thea Brennan) donated time to the remodeling of the Richmond School Teachers' Room project.



Riverhead Building Supply, Richmond (Kevin Muse) donated \$423.31 in supplies; donation of paint supplies and wood stain, totaling \$65.00, from Ace Hardware, Wyoming RI and donation of two gallons of paint from Sherwin Williams in Westerly, RI for the Richmond School Teachers' Room remodeling project.



Students at Camp Fogarty Leadership Training

Ashaway Elementary School

Ashaway student's artwork displayed at Artessy



Students participating in the STEAM Invention Convention



Kindergarteners share their Habitat Projects



Lego Transformation Day at Ashaway Elementary School

What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. Completed a successful fifth year as a Robotics and Engineering specialty school
2. Invited POW Science to each classroom to learn about aerodynamics and flight incorporating hands-on experiential learning
3. Worked with the PTO on various sponsored events (i.e. Trunk or Treat, Spring Glow Dance)
4. This year's Crystal Apple Award went to Patricia Pearce, Grade 2 teacher
5. Hosted Dave Marchetti's Animal Experiences with local wildlife and reptiles

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Continuing our focus on robotics and coding through the use of our STEM bins
2. Hosting PTO and School Improvement Team (SIT) events for Ashaway students and families
3. Finding new ways to connect the local community to Ashaway Elementary School
4. Working to improve student attendance

Charlestown Elementary School



Grade 4 student servers at Spaghetti Supper



Charlestown Parent teacher Organization Assembly



Charlestown Field Day fun

What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. Our teachers continued to learn about the Science of Reading and apply their learning to student instruction.
2. Our 4th Grade Student Council supported our school with the Harvest Food Drive, Spirit Weeks and tours for incoming Kindergarten students and families.
3. We continue to use our WIN, What I Need, block to help focus on the needs of each student.
4. Our PTO continues to support our school and hold fundraisers and family events that are enjoyed by all.
5. After our lower playground structure was decommissioned, funding was added for new structures in the Charlestown Town Budget!

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Continued high levels of student success with academic and social skills.
2. Looking forward to the installation of new playground and outdoor structures to help support outdoor learning and play for our students.
3. Continued collaboration with our PTO to plan and host engaging events for students and families.
4. Continued improvements with school attendance

Hope Valley Elementary School

Students planting native plants in their new pollinator gardens



Students participate in Chalk It Up to Kindness Day



Teachers get into character for Reading Week



Performing Arts High School Seniors support Hope Valley's Before School Drama Class



Hope Valley Principal, Mr. G with his Therapy Dog in training, Hope



What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. Hope Valley students showed some of the highest growth in the state on the RICAS Math Assessment
2. Our teaching staff completed the Science of Reading training to support our young readers and writers
3. School staff worked with our PTO to provide fun learning experiences for our students (i.e. Spirit Week, Reading Week, music with DJ Jazzy Mr. G, Talent Show, Kindergarten & 3rd grade plays, Ice Cream Social)
4. Continued the Drama Club and morning theatre classes with Rhode Island Youth Theatre and put on an amazing Lion King Kids performance.
5. Engaged the community through special events (i.e. Open House, Trunk-or-Treat, Math & Reading Nights)
6. Celebrating Teacher of the Year Tricia Abbott and Crystal Apple winners Deb Zonfrilli and Tricia Scheer

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Honing in on the growth from our high quality curriculum materials in ELA and Math
2. Implementing our School Improvement Plan, focused on academic excellence and student attendance
3. Focusing on Visual and Performing Arts with increased student and community engagement
4. Collaborating with the High School Drama students and teachers on a multidisciplinary project
5. Working with our PTO to sponsor fun-filled events and experiences

Richmond Elementary School



Richmond's Kindness Club celebrates acts of kindness



Paige Leddy accepting her Milken Award



High Five Friday at Richmond Elementary School



Richmond's Greenhouse and gardens were larger than ever this year

What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. We are proud of our students' achievement in reading and math!
2. Our school participated in multiple Health and Wellness challenges (Get Outside and Play, Fruit and Vegetable, Hydration, "The Great Kindness") and enjoyed many Health and Wellness focused events (Food Ambassador Days, "Planksgiving" Challenge, BOKS before-school movement, URI's Women's Basketball Education Day and the PTO Color Run).
3. Richmond's Reading Specialist Paige Leddy was awarded the prestigious Milken Award
4. We implemented a strategically designed special education service delivery model to increase communication among special education teachers, regular education teachers and reading and math specialists that resulted in improved student achievement.

