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School Information

Where can I park when I need to come into the school?

The middle school main parking lot is at the front entrance location by the flag pole. There are a few Visitor spots available if you are not staying for an extended length of time. There is also parking in the back of the school, in the lot in front of the Auditorium Entrance, and on the side of the CALA school.

*Please do not park in any numbered spots as these are assigned to HS students. **You must come into the Front Office Entrance to visit the school or to pick up your child. Visitors are not allowed to use the Auditorium Entrance unless it is open for an after-school event.***

What if I need to bring my child to school late?

The student must sign into the front office before going to class. Your child is able to sign themselves in late or you may accompany them into the school. If there is an excused note, it must be handed in within two days. The note can be handed to the front office clerks, or faxed to 401-223-4925. If your child has more than one late arrival per quarter, the student may be called to the Dean for disciplinary actions per the district Attendance Policy.

What is the procedure when I visit the school?

Some reasons you would need to visit the school would be a meeting with teachers, 504 meeting, field trip, to see the nurse, other school events, etc. Please come to the front office with a photo ID/License. You will be registered into our Visitor Manager System. You must leave either your license or keys with the office staff. Please make sure to check out with staff to retrieve your keys or license. Come early if many people are attending an event, as it does take some time to check everyone in.

What is the procedure if I need to pick my child up early from school?

You may pick your child up anytime without a note as long as the person is listed on the Emergency Consent Form; an ID/License must be presented to pick up your child. We will not release a child to someone not on the Emergency Consent Form. Persons listed on your Emergency Consent form must be 18 years or older to pick up. If you chose to add a person to the Emergency Consent List, you must come into the school and add the person to the list before the child can be picked up by that person. You may fill out an [Early Release Note](#). This note serves as a pass for your child to leave the class 5 minutes before dismissal time and wait in the office for pick up.

What is the procedure if I need to pick my child up at the end of the day?

You must come into the school to sign your child out. An ID/License must be presented and you must be listed on the Emergency Consent Form to pick up the child. You are also able to get a Car Placard. This placard is put into the front windshield of your car. To obtain a placard, you must be listed on the Emergency Consent Form. Please present your ID, and provide the license plate number, car make, model, and color of vehicle. This must be completed each school year. If you have a placard, you can wait in the pickup line in your vehicle and your child will be verified for outside pick up.

What happens if my child needs to stay after school?

- Where is pickup?

- Is there a sign out sheet?

After school activities include: clubs, staying after with teachers, detentions, night school, etc. Most activities run from 2:15-3:05 unless otherwise stated. You do not need to sign your child out if it is an after-school activity. Your child is able to meet you outside where you will be parked or at a location of your choice. Late buses are available through most of the school year.

What ways can I become more involved in the school?

Volunteering and chaperoning are dependent on team need and activities. PTO and the SIT Committee (School Improvement Team) are always open to parent involvement. There are also opportunities for parents to run enrichment programs after school. Enrichment programs are sponsored by the PTO.

How often do I need to have a background check to be a chaperone or volunteer?

Background screenings are valid for a 12-month period.



Academics

What is the procedure to request a conference with my child's teacher(s)?

Parents who wish a conference with a specific teacher or team should call the main office at 364-0651 to request a meeting. A teacher will respond to arrange the meeting. To schedule a meeting with a guidance counselor, call the main office and ask for your child's counselor. A parent wishing to meet with all teachers should indicate that the child's Unified Arts teachers also be present.

What is the policy for re-taking tests and quizzes?

Students may be provided with more than one opportunity to show what they know and are able to do on a summative assessment. While these opportunities must be offered to all students who meet reassessment criteria, they must always follow reteaching. Grades on second chance assessments should not simply be averaged with that given on the first assessment but should accurately reflect a student's achievement status. (Reassessments for Major Course Assessments are governed by the [Academic Requirements for High School Graduation Policy](#).)

Assessment Retake Guidelines:

- Grades 5, 6 and 7 QCAs - 80%
- Grade 8 QCAs 75%
- All other major assessments 80%

What is the Missing Work list?

When graded work (not including homework) is missing or incomplete (and the missing work or incomplete work is not allowed by another policy, an M (missing) will be entered in the electronic grade book. Students have until 5 school days before the issuance of quarterly progress reports and 5 days before the end of the quarter to submit missing or incomplete work. If a student is listed in the Missing Work list, the student will lose all privileges including, but not limited to, participation in extracurricular activities, including sports. Please refer to the [Secondary Grading Policy](#) for complete information.



Activities

What extra-curricular programs are available to children?

