Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of Monday, August 19th through Saturday, August 24th.

Here are some announcements for this week ...

• It has been great to welcome back all of our students and staff to the 2019-2020 school year. I look forward to catching up with our returning students and getting to know all of the new students. Let’s make it another great year at Conifer!

• Conifer High School is committed to providing a warm and welcoming school environment while doing everything possible to protect our staff and students against any threat that may arise. Our safety and security focus on effective planning and coordination for potential emergency situations, training our staff and students with scheduled incident drills, and investing in security technology and infrastructure updates. Attached to this week’s announcements is a copy of the Standard Response Protocol that outlines the classroom response to an incident at school. Please consider reviewing the attached document with your child to reinforce the training our staff and students will take this school year.

• As our students and staff return to school, we are noticing a significant increase in our morning traffic flow. To help keep traffic moving through the circle, please pull forward so that ALL parents can drop-off their child. If your child is logging their driving hours by driving to school in the morning,
please pull all the way to the end of the circle to exchange drivers or consider exchanging drivers in the senior parking lot. These steps will greatly improve our traffic flow in the morning.

- Due to the fall construction schedule, priority parking will be provided to seniors and juniors. Sophomore parking space will be provided if space is available. Campus security supervisors will begin providing juniors and seniors with parking passes during the **second full week of school**. Students are **not allowed** to park in the library parking lot, along the bus lane in front of the school, nor in the non-numbered parking spaces on the east side of the school building. Thank you for your cooperation!

- On Tuesday, August 20th, the Conifer Robotics Team is hosting a Robotics Club Orientation Meeting from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. in room A033. Since the lower floor of the building will be locked, one of the mentors will be meeting interested students and parents in the Commons by the main door to escort them to the meeting room. For more information, please contact Mr. Halingstad at 303-982-5273 or Elsa Debrunner at 720-243-1602.

- On Wednesday, August 21st, the Conifer’s School Accountability Committee will hold their first meeting of the school year in the library conference room from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. The agenda for this meeting will include an overview of the accountability committee, a discussion about school safety and security, an update on field improvements, and an overview on next summer’s building remodeling. Parents and staff are encouraged to attend.

- On Wednesday, August 28th, we will host this year’s Back to School night starting at 5:00 p.m. **with a different format**. Clubs, activities and sports
will be giving out information in the lobby and gym from 5:00 until 5:30 p.m. From 5:30 until 6:00 p.m., Mr. Paxton will give his welcome speech and provide parents with valuable information about our school. From 6:00 until 7:15 p.m., parents will be able to engage in parent learning sessions, regarding school safety, AP/honors classes, CHS operations, college planning, graduation requirements, and student learning experience at Conifer. From 7:15 until 8:15 p.m., parents will be provided an opportunity to visit teachers’ classrooms and meet their child’s teacher.

- Club meetings start next week, so please visit our [clubs and activities](#) website to learn more information about the clubs and activities that child might be interested in.
- Good luck to our 4H State Horse Team competitors as they head to Pueblo Aug. 22 - 25th for the State Championships.
- Aviation Day - Career exploration field trip - see attached flyer [FREE field trip opportunity, including lunch, for any students interested in careers in the Aviation Field. Attached is the student permission form for the event. If you are interested in attending Aviation Day on September 6th, please sign yourself up here this week! The registration deadline is Monday, August 19th - [https://forms.gle/wuhdQ5CVrJz8W5m66](https://forms.gle/wuhdQ5CVrJz8W5m66) . If you want to attend, also print and get the attached permission form signed and returned to Mrs. Hall or the counseling office. Details are below]

Aviation Day:
Date - Friday, September 6, 2019
Place – United Airline Tech Ops Facilities, 27300 E. 98th Ave, Denver, CO 80249
Time – Bus pick-up will be @ 9:00 AM in the circle and will return to your school @ 2:00 PM

Fees – This is a FREE event, including transportation and lunch.

Permission Slips – Each student who is attending Aviation Day is required to complete a permission slip and return their permission slip to Mrs. Hall by 8/21/19.

Lunch – Lunch is included for this event and is free to students & staff. It is recommended that if anyone has food allergies, that they bring their own lunches (we cannot guarantee that the food is not allergen free).

- Good luck to our girls and boys mountain bike team as they head to their first race August 25th in Nathrop. Do you enjoy mountain biking? It is not too late to join the team! Practices are held each Tuesday and Thursday with 4 season races and a state championship held on Saturdays or Sundays through the end of October. To join, contact coach Bill Turner at bturner@path21arch.com

- Are you interested in joining our DECA program at Conifer? DECA is a leadership association of Marketing students who have the opportunity to travel and compete in real-world case studies and business applications. We have a lot of fun! Since DECA is a co-curricular club (tied to Marketing classes), in order to join DECA this year you must be in one of the following classes during 1st semester:
  - Sports & Entertainment Marketing
  - School-Based Enterprise
  - Personal Finance
- **Business Leadership**
  - If you are a 9th or 10th grader AND this is your first year ever in DECA, you may participate in our JV DECA program which will hold meetings and training during seminar (1 every 2 weeks) and will not require you to be in a Marketing class. This option is only available to 1st year DECA members who are 9th or 10th graders. Please sign-up here to be added to our DECA communications list for meeting dates and competition & travel opportunities - [https://goo.gl/forms/NYdEdChyRVu3kr8k1](https://goo.gl/forms/NYdEdChyRVu3kr8k1).
  - Contact Amber Hall at abhall@jeffco.k12.co.us if you have any questions about the program or about becoming a School Store Manager (see below).

- We are also looking for School Store Managers during 7th and 8th period. Managers will run the cash register, help make inventory and pricing decisions, promote merchandise and food, and be in charge of the store during their class period while earning full elective class credit in the School-Based Enterprise class. Store managers may participate in DECA, but DECA is not required. Interested students should contact Mrs. Hall or their counselor to add this class.

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### In Sports ...

- Congratulations to the Boy’s Golf team for their 1st place finish at the Denver Public Schools Invitational.
• On Monday, August 19th, our new Athletic Director, Eric Kragel, will host a Fall Sports Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please meet with him to gain important information about our athletic programs.

• On Tuesday, August 20th, Boys Golf will be at Deer Creek Golf Course for a Varsity League Match starting at 7:30 a.m.

• On Saturday, August 24th, Cross Country will be at D’Evelyn H.S. for their meet. Time is TBD.

• As a reminder to student athletes and parents, the weekly announcements only announce **home** Varsity events and all Varsity Cross Country and Golf events.