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Continued use of assessment data to inform differentiated practices in core instruction. m instruction to support or extend students' learning in W.I.N. ("What I Need") block.
2. Developing of a multi-tiered system of support so our students receive necessary instruction and interventions based on academics, social-emotional, and behavioral needs.
3. Expanding student leadership opportunities to include Recess Rocks Junior Coaches, Kindness Club, Student Council and Waste Warriors in collaboration with RI Recycling Project.
4. Enhancing a positive school climate and culture to benefit students, teachers, and staff to improve academic achievement, social-emotional development, and attendance.

Chariho Regional Middle School

Students participating in Chalk It Up to Kindness Day



Such talent at the Matilda Jr. production



PTO Calendar raffle winner Cyrus and friend William being driven to school in style by Hope Valley Wyoming Fire District



Students helping plant native pollinator plants with URI Master Gardener volunteers

Chariho Middle School receives Title I funds. Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, parents of children attending the Middle School may request the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s). Parents may request information related to state certification and licensing criteria, emergency certification, and degrees held as well as information about the qualifications of paraprofessionals. This information is available by calling the Superintendent's office at 364-7575. Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii) of the Title I statute requires that schools provide timely notice that a parent's child in a participating Title I school has been assigned to, or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state qualifications and licensing criteria.

What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. Successfully incorporated Advisory and WIN (What I Need) into all grades.
2. Redesigned Unified Arts to allow greater student choice in Art, Computer Science, Music, and STEM.
3. Had another successful drama production with Matilda Jr.

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Working on redesigning our Teams.
2. Adding Exploratory Italian and Exploratory Chinese.
3. Introducing Yondr pouches.

Chariho Regional High School



Chariho Interact Club students help RICAN staff with pantry sorting and organization



Chariho Theatre Company presents a sensory-sensitive production of The Little Mermaid for a neurodiverse audience



Students and staff learn about the importance of native pollinators



To hone their craft, teachers explore the art of Improv during professional development



ESport Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Champions

What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. Students in our adaptive daily living courses hosted Senator Reed for a tour of our library, planted a new garden for RICAN, supported a variety of our CHARIHOTech programs such as hospitality and culinary, and helped plant and water our native plants across our campus.
2. Our Chariho Theatre Company presented two amazing performances this year: The One Act Play that Goes Wrong and The Little Mermaid. Chariho Theatre also hosted it's first-ever sensory-sensitive play to welcome students of all abilities to enjoy the theatre experience.
3. Our Robotics Team made it to the State Tournament and our FBLA Team made it to the National Conference!
4. One of our seniors was a finalist in the Poetry Outloud Content and we had 4 students earn the 2024 Rhode Island Art Anchor awards in photography, drawing, and sculpture!
5. An impressive 82% of our 10th graders met proficiency on the Reading/Writing portion of the PSAT!

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Continuing to implement Vision 2026
2. Working with our School Improvement Team on our School Improvement Plan
3. Welcoming our next Freshman class

CHARIHotech



CHARIHotech students participate in SkillsUSA National Signing Day.



CHARIHotech students and staff celebrate a successful Habitat for Humanity build

CHARIHotech Welding students working on an outdoor project mock-up



CHARIHotech Culinary students practice their training at the SkillsUSA Buffet



CTC Hospitality students support the Green Car Race in Ninigret Park

What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. 34 students earned state medals in the SkillsUSA competitions including 18 Gold medal winners
2. Seeing another great group of CTC students graduate and pursue their post-secondary paths
3. Having Construction Technology and other Pathway students partner with Habitat for Humanity on a house in the local community

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Placing our students in internships across southern Rhode Island
2. Supporting the local community through educational opportunities for our students
3. Meeting the next group of 8th graders in southern Rhode Island who want to have the best education available in South County

