Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of **Monday, February 3rd through Saturday, February 8th.**

Here are some announcements for this week ...

On **Wednesday, February 5th**, at 6:00 p.m. we host a **Senior Parent Graduation Committee** meeting in the Main Office Conference room. If you would like to help with the senior breakfast, senior slideshow, graduation flowers, senior collages or the senior picnic, please join us! It takes your help, hard work, and enthusiasm to make these senior events great! For more information, please contact Asst. Principal Cassie Alley at 303-982-7386.

At Conifer High School, we pride ourselves on providing a “caring community” that supports the success of all of our students. As a result of our schoolwide efforts to ensure every student graduate on time, Conifer has been recognized this year as having a **four-year graduation rate of 98%**, which is the highest among all of the Jefferson County Public School’s neighborhood high schools. This is attributed to the hard work our teachers do every day in the classroom and the steps they take to support all the diverse learners. In addition, the Conifer Learning Center has a long history of providing individualized teacher support in a focused and effective learning environment with consistent student progress monitoring to ensure all students effectively pass their classes. Working closely with parents and students, our counselors, support staff, and administrators develop learning plans that include multi-tiered levels of intervention for students. As you can see, Conifer takes the steps necessary to prepare our high school graduates for college, the military, or the workforce.
Starting in June, parents and students will begin to see construction work on the **new addition and improvements to Conifer High School**. Thanks to the Jefferson County voters for approving the bond that will allow Conifer to **add a 7,000 sq. ft. auxiliary gymnasium with 200 seats**, performing arts classroom space, remodeling of classrooms with new furniture, **minor remodeling of the main office**, and **additional security measures**. During the prioritization and design stage of the bond projects, the Conifer Design Advisory Group (DAG) elevated the need for a **300-person auditorium**. Although there was not enough funding in the initial stage of the bond work, the Jeffco Board of Education has highlight Conifer’s need for an auditorium addition. Thank you Jeffco voters and the DAG volunteers for your support of Conifer’s bond project.

The **Conifer enrollment process for the 2020-2021 school year** continues as we move into the 2nd **Round Choice**. Parents interested in having their child attend Conifer next year should make sure to **apply online at EnrollJeffco**. If you would like to hear more about Conifer’s extensive academic core programming and elective offerings, please contact **Jolene Sadowski in our Counseling Center at 303-982-5249**.

**Parents of 9th grade students** are encouraged to consider purchasing a **Chromebook Accidental Damage Warranty**. There are many options at various price points to cover costly accidental damage. More information can be found on the **Conifer High School website under Families and 1:1 Devices**.

Attention Parents of Juniors and Sophomores: Conifer is providing students with a **6-Hour SAT/PSAT Boost Session** in **Reading, Writing and Math for $150**. Students can learn how to navigate test questions and work within the test time limits.
Sessions Available (Tues, Weds, and Thurs):

- February 11th, 12th, and 13th – 5:00 to 7:00
- February 25th, 26th, and 27th – 3:00 to 5:00
- March 10th, 11th, and 12th – 5:00 to 7:00
- April 7th, 8th, and 9th – 3:00 to 5:00

Food is provided at each session.

The three-day sessions 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 the courses are taught by English teacher, Gabe Watson, and Math teacher, Kendra Weiss. Please register online at JeffcoConnect.

In Sports ...

**Tuesday, February 4th**

**Boys Basketball** will host Riverdale Ridge High School at **7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 6th**

**Girls Basketball** will host Alameda High School starting at **6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, February 7th**

**Girls Swim and Dive Team** will travel to the Meyers Pool Center for a Varsity meet starting at **11:15 a.m.**

**Saturday, February 8th**

**Girls Swim and Dive Team** will travel to the Meyers Pool Center for a Varsity meet starting at **10:30 a.m.**