Clubs may change from year to year. Most Clubs run after school from 2:15-3:05, but times may vary. Announcements for clubs and sports are made during school and are posted on the Daily Bulletin in PowerSchool. Also, individual teachers and coaches may communicate through email or Apps for complete details.

Some clubs offered at CMS:

Drama Club - Dorothy Cummings

Rainbow Alliance Club - Jean Westcott

Robotics Club - Diane Kissinger
SADD - (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Jessica Ferrol
Student Council - Jen Mossner & Jen Fyrer
Yearbook Club - Sarah Devito

Music Grades 7 - 8 Grades:

Jazz Band – Ian Rondeau
Select Chorus – Lynn Dowding

Other Activities/Events:

Artessy
Book Fair
Career Day
Enrichment Classes
Night School
NJHS 7&8th Graders
Rooster Games/Book Battle
Science Olympiad Team
Spelling Bee
Tuesday Tutoring at Church

Intramurals:

Grades 5-8. Intramurals are co-ed.
Basketball
Flag Football
Volleyball



Athletics

What athletic programs are available?

Sports are open to 6-8th graders who are in good academic standing.

CMS SPORTS -Grades 6-8, Boys & Girls

Boys & Girls Basketball
Baseball
Boys & Girls Cross Country
Cheer
Softball
Boys & Girls Soccer
Track
Unified Basketball
Unified Cross Country
Wrestling

Where do I register for sports?

For all information on sports go to the [Athletics](#) page from the school website. To register for sports, go to the Family ID link under the

Athletics page, Quick Links. Click the Program at the bottom of the page and follow directions to register.

Where can I find the sports schedule?

Go to the [Athletics](#) page for sports schedules.



Donations

How can I donate to my child's team or school?

Donations can be made directly to school-sponsored trips/activities, or directly to the PTO or to the Chariho School Committee.

Is there a wish list for items that the school needs or would like to have donated?

Individual teachers and teams may have wish lists available throughout the school year.



Late Bus

When does the Late Bus run?

The Late Bus runs Monday through Wednesday. Students are dismissed at 3:05 to get the late bus. A child must have a Late Bus Pass to get on a bus which is provided by the teacher they stayed with. The Late Bus runs Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, from September 16 to June 8.



Library

Library Hours:

Monday 7:15-3:05

Tuesday 7:15-3:05

Wednesday 7:15-3:05

Thursday 7:15-2:15

Friday 7:15-2:15

Is there a "Library" class as in elementary school? If not, when do students have opportunity to go to the library?

While there is no regular library class, students in grade 5 will attend a series of introductory classes in the beginning of their year that will introduce them to the library and the programs used in the library. Throughout their time at CMS, students will work with the library media

specialists on digital citizenship, research skills, information literacy, and more. Students will also have a weekly block for circulation during which they can check out books and spend time reading.

Participation in the Rooster Games/Book Battle Information:

Students need to read 5 books from the RICBA or RIMSBA lists to qualify for a day of games based off the books. More information can be found on the Library website.

Summer Reading Information link:

<https://guides.rilinkschools.org/c.php?q=868667&p=6234330>



Lunch

What is the SSP room that my child talks about at lunch?

The Student Support Program was developed to assist students in the regular classroom setting by providing short-term interventions. During lunch blocks, the SSP room is available to any student as a drop-in lunch setting, providing a smaller, quieter space for students.

Are snacks allowed during the day?

Allowing snacks during the school day is determined by individual teams. Snacks are not allowed to be eaten on the bus.



Recess

Does my child have recess?

All students have recess as part of lunch time. Students eat lunch first and students have a choice of going outside for recess or may stay inside in the lunchroom.



Technology

Where is the help desk for computer issues?

What are the hours?

Help Desk is located in the library.

Hours are 7:15-2:45

How do I sign up for PowerSchool?

- Parent/Guardian access codes.
- What if I have issues/questions my current PowerSchool account?
- Send email to PowerSchool@Chariho.K12.ri.us with questions on accessing Chariho's PowerSchool system.

What happens if my child's Chromebook is broken?

With Dell-certified technicians on staff, many repairs will be performed in-house. If students follow the Expectations for Care of Chromebook/Macbook, the device will be repaired without charge. If students do not follow the Expectations for Care of Chromebook/MacBook, the family will be held financially responsible. In the event of the need to repair or replace a device, a loaner (if available) will be issued.

Where do I report damage, theft, or other problems?

Damage and theft should be reported to the Help Desk, located in the Middle School Library. Theft occurring outside of normal school hours must be immediately reported to the local police. After filing a report to the police, the offense number must be supplied at the Help Desk.

Link to Chariho 1:1 Frequently Asked Technology Questions

<https://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=21826113>