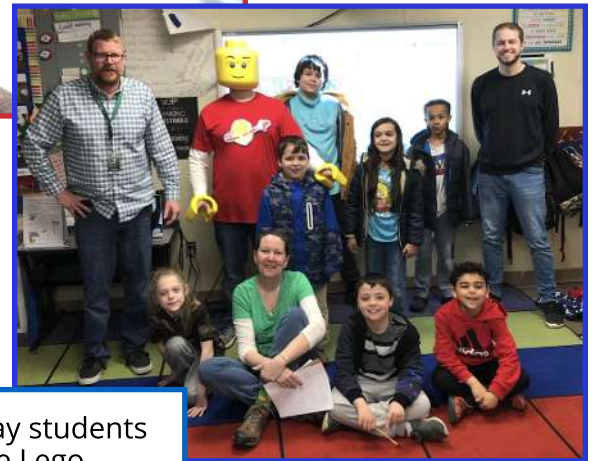
Chariho Alternative Learning Academy



A CALA Senior celebrates their accomplishments with staff



Students completing a Challenge course at URI



CALA Ashaway students celebrate Lego Transformation Day

What are some highlights from 2023-2024?

1. Graduation of 15 CALA Seniors--our largest graduating class to date!!
2. Completed various Social Emotional Learning experiences with all students
3. Expanded our Internship opportunities and overall growth of the Job Coaching Program
4. Broadened our off-campus Project Based Learning activities and experiences including the New England Science & Sailing Foundation, Maisey's Tree Farm, Yellow Horse Equine Therapeutic Program
5. Completed two hands-on projects on-campus; installing an outdoor classroom/gazebo and gardens on the main campus and a second gazebo at Ashaway Elementary School
6. Hosted a regional Professional Learning Community focused on best practices in alternative education

What are we looking forward to in 2024-2025?

1. Continuing to develop individual graduation plans for our seniors
2. Providing additional internships to prepare our High School students for future employment
3. Introducing two Foreign Language courses for our Middle and High School students
4. Partnering with Throughline Learning, this year at CALA Ashaway's Elementary Program
5. Working with a new clinical team from New England Psychological Solutions
6. Receiving a grant-funded van to expand PBL and community service opportunities

Chariho's District-wide Green Team

MISSION: The mission of the Chariho Regional School District's Green Team is to promote a connection to the environment and share ways in which students, staff, and the community can be environmental stewards. The Green Team will also create outdoor classrooms, pollinator gardens, and green spaces and encourage students, staff, and the community to use these spaces now and in the future.

THANK YOU: Thank you to ALL of the staff, volunteers, and especially the URI Master Gardener volunteers who helped make our first year such a success with the Learning Inside Out initiative.

JOIN US: The Green Team will meet from 3:45-4:30pm in the Administrative building (and on Google Meet) on the following dates (9/17, 10/15, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/6, 6/3). If you have any questions about the Green Team, please email Katie Kirakosian at katie.kirakosian@chariho.k12.ri.us.



Planting native shrubs on the main campus

Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)



The Special Education Advisory Committee is composed of individuals involved in or concerned with the education of children with disabilities. Parents of such children compose the majority of the committee membership. Other members include school personnel and representatives of the community. Students with disabilities may also be important members of the committee.

SEAC meets four times a year. New members are always welcome to attend any meeting. All meetings are at 6 PM in the Middle School Library and are posted on their [webpage](#) at least a week in advance.

Chariho in the News

The District is fortunate to have had a very successful year, as is evident by the numerous Westerly Sun news stories about our varied initiatives and successes. Below are some of the Chariho news stories covered over the past year.



2024 Valedictorian Erin von Housen and Salutatorian Elle Clark



Chaia Elwell receives a \$10,000 scholarship from Raising Cane's Restaurant in Johnston for her heroic efforts in saving a customer who was choking.



High School Girls' Soccer Team wins Piver Cup



CTC receives its Food Truck



Ashaway School honoring Veterans



Summer Stage Explorers present Seussical Jr.

Chariho in the News

CTC Culinary Arts student Ella Murphy preparing for her second National SkillsUSA Competition



Before and after photos of the tank outside CHS painted by students



CTC Welding Student Hannah Dion building Columbia-Class Submarines at EB in Quonset



SkillsUSA 2024



Annual Tractor Parade



ARTESY 2024



Chariho Sports in the News



Gymnast Brooklyn Vacca



High School Boys' Football Team
received the Dick Reynolds
Sportsmanship Award

High School Girls Basketball Team - WCCU Champions -
Division II Team Sportsmanship Award



High School Girls' Soccer
advanced to the Division I
Semi-Finals

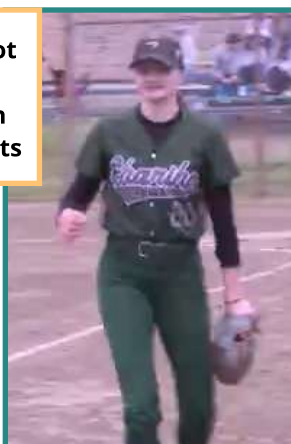


High School Field Hockey advanced to
the Division II State Championship



High School Boys' Basketball Division II
Team Sportsmanship Award Winners

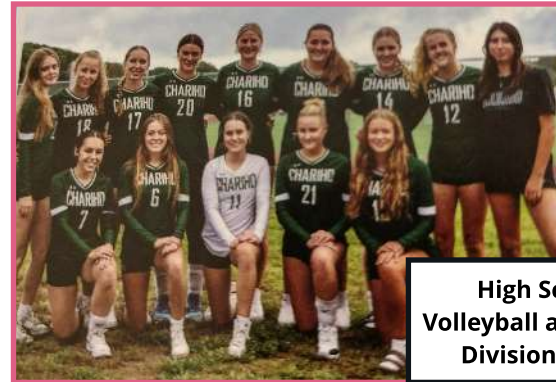
Adrianna Jennenot
finished her
freshman season
with 260 strike outs



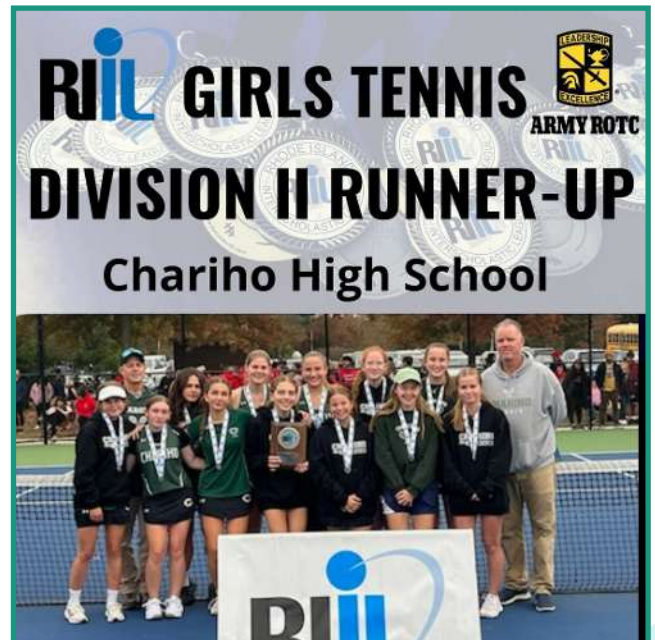
Middle School
Baseball Southern
Division Champs
Undefeated



Chariho Sports in the News



High School Girls' Volleyball advanced to the Division I semifinals



Eli Sposato and Erin von Housen recognized for their many accomplishments under Student Recognition



High School Softball advanced to the 2nd round of the Division I Tournament Winners Bracket

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

A federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records, FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student, or former student, who has reached the age of 18 or is attending any school beyond the high school level. Students and former students to whom the rights have transferred are called eligible students. Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review all of the student's education records maintained by the school. Parents and eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record commenting on the contested information in the record.

Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student before releasing any information from a student's record. However, the law allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties:

1. School officials, including school employees and contractors, who have a need to know;
2. Other schools to which a student is transferring;
3. Certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions;
4. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
5. Organizations conducting certain studies for the school;
6. Accrediting organizations;
7. Individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas;
8. Persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies;
9. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law; and
10. Another school in which a student enrolls.

Parents have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Chariho Regional School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202
(202) 260-3887
www.ed.gov/FPCO

Schools may also disclose, without consent, directory type information such as a student's name, address, email address, telephone number, honors and awards, date and place of birth, height and weight of athletes, grade level, photographs, participation in officially-recognized activities and sports, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. If you wish to opt out from the disclosure of directory information, please complete the form at the bottom of the next page and return it to your child's school by the end of September or within one week from date of new student registration.

