



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, August 9th through Saturday, August 14th, 2021.

Here are some important announcements...

Welcome Back to School	<p>I would like to welcome you all to the 2021-2022 school year at Conifer High School. As I enter my ninth year as the proud principal, I will continue to build a foundation of success at Conifer by dedicating my time toward inspiring and empowering our students; supporting and encouraging our amazing staff and teachers; engaging parents in their child's education; and building community partnerships that help our students prepare for college and future career aspirations.</p> <p>As the fall semester begins, we cannot marginalize the impact COVID has had for students at Conifer. As we try to normalize the student experience and avoid more restrictive COVID guidelines, I strongly encourage our parents to have their high school student vaccinated. Vaccinated students avoid missing classes, school activities, and sports competitions due to illness or quarantines.</p> <p>During the first days of school, I look forward to meeting all the incoming freshmen, and all the returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Together we will work to make this year a rewarding and productive school year for all.</p> <p>GO LOBOS!!</p>
Fall COVID Guidelines (as of August 5, 2021)	<p>Experiencing COVID-like Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home! Families should call their medical provider. If symptoms have not improved after 48 hours, please notify the school and the school nurse will follow up with you. CDPHE's Return to Learn guidance is located here. <p>Masks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strongly recommended for ages 12+, when indoors at school.• Masks are required for unvaccinated staff.• Masks are welcome for anyone in the district.• Masks are required on all Jeffco buses - to and from school and on all field trips. Masking on public transportation is a Federal requirement, including school buses. Please see this federal order for more details.• Medical/Disability-Related Mask Exemption process located here.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Staff who require disability related accommodations related to mask wearing, will be referred to Legal and Employee Relations.• Requests for religious exemptions will be handled in accordance with applicable law. Please contact Legal Services and Employee Relations.

	<p>Quarantines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may attend school unless Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) contacts them and requires them to quarantine. JCPH will contact the families of those who need to quarantine based on contact tracing provided by school administration teams. • Quarantines will NOT be issued by JCPH IF close contacts to positive individuals are either masked or vaccinated. • All quarantined staff and students will quarantine for 10 days. They are eligible for shortened quarantine periods per JCPH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Must complete 7 days and return to school and activities on day 8 IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COVID pcr or rapid antigen test is negative at day 5, 6 or 7 post exposure date AND symptom free • For quarantined students, learning will continue from home. Access to Google Classroom (with no online streaming) will be available and work must be provided to the student as it is in the case of any prolonged absence from school. <p><i>Policy language: "Makeup work should reflect class assignments missed during the absence, and a reasonable amount of time should be allowed for work completion. Time allowed to make up work is twice the number of classes or days missed (two days allowed for makeup work for each day of absence); however, an extension of this time limit may be approved by the school administration. Students who complete makeup work within the required timeline will receive full academic credit earned for the makeup work"</i></p>
<p>Celebrating Conifer's Students and Staff on Facebook and Instagram</p>	<p>In a concerted effort to recognize our students' accomplishments, we recommend you visit our Conifer High School Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/coniferhighschool) and Instagram (@Coniferhs) pages. You will find a plethora of candid photos of student/staff involvement and student/staff celebrations.</p>
<p>Schedules Available on Monday, August 9th</p>	<p>Student schedules will be published on Monday, August 9th after 3:00 p.m. Students should review their schedule with their parents and contact their counselor by email only if there is a mistake (duplicate classes, missing classes, or other errors). Conifer High School is one of the smaller high schools in Jefferson County and we provide a comprehensive course offering with over 40+ singleton courses. Please understand that counselors are not able to make schedule changes, only course corrections.</p> <p>Conifer Counselors:</p> <p>A-G – Kim Spease: kspease@jeffco.k12.co.us H-N – Justin Nueunschwander: jneuensc@jeffco.k12.co.us O-Z – Carrie Vanni: cvanni@jeffco.k12.co.us</p> <p>Registration Secretary: Jolene Sadowski: Jolene.Sadowski@jeffco.k12.co.us</p>

Jeffco Code of Conduct	<p>If high expectations are to be held for academic achievement, it is clear that behavior expectations be adopted as well. Our goal is to create a culture of honor and respect that is consistent from classroom to classroom and can be carried over into the community. It is the goal of our school for behavior expectations to stand with academic standards to create a total learning environment for all students. Please visit the Jefferson County Public Schools Code of Conduct website (http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools/code_of_conduct) to review and better understand the policies regarding student conduct.</p>
Freshmen Orientation Day Monday, August 16th from 7:30 to 2:30	<p>The staff is excited to welcome the Class of 2025 to Conifer High School! On Monday, August 16th, we're hosting Freshmen Orientation from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This day is set aside for freshmen to spend the morning working with Link Leaders (upper classmen) on team building activities and navigating the school building. A free pizza lunch and beverage will be provided for ALL freshmen attendees. Following lunch, the students will spend the afternoon following their schedule and meeting with their fall semester teachers. Students just need to bring their smile and energy ... they don't need to bring school supplies or their backpack. In addition, students should be prepared for their yearbook/ID photo to be taken by DR Photos.</p> <p>In addition, transportation will <u>NOT</u> be provided to and from school on Monday, August 16th.</p>
Non-Freshmen New Transfer and Exchange Student Orientation Session Monday, August 16th at 9:30 a.m.	<p>To support the academic success of new transfer and exchange students, the Conifer Counseling Center is hosting an orientation session and school tour on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Counseling Center.</p> <p>For More information, please call Registration Secretary Jolene Sadowski at 303-982-5249.</p>
New Conifer Parent Orientation Monday, August 16th at 7:45 a.m.	<p>New Conifer parents are encouraged to attend a Parent Orientation and Question/Answer Session hosted by our PTSA in the Conifer Cafeteria on Monday, August 16, 2021 from 7:45 until 8:45 a.m. The session provides a great opportunity to answer parent questions and help parents navigate the "high school experience".</p>
Registration Register by Tuesday, August 17th	<p>Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun and it is essential for parents to sit with their student and go through the online Registration process together. Please click on the following link to register your student(s):</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/registeratconifer/registration-checklist-fall-2021</p> <p>ALL NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS must be registered before school starts on Tuesday, August 17th.</p>

<p>First Day of School for All Students</p> <p>Rite of Passage Ceremony for Freshmen and Sophomores</p>	<p>The First Day of School for ALL students is Tuesday, August 17th at 7:30 a.m., which is a Green Day. To reduce morning traffic congestion, district buses will drop-off students between 7:00 and 7:15 a.m. Parents dropping off students and student drivers should arrive between 7:15 until 7:29 a.m. Juniors and Seniors should enter through the new addition lobby doors until the main entrance construction is completed. Freshmen and Sophomores should enter through the lower-level door nearest to the bus circle on the west side of the campus. As a reminder, the late bell rings at 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>During the First Day Seminar, we'll welcome our Freshmen and Sophomores with our annual Rite of Passage Ceremony in the competition gym. Teachers will release students for the ceremony.</p> <p>This year's bell schedule will run from 7:30 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. New students are encouraged to review the attached bell schedule and Green/Silver block schedule days.</p>
<p>Facility Improvements</p>	<p>In November 2018, the Jefferson County voters approved the ballot initiative that directly supported Conifer's ability to provide innovative learning opportunities in a state-of-the-art facility that provides a safe and welcoming atmosphere. The new improvements include updating aging classroom spaces, the addition of a desperately needed auxiliary gym, the installation of all-weather turf fields that will increase the opportunity for our athletes to practice and play on their home field, and significant improvements to the safety and security of our building.</p>
<p>Temporary Entrance in New Addition Lobby</p>	<p>The remodeling of the main entrance temporarily requires us to shift our entrance to the new lobby entrance on the east side of campus. Visitor and guest parking will remain in the library parking lot (located nearest the main entrance).</p>
<p>Parents Schedule an Appointment</p>	<p>As a result of COVID Guidelines and the temporary entrances, parents need to schedule an appointment with office staff, counselors, or teachers in advance. We are not allowing walk-in appointments or meetings.</p> <p>Guidelines for Visitors Starting Tuesday, August 17th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors should engage in self-screening at home before entering a Jeffco Public Schools building, and follow any health protocols that may be in place. • All visitors are required to wear a mask while indoors. Visitors are not required to wear masks outdoors.
<p>Parking Passes for Juniors and Seniors</p> <p>Parking Pass Fee is \$125.00</p> <p>Parking Passes for Sophomores</p>	<p>Student driver parking passes will be issued beginning on Monday, August 30th. Juniors and Seniors should complete the online parking pass document: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnW4efPZZ2DCvJ_EY1VZEmmiOKY-EbBF2oUhLSffl_bZbyLQ/viewform</p> <p>The parking passes fee will be \$125.00 for the school year and prorated based on when the parking pass is purchased.</p>

	<p>Sophomores need to meet with Athletic Director Eric Kragel to complete their parking pass documentation.</p>
<p>Chromebook Distribution for Incoming 9th Graders and New 10th/11th Graders</p>	<p>As students start back to school for the 2021/22 school year, our 9th, 10th & 11th graders will do so with TechforEd Chromebooks to use for school. Each student in 10th & 11th grade has already received their Chromebook as a Freshmen and will need to bring their Chromebook with them on the first day of school. Any 10th or 11th grader new to Jeffco Schools will receive a Chromebook on the first day of school. Incoming 9th graders will receive their Chromebook at Freshmen orientation (Link Day) on Monday, August 16th. They will keep this Chromebook for the next four years as long as they are enrolled in a Jeffco Public School. Click here for more information about the program. Please reach out to our Digital Teacher Librarian, Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us with any questions.</p> <p>Chromebook Distribution for Seniors</p> <p>Any Senior who needs a Chromebook for the 2021/22 school year needs to fill out this form for a school-owned Chromebook. We will distribute Chromebooks to Seniors the first week of school. Seniors may bring their own devices for school use if they already have a device.</p> <p>If you choose to bring your own device to school, it must be in good working order with a keyboard you can bring back and forth to school. No cell phones! Click here for more information about bringing your own device to school. Please reach out to our DTL, Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us with any questions.</p>
<p>Bleacher Progress “Providing Conifer with Exceptional Facilities”</p>	<p>We’re very happy to report that we’ve finally completed the building of the two 180’ long retaining walls at Conifer High School and we’re now moving on to the building of the bleachers! We’re going to start assembling the bleachers this Friday - 8/6, Saturday - 8/7, and Sunday - 8/8 and, we would greatly appreciate your assistance if you could possibly spare some time to help us. We’ll be moving bleacher framing parts into place, screwing them together, and then sliding the footboards, risers, seats, and back rests on. This isn’t nearly as demanding as the wall building process and the parts are not heavy.</p> <p>Please sign up on our Signup Genius at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AABAE23A20-volunteers</p> <p>Like before, we suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear jeans, work boots, and work gloves • Bring a water bottle and a sack lunch • Bring sunscreen and a hat <p>Also, if you have any of the following items, please bring what you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pre-charged cordless drill, an extra drill battery, and your battery charger • 1/2” & 9/16” sockets (for driving the nuts and bolts together) • A sledge hammer (long and short handled- both are welcome!)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/2" & 5/8" drill bits <p>We are so excited to finally be at this point and there's been a lot of very giving folks that have contributed to our progress. We'll be working this weekend and the following weekend (8/13 – 8/15), so please sign up to help, if you possibly can. Both the Conifer and Lobo community greatly appreciate your support.</p>
ConiferFest at Beaver Ranch	<p>This year's ConiferFest at Beaver Ranch is Saturday, August 21st from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. This annual fundraiser by the Rotary Club of Conifer supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🐾 285 Backpack Project: Provides weekend meals for financially impacted students and their family. In addition, it provides snack food for school based academically focused programs. 🐾 Imagination Library: Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project provides local children (birth to 5 yrs. old) a personal book. 🐾 Community Grant: Non-profits are provided essential funding for innovative and high impact projects that positively support our community. 🐾 Post-Secondary Scholarships: Selected high school graduates from Platte Canyon and Conifer High Schools are provided scholarship funds to attend 4yr, 2yr, or trade school. <p>For more information, visit ConiferFest online: https://coniferfest.com/</p>
Back-to-School Night Wednesday, September 1st at 5:30 p.m.	<p>Back-To-School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2021, from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. Parents will be provided the chance to ask questions and learn about the opportunities we provide students. In addition, many of the extracurricular clubs and activities are represented during the evening to demonstrate their contributions to our great school.</p>

In Sports ...

Fall Sports Parent Meeting Monday, August 9th 6:00 p.m.	<p>Fall Sport Parent Meeting – Monday, August 9th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic Director Eric Kragel will share information with parents from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Fall sport breakouts will start at 7:00 – Coaches will be available to talk about their programs and answer any questions.
Sports Registration	<p>Register now for Fall Sports by visiting the Conifer Athletic page on our website REGISTER HERE</p> <p>Fall Coaches contact information</p>

<p>Sports Physicals for \$35</p> <p>Monday, August 9th from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>Boys Golf</p> <p>Wednesday, August 11th</p>	<p>On Wednesday, August 11th, the Conifer Boys Golf Team kicks off their season at Applewood Golf Course starting at 7:30 a.m. for the Game of the Week!</p>

We only announce Varsity Home games and all Cross Country and Golf events for the Fall season. For more game information, please visit [rSchoolToday](https://www.schooltoday.com).