

Conifer Weekly Announcements

Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of **Monday, September 25th** through **Saturday, September 30th**.

Here are some announcements for this week ...

- A HUGE shoutout to Lobo Regiment Marching Band for taking 1st Place at the Jeffco Marching Band Festival! Go Lobos!
- On Monday, September 25th, the speedbumps on our driveway will be removed after 8:00 a.m. For the remainder of the construction project, there will be two traffic monitors assigned to control traffic flow. As a reminder, the speed limit on our driveway is 20 miles per hour and 10 miles per hour in the construction zone. We appreciate your cooperation.
- On Monday, September 25th and Tuesday, September 26th, Sycamore Learning Center will be hosting a PSAT/SAT test prep at Conifer High School. With the PSAT coming up for students on October 11th, this is a great opportunity for students to prepare for the test.
- On Tuesday, September 26th, the Conifer Counseling Center will be taking our sophomore students to the Jeffco Career Fair at the Jeffco County Fairgrounds.

- On Thursday, September 28th, Lakewood High School hosts the Out of State College Fair. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to meet with college representatives from various colleges from around the United States.
- On Friday, September 29th, Josten's will be on campus to pick up Graduation orders from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- On Friday, September 29th, we host Club Rush during lunch to encourage students to join our various clubs and organizations.
- Some of you may be aware of the Mountain Area Start Time Task Force, which is conducting a feasibility study about changing the start time of mountain area schools for next year. For more information, please read the text version of this week's announcements.

Mountain Area Start Time Task Force Update:

Hello Mountain area parents and community members. As you may recall, last May the Start Time Task Force administered to parents a mountain area school start-times survey. We're writing to share the survey results and next steps.

Survey Results

The Jeffco mountain-area was surveyed to gauge the interest in continuing to explore potential changes in school start times. The intended respondents were parents of school-aged children attending Jeffco's mountain-area schools. The survey resulted in over 2,000 responses.

There is strong support for later start times for middle and high schools. In answering the question: *How important is it to pursue changing start times for:* High school the response for *somewhat important and very important* was 81%, middle school results were 73% and elementary was 53%.

Open-ended comments were favorable addressing needs for more sleep for older students, higher performance, less anxiety, and higher grades. Concerns about a change included impact to sports, activities and jobs, as well as the impact to child care, younger student's safety and parent's work schedules.

Next Steps

As a result of the survey, we are entering into a feasibility study and analysis with bus logistics and cost. We have been given a directive by Jeffco Superintendent Jason Glass that any changes must be cost neutral.

If we can move forward after the feasibility and analysis phase, we will engage the school communities further with more specific communication and a request for liaisons and volunteers. We will communicate with the mountain area to inform you of the results of the feasibility analysis.

Thank you again for your engagement in this important issue. It is just another example of what an amazing community in which we live.

Jeffco Schools Mountain Area Start Time Task Force

- On Thursday, October 19th from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Library, College Admission Expert, Karen Donoghue, is hosting a FREE College Admission Workshop. Teens and Adults will receive expert tips to help you get into the college of your choice! No registration required. For more info visit the Conifer PTSA Facebook page.

In Sports...

Tuesday, September 26th

Soccer will host Fort Lupton starting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30th

Cross Country will travel to the Andy Meyers Invite in Greeley.