Chariho Middle School receives Title I funds. Under the Act, parents of children attending the Middle School may request the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s). Parents may request information related to state certification and licensing criteria, emergency certification, and degrees held as well as information about the qualifications of paraprofessionals. This information is available by calling the Superintendent's office at 364-7575. Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii) of the Title I statute requires that schools provide timely notice that a parent's child in a participating Title I school has been assigned to, or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet state qualifications and licensing criteria.

Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights (PPRA) Amendment

PPRA affords parents, students who are 18, or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) -

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Income, other than as required by law, to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of -

1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspect, upon request and before administration or use -

1. Surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

The School District has developed a policy, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, and has made arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The School District will directly notify parents and eligible students of this policy at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes are made. Parents of students who believe their rights under PPRA may have been violated may file a complaint with ED by writing the Family Policy Compliance Office. Complaints must contain specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of PPRA occurred.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call 202-260-3887 (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Or you may contact the following:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

In accord with Rhode Island General Law 28-5.1, and applicable federal law, it is the policy of the Chariho Regional School District not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, marital status, race, religion, genetic information, national origin, color, political affiliation, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or disability (including pregnancy) in its employment practices. Employment practices include, but are not limited to, posting of vacancies, recruitment, hiring, training, transfers and promotions. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal opportunity and affirmative action may be directed to Kristen Merritt, Human Resources Administrator, 455A Switch Road, Wood River Junction, RI 02894 (364-7575 x2029); (364-1171 TDD); the Office of Equity and Access, 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903, or US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 5 Post Office Square, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109-3921.

School Offender Registration and Community Notification Act

At the beginning of each school year, the Chariho Regional School District is required, under Rhode Island's Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37.1-1 et seq.), and in compliance with guidelines issued by the Department of the Attorney General, to submit to local law enforcement agencies a directory of the names and addresses of parents who have children attending schools in Chariho.

The Rhode Island Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act requires certain offenders to be registered with law enforcement agencies and, in certain instances, requires local law enforcement agencies to provide notification to the community.

The Rhode Island Attorney General's Department has issued guidelines for the procedures to be utilized in connection with community notification. Under the Attorney General's guidelines, the Chariho Regional School District is required to submit a directory listing of the names and addresses of parents whose children attend school in the district. In keeping with Chariho's responsibilities under the law and the Attorney General's guidelines, Chariho will be submitting a directory listing of all parents who have children attending schools in Chariho to the local law enforcement authorities.

In the event that a local police department determines that it is appropriate to provide community notification to the parents of children attending school, this directory will be utilized; and you may receive offender fact sheets from the law enforcement agency unless and until you notify Chariho that you wish your name(s) to be removed from the directory or until you no longer have children attending school within the district, whichever comes first.

Below is a form which you may utilize if you choose to opt-out from the disclosure of directory information. If it is your preference not to be listed in the directory, please complete the form, indicating the name(s) of your child or children, your address, and affix your signature(s). Please return the form to your child's school by the end of September or within one week from date of new student registration. Information will be included in the directory unless we receive this form, signed by you.

For more information on sexual offender notification, please visit the State of Rhode Island Parole Board and Sexual Offender Notification Unit website at <http://www.paroleboard.ri.gov>.

Armed Forces Recruiting

To: Parents/Guardians of 11th and 12th Grade Students:

Federal Law requires school districts to provide the names, addresses, and telephone listings of junior and senior class students to Armed Forces recruiters. The legislation also includes a provision that allows parents to have their child's information exempted from that list. In accordance with the provisions of that legislation, if you do not wish to have the above referenced information provided to Armed Forces recruiters, please complete and return the form below.

_____ I do not want directory information released about my child.

_____ I do not want my child's picture to be included in any publication.

_____ At times, food is made available to classes from a source other than our food service provider or from the Career and Technical Center kitchen. Please check on the line if you do not want your child to partake of food brought to school from the homes of other students or from other sources.

_____ I am directing that information regarding my child be excluded from the list provided to Armed Forces recruiters.

Child(ren) First/Last Name(s)

Grade

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Signature (if over 18) _____

Address _____

Here's to a successful
2024-2025 School Year!

Go Chargers!



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