Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your back to school update on news and information for the week of **Monday, August 5th** through **Saturday, August 10th**.

**Here are some announcements for this week ...**

- Attached to this week’s announcements is this year’s Welcome Back Letter with information about the first three weeks of school, a copy of the Green-Silver calendar, a copy of the Jeffco Family Calendar and this year’s bell schedule. I look forward to meeting our new and returning students and starting another great year at Conifer!

- I would like to welcome back the Conifer High School staff that returns on **Wednesday, August 7th**. I’m looking forward to working with our amazing staff this year as we prepare our students for their future aspirations.

- Student schedules will be published through Infinite Campus on or around **Wednesday, August 7th**. As you review the fall semester schedule and there is an AP class on the schedule, please refer to the Conifer AP page to determine if summer homework needs to be completed before the first day of class

  ([https://conifer.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics_departments/a_p_inf](https://conifer.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics_departments/a_p_inf))
information). For more details, please contact your assigned counselor or AP teacher.

- In an effort to improve our partnership and timely communications with parents, we strongly encourage parents to update their family contact information on JeffcoConnect. We also need parents to review and pay student fees through JeffcoConnect at https://jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us/.

- Students, are you thinking about applying for college? Please register through JeffcoConnect to attend Conifer’s College Bootcamp on Thursday, August 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. College admissions representatives from different colleges and universities will present five different workshops that include insight into the application process, applying for financial aid, finding the right fit college, and writing your college essay. The nominal cost for the college boot camp is $10.00, which includes lunch.

- Conifer High School is excited to welcome the Class of 2023 on Tuesday, August 13th for Freshmen Orientation. Students will need to report to school by 7:25 a.m. for a full day of activities. The Students will also have a chance to walk through their class schedule and meet their teachers. During this time, the teachers will provide students with a list of supplies they will need for the beginning of school. We recommend that students do not to bring their backpacks, only a pen/pencil and a piece of paper to write down what
supplies they will need. Lunch will be provided for all students. There will be **no** Jeffco school buses for freshmen orientation, so parents will need to make arrangements for transportation.

- To support the academic success of new transfer and exchange students, the Conifer Counseling Center is hosting an orientation session and school tour on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Counseling Center.

- New Conifer parents are encouraged to attend a Parent Orientation and Question/Answer Session hosted by our PTSA in the Conifer Cafeteria on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, from 7:45 until 8:45 a.m. The session provides a great opportunity to answer parent questions and help parents navigate the “high school experience”.

- On Wednesday, August 14th, we welcome all Conifer High School students to the first day of the 2019-2020 school year. To kick off the new school year, we will host a Rite of Passage Ceremony to welcome the Class of 2023 to Conifer at 8:00 a.m. Freshmen parents are welcome to attend this annual ceremony.

- **Students, 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 and Entertainment Marketing
- School-Based Enterprise (offered 7th and 8th period)
- Personal Finance

- 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 meeting 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 grade students. Please sign-up online (link below) to be added to our DECA communications list for meeting dates, competitions and travel opportunities.

  https://goo.gl/forms/NYdEdChyRVu3kr8k1

- Students, we are also looking for student 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. Contact Amber Hall at
abhall@jeffco.k12.co.us if you have any questions about the DECA program or about becoming a School Store Manager.

- Connect with the Conifer High School PTSA on their Facebook page or by email at coniferhighptsa@yahoo.com. The PTSA would like to wish all of our students, staff, and parents a great new school year! Please consider attending one of the monthly PTSA dinner meetings, where they discuss opportunities to support students and staff.

- The Conifer High School’s School Accountability Committee is looking for parents, students, and staff interested in serving on this year’s advisory team, which works to support the continued success at Conifer High School. For more information, visit their website or contact the Accountability Chair at coniferlc@gmail.com.

- The Conifer Unified Booster Club (CLUB) is working hard to improve our athletic facilities and provide first-class programming for our athletes. If you want to learn more about CLUB, please visit their website or email the CLUB president at conifer.club@gmail.com.

In Sports . . .

- Sports physicals will be offered at Conifer High School on Monday, August 5th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the main office for $25.00.
• The first day of official practice for All Fall Sports will be held on Monday, August 12th. Online registration has already begun and must be completed for fall sports by Monday, August 12th.

• Please visit the Conifer High School Athletics page or contact individual fall coaches to find out about fall practice dates.

• The 2nd Annual Conifer High School Golf Tournament, which benefits our baseball, football, and softball programs will be held on Friday, August 9th at Applewood Golf Course. An entry form is attached to this week’s announcements.

• The Conifer Athletic Department will be hosting a Fall Sports Parent Meeting on Monday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Conifer High School cafeteria. Coaches will be available with program information and available to answer parent questions.

• Our new athletic director, Eric Kragel, asks parents, coaches, and student athletes for your support and patience as contractors install artificial turf on the baseball field and softball field. In addition to having a new turf field installed on Lobo Field, we are also having a rubberized track installed. Students and parents are directed not to enter the construction site or distract the construction workers.
Due to the construction, Mr. Kragel is working with coaches to determine alternative locations to host this fall semester practices and competitions.

Please refer to the Conifer Athletic Page for an update on these locations.