

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, March $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ through Saturday, March $\mathbf{6}^{th}$.

Here are some important announcements...

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| Return to 100% In- Person | Last week the school district announced that 100% in-person learning for grades 6-12 will follow a phased approach beginning March 15 th through April 5 th , with all student provided the option for return to 100% in-person learning on Monday, April 5 th and the option for students to remain 100% remote learning for the remainder of the spring semester. |
| | During the phased student return approach (March 15 th through April 5 th), parents will receive an email invitation from Assistant Principal Greg Manier for their student to return to school. |
| | At Conifer, we're working with the district's food and transportation services to prepare for 100% in-person learning. For the remainder of this school year, all students can continue to take advantage of the FREE "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch programs. In addition, students currently riding the bus to school and new riders will be provided service to and from Conifer (Please check with West Transportation to verify your bus route service). |
| | Our staff is looking forward to the students' return and making sure we support them academically and social-emotionally. If a family wishes to shift from 100% remote to 100% in person, you should let Assistant Principal Gretchen Swanson (Gretchen.Swanson@jeffco.k12.co.us) know of your decision. |
| | We really look forward to having all of our students return and the energy our students bring to our school! |
| Senior Shirt Pick-up – Friday, March 6th between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. | Seniors, if you missed your chance to have your picture taken for the 2021 Class Photo, there's another opportunity this Friday, March 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the CHS Commons. Also, please be sure to pick-up your Senior shirt and College or Military Bound shirt. |
| DECA News | Congratulations to all of Conifer's DECA State Competitors. Conifer High School DECA program had 21 students qualify for and compete in this year's DECA State Championship Competition held virtually from February 1 st through 18 th . Thank you to all our students' parents for your encouragement; Conifer High School's staff for their support of our program and excellent academic preparation of our students; and to our community for the backing. Six of our students have qualified to move on to ICDC - the DECA International Development Conference and Competition! Internationally, only the top 5% of competitors qualify to compete at the international competition. |
| | As always, our students represented our community with outstanding professionalism, sportsmanship, courtesy and maturity. I continue to be so impressed and feel so lucky to work with such an amazing group of young people. Big congratulations to all of our students, and recognition to our: |
| | State Champions & ICDC QUALIFIERS |

1st Place - Kate Thurman - Chapter of Excellence

1st place - Alex Miller - Chapter of Excellence

2nd place - Karsten Skildheim - Financial Consulting Professional Selling

3rd place - Dion Miguel - Personal Financial Literacy

5th place - Casey Sadowski - Financial Services Team

5th place - Brian Sherry - Financial Services Team

Congratulations to all of our State competitors:

Zoe Mandl - Human Resource Management

Sydney Ransel - Marketing Communications

Elena Eddy - Hospitality Services Team

Abigail Freza - Hospitality Services Team

Isabel Cloutier - Marketing Management Team

Amelia Tatro - Marketing Management Team

Adde Hollander - Marketing Management Team

Lily Hughes - Marketing Management Team

Alyssa Bollwark – Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team

Kellyn Dougherty – Sports & Entertainment Marketing Team

Dakota Dolph - Travel & Tourism Team

Evan Legnard - Travel & Tourism Team

Keagan Lafferty - Travel & Tourism Team

David Bogdanoff - Travel & Tourism Team

McKenzie Dolph - Principles of Hospitality & Tourism

Logan Meyer – Entrepreneurship Team

Laurel Schneider – Entrepreneurship Team

AWARDS VIDEO - https://www.codeca2021.org/sessions/awards-session Password co2021deca

See all of our current DECA happenings in the February Conifer DECA Newsletter, including opportunities for current and future DECA members - DECA Week, Winterfest, State competition, leadership & ICDC opportunities, and Officer Applications for next year - https://tinyurl.com/yguqzjzb

High School Seniors College Bound? Complete Your FAFSA!

Families of high school seniors, if your student plans to attend a two- or four-year college or a trade/technical school after high school, please be sure you have filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completing the FAFSA is the gateway to grants, work-study, and low-interest loans that can be an important part of your college payment strategy. Many colleges have priority financial aid deadlines that are coming up soon, so if you haven't already completed it, we encourage you to submit your FAFSA as soon as possible in order to be considered for all types of available aid. If you have questions about the FAFSA, reach out to your student's high school counselor for resources.

Parent Graduation Committee

Senior Parents, we need your help in making the celebrations for our seniors a great and memorable experience. Please click on the following link for more information and to volunteer for a Senior Parent Committee: Parent Graduation Committees

Google Classroom Email Summaries as a Guardian

Families, we are currently working on inviting guardians to each student's Google Classroom. As a guardian, you will get weekly email summaries about your student's activity in each Google Classroom. Contact #1 in Jeffco Campus will be receiving the invite. Please make sure a current email address is listed in Campus under contact #1. If you would like to have additional contacts added to the guardian summaries, please reach out to Karen McIntosh, our DTL, at Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us

If you have already been added as a guardian in previous years, you will not receive another email invite, as these carry over year to year and class to class.

In the weekly email summaries, you can review:

- Missing work—Work not turned in when the summary was sent.
- Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
- Class activities—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

Email summaries do not include grades. For grades, you will need to login to <u>Jeffco Campus</u> and check your student's grades there. We are asking that you please click accept once you receive the invite so that you can see the weekly progress of your student's activities. Thank you for your support!



| Technology |
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| Troubleshooting Tips |

Tip #1: Students please make sure you charge your device for school every night so that you are prepared for school the next day. If Chromebooks drop below 5% battery life, the device will stop working and will require a full charge before working again. We recommend charging at night so that you have a full battery each day.

Tip #2: Students clear cache & cookies in Chrome once a week in order to help your Chromebook & device perform better. Sometimes Chrome saves data that conflicts with things you are trying to do. Cleaning it up often helps! Here is a video showing you how to clear cache & cookies.

Tip #3: Students, clean up extensions. Extensions can make your Chromebook do funny things. If it's not a Jeffco extension, remove it. Here are directions for removing unwanted Chrome extensions.

Please visit our technology support page on our website at https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/chs1to1/tech-support or email our DTL Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us or Tech Assistant Robin.Hartman@jeffco.k12.co.us for more support.

Conifer Library Expanded Hours

Beginning March 2nd, the Conifer Public Library will be open from

2:30 - 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for walk-in service.

Weekend hours will remain the same:