Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of Monday, January 21st through Saturday, January 26th.

Here are some announcements for this week ...

- On Sunday, January 20th, there will be a total lunar eclipse that will be visible in Colorado sky starting at 7:36 p.m. The maximum eclipse will occur between 10:12 and 10:43 p.m.

  (Source: https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/denver)

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<td>7:36 pm</td>
<td>Penumbral Eclipse begins</td>
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<td>Sun, Jan 20</td>
<td>The Earth's penumbra start touching the Moon's face.</td>
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<td>8:33 pm</td>
<td>Partial Eclipse begins</td>
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<td>Sun, Jan 20</td>
<td>Partial moon eclipse starts - moon is getting red.</td>
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<td>9:41 pm</td>
<td>Total Eclipse begins</td>
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<td>Sun, Jan 20</td>
<td>Total moon eclipse starts - completely red moon.</td>
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<td>10:12 pm</td>
<td>Maximum Eclipse</td>
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<td>Sun, Jan 20</td>
<td>Moon is closest to the center of the shadow.</td>
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<td>Total Eclipse ends</td>
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<td>Sun, Jan 20</td>
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<td>12:48 am</td>
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<td>Mon, Jan 21</td>
<td>The Earth's penumbra ends</td>
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On Monday, January 21st, we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In observance, there will be no school for staff and students on Monday.

Martin Luther King Jr. (born Michael King Jr., January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using the tactics of nonviolence and civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs and inspired by the nonviolent activism of Mahatma Gandhi. (Wikipedia.org, Jan. 2018)

Back in December, students received their results from taking the fall PSAT assessment. Students can access their fall PSAT scores online at https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home

As a parent, if you want to help your student dramatically increase their score, Conifer is offering a PSAT/SAT prep course with three-two hours sessions beginning on Monday, February 4th. 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 McDermont at 303.982.5238) and the courses are taught by English teacher, Gabe Watson, and Math teacher, Kim Mizenko. Please register online at JeffcoConnect.

Session Date and Times:
February 4th, 6th, and 7th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
February 25th, 27th, and 28th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Sessions will be capped at 20 students per session.
If both sessions fill up, we will offer additional sessions.
Beginning on Tuesday, January 22\textsuperscript{nd} and running through Monday, February 8\textsuperscript{th}, all families need to use EnrollJeffco to let us know if your child will be returning to Conifer for the 2019-2020 school year.

Here is a brief overview:

EnrollJeffco has two buttons –

- \textit{School Finder} provides information about all 155 neighborhood, option, and charter schools in the district
- \textit{Enroll Now} accesses the system all families will use to indicate where they intend to go to school next school year

All families with students that plan to attend a Jeffco Public School during the 2019 - 2020 school year will need to go to www.EnrollJeffco.org between Tuesday, January 22\textsuperscript{nd} through February 8\textsuperscript{th} to indicate if they will:

- Return to the same school in 2019 - 2020
- Attend their neighborhood school in 2019 - 2020 or
- Apply to attend a different neighborhood school, option school, or charter school for 2019 - 2020

If your student will be attending your designated neighborhood school or returning to the same school, as soon as you indicate your intentions you are done until registration in July/August.

If your student is applying to attend a preschool, option, charter, or different neighborhood school, enrollment offers will be sent to families in late February along with instructions on next steps.

To access EnrollJeffco, you must have a Jeffco Connect account. I encourage you update your Jeffco Connect account, prior to January 22\textsuperscript{nd}, and then take a few minutes to check out www.EnrollJeffco.org for details.
• On Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:30 a.m., the Conifer PTSA will be hosting a breakfast with Principal Paxton in the cafeteria. Please join us to discuss the outcomes of the Mill and Bond (5A and 5B) passed in November, as well as any other topics of interest.

• On Wednesday, January 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. the Conifer High School Accountability Committee is hosting their monthly meeting in the main office conference room. All staff and parents are welcome to attend.

• On Wednesday, January 23rd, we host the Conifer High School Curriculum Showcase from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. This will be an information night for ALL incoming 8th graders and any students choosing to open enroll at Conifer. From 6:00 until 6:30 p.m., students and their parents are encouraged to tour a showcase of various clubs and activities, athletic teams, and meet with representatives from each academic department. Then from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., there will be an academic program overview and the counselors will review the 8th grade registration information. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a short discussion about the choice enrollment process for parents wanting their child to attend Conifer and live outside of our articulation area. Come join us and learn about Conifer's outstanding programs.

• On Thursday, January 24th during Seminar, if you’re interested in an engineering field, please come learn about the different types of engineering careers from experts. It is a great time for you to ask questions and learn about this fast-growing career. Join us at Conifer High School on Thursday, January 24th in the cafeteria during seminar. All students are welcome.

• On Friday, January 25th, starting at 5:00 p.m., join your Conifer friends for a night of free ice skating on Evergreen Lake. Student Government is
hosting free ice skating and skate rental for Conifer students and staff. You must present your 2018-2019 Student or Staff ID to skate for free.

- What Colorado town celebrates *Mike the Headless Chicken Day*? How many time zones are there in the world? What company is the world's biggest distributor of toys? Name the world's biggest island? Which NFL team features a helmet decal only on one side of the helmet?

Save the Date! – Mind Blown Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 9\(^{th}\). Buy your tickets now for the 3\(^{rd}\) Annual Mind Blown Trivia Night benefitting Conifer High School. This event is being hosted by our PTSA at Our Lady of the Pines from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.). Tickets are $15 each and we encourage folks to purchase a table for 8 and compete as a group for cash prizes. Contact us at 636-485-0777 or chstrivianight@gmail.com to reserve a seat with a team. This event is open to the community and appropriate for attendees age 14 and older. Bring appetizers to share with your table as well as table decor. There will be prizes for best-themed tables and adult beverages will be available for sale. For more information please visit the PTSA website at [http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/p/mindblown-trivia-night.html](http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/p/mindblown-trivia-night.html)

- The *Conifer Snack Shack* is open from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. each school day this semester. Starting next week, we will stay open until 2:45 p.m. on most days. All Conifer t-shirts are still only $5! Come see us for you school spirit gear.

- *DECA Officer Applications* are now available in the front office, the snack shack and room 222. All students interested in coordinating our DECA and Marketing program as a member of our dynamic leadership team should apply. DECA State paperwork went out this week to all 50 of our State Competitors. It is due back to Mrs. Hall by Friday, February 1\(^{st}\).
Students, on Friday, February 1st at 7:45 a.m., learn about the effects of drugs and alcohol on the teen brain. This special presentation is being provided by the peer counselors and will be presented by Dr. Ken Ash.

In Sports ...

**Tuesday, January 22nd**

Girls Basketball will host Skyview High School at 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 24th**

Girls Basketball will host Englewood High School at 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 25th**

Girls Swimming and Diving will host Evergreen High School at Wulf Pool in Evergreen at 4:00 p.m. for the Game of the Week!

**Saturday, January 26th**

Girls Swimming and Diving will travel to Meyers Pool for a Varsity/JV League meet starting at 9:00 a.m.

Spring Sports online registration opens this Monday, January 21st. Please visit the CHS website and go to “Athletics”, then to “Activity” Registration or click RegisterSports to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Robin in Athletics.