Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of **Monday, February 11**th through **Saturday, February 16**th.

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

- Congratulations to Nate Craig who successfully auditioned for 1st Chair Bass in Symphony Orchestra, which means he is the top bassist in Colorado! Great way to cap off his 3rd year in All-State.
- The Conifer Chamber Orchestra recently performed in the Lakewood Orchestra Festival and the Conifer Music Program received a Superior overall rating. Congratulations Chamber Orchestra!
- Good luck next week as our Conifer HOSA (Health Occupations) Team travels to Denver to compete in the State HOSA competition. Good Luck Team!
- Good luck to our Conifer Jazz Band as they travel to CU Jazz Fest on Thursday, February 14th.
- Conifer is currently offering a PSAT/SAT prep course with three-two hours sessions. The three-day course cost $150 (**students that qualify for free and reduced lunch are exempt from this charge and should contact the school financial secretary, Marilyn McDermond at 303.982.5238**) and is taught by English teacher, Gabe Watson, and Math teacher, Kim Mizenko. Please register online at JeffcoConnect.
- We hope to see you this Saturday, February 9th at Mind Blown Trivia Night at Our Lady of the Pines Church from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. Tickets are $15 each and can be purchased online at [http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/](http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/) or at the door. The event is open to the
community, but you must be 14 years of age or older. Test your trivia knowledge to compete for a huge cash prize. Participate in a live and silent auction to raise money for Lobo Innovative Educator Grants. Bring your own appetizer to share with your table. Adult beverages are available for sale.

- On Tuesday, February 12th, our Conifer PTSA is hosting a monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Carreta Vieja restaurant. All parents and staff are welcome to attend.

- On Wednesday, February 13th from 3:30 until 7:30 p.m., we host Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is an open forum style conferences, so no appointments are necessary.

- On Friday February 22nd, our Peer Counselors will host Conifer’s 3rd Annual Diversity Day! This is a day for students to sign up to take workshops on different topics. It gives students an opportunity to learn about and celebrate all kinds of diversity. The Peer Counselors agree that it is a truly profound and an eye-opening experience for students and has many educational and beneficial opportunities.

The Peer Counselors began putting this event together almost a year ago and they have worked very diligently in recruiting new speakers/workshops. The Peer Counselors took into consideration student suggestions from last year and have a new key note speaker whose topic is “You Will Make a Difference”. The workshops include the following: Native American Talking Sticks, Holocaust Survivor Tells her Story, Struggling through Blindness, LGBTQ in the Community, Chuck talk about Vietnam, Your Ethics vs my Values, Happiness, Religious Panel, The Mask you Live In, Whatever it Takes (Women Issues), Blue Bench (sexual assault), Finding Self through Yoga, Diversity through Art and Tolerance.
Students who sign up will be excused from classes but attendance will be taken at each Workshop.

- As a health announcement for Conifer parents and students, I will be sharing information about the harmful effects of misusing prescription drugs during the month of February. Prescription drug misuse can have serious medical consequences. Increases in prescription drug misuse over the last 15 years are reflected in increased emergency room visits, overdose deaths associated with prescription drugs, and treatment admissions for prescription drug addiction. Overdose deaths involving prescription opioids were five times higher in 2016 than in 1999 (www.drugabuse.gov). Parent, please ensure that prescription drugs are locked away in a safe place.

In Sports ...

**Tuesday, February 12th, Wednesday, February 13th, and Friday, February 15th**

Girls and Boys Basketball will host the Colorado 7 League Tournament in the gym with 3 sets of games this week. Girls will play at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Boys at 7:00 p.m. for the Games of the Week! Good Luck Lobos!