Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of **Monday, March 4th** through **Saturday, March 9th**.

Here are some announcements for this week ...

- Congratulations Zander Condit who placed 3rd at last week’s 3A State Wrestling Championships! Well done Zander!
- Congratulations to our Conifer High School DECA students who competed at State last weekend. They had a very successful competition and our students were outstandingly considerate, professional, and all around exceptional young people. The following 12 students qualified in the top 5% of Colorado DECA students and have earned a competitive spot in the International Competition in Florida in April:
  - 1st place in Financial Services Team Decision Making – Austin Mandl and Alexander Larsen
  - 2nd place in Chapter of Excellence – Tabitha Fritts and Hannah Bartlett
  - 2nd place in Personal Financial Literacy – Gian Meyer
  - 3rd place in Integrated Marketing Campaign – Product – Alexis Hall and Jacob Russell
  - 4th place in Financial Services Team Decision Making – Casey Sadowski and Brian Sherry
  - 6th place in Buying & Merchandising Team – Kelly Powers and Nicole Renaud
  - Nicole Renaud was also elected to serve as the DECA State District 5 Officer for this next year.
Adam Westfall completed an outstanding first year term as the 2018 – 2019 DECA State District 5 Officer.

Our Chapter received overall Achievement Awards for District 5 Most Food and Money Donated.

- Conifer DECA qualified 7 students for written event finals and 9 students is role play finals at State Conference this year (2 who double qualified). Making it into the finals puts these students in the top 10% of DECA Competitors in Colorado. Many more of our students were in the running for finals, many just missed the finals round by one or two points.

- Congratulations to all the additional Role Play Finalists:
  - Hattie Dahlin & Reece Miller – Business Law & Ethics Team Decision Making

- Congratulations to our Written Event Finalists:
  - Integrated Marketing Campaign – Product – Nicole Renaud, Landon Wallace and Austin Mandl

- Congratulations to our top performers in the following areas:
  - Top Plan & Presentation Score:
    - Reece Miller, Hattie Dahlin and Alexander Larsen
    - Alexis Hall and Jacob Russell
  - Top Role Play Score
    - Nicole Renaud and Kelly Powers
    - Reece Miller and Hattie Dahlin

- We are so proud of Conifer DECA for representing us so well as competitors and as considerate, mature and professional young adults.
On Friday, March 8th, our Conifer Wind Ensemble competes in the CBA Regional Concert Band Festival at Dakota Ridge High School. Good luck musicians!

On Friday, March 8th, Conifer High School will host the Spring Awards Ceremony in the gymnasium. Students who received a GPA of 4.0 or above in the fall semester will be recognized. There will be a seating chart on the display case next to the financial office for the 4.0+ recipients. Those students who received a GPA of 3.0 to 3.99 in the fall semester can request certificates in the main office and will be recognized as a group. We encourage parents to join us in recognizing your child’s hard work!

Starting on Saturday, March 9th, senior parents are encouraged to bring flowerpots (clean and empty) to TaTonka Farms where they will fill them with a mix of beautiful altitude-tolerant flowers and plants for this year’s graduation ceremony. After graduation, parents can take home the pots to enjoy all summer long.

Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th
Saturday, March 16th & Sunday, March 17th
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - both days

On Sunday, March 10th we move our clocks forward for day light savings time.

On Sunday, March 10th is the deadline for ordering the Senior Class Panoramic Pictures at the lowest price. For on-line ordering or questions, please go to www.BestClassPicture.com. There are additional products online that are not in the brochure.

On Thursday, March 14th, sophomores with a cumulative, unweighted GPA of 3.5 and above have been invited to apply for membership into the Conifer High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Student names are posted in the counseling office, a paper signature sheet is ready for pick up in the library, and the student application and reference forms are posted on the CHS website.
The due date for all application materials is March 14th at 2:45 p.m. Please contact the school library staff with any questions.

- Due to overwhelming demand, Conifer is offering a PSAT/SAT prep course with three-two hours sessions. 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, Kim Mizenko. Please register online at JeffcoConnect.

- From the Counseling Office: A link was created under Counseling called “Student Resources”. If you click on this link, you will find three additional links: The first link is for Mental Health resources from Jefferson County; the second link is for Conifer Community Resources (including Tutors, Mental Health Providers, Grief Counseling) and the third link is for Parent Resources regarding substance abuse for the Jeffco South Area. Please feel free to view these resources. Click here to go directly to the link.

In Sports …

**Thursday, March 7th**

Girls Soccer will take on the Cougars of Evergreen for the Game of the Week on the Lobo Field starting at 6:00 p.m.! Come support our soccer team!

**Friday, March 8th**

Track will be at Jeffco Stadium to compete in a track invitation. Time is TBD. Just a reminder for spring sports, that we only announce home varsity games and all track and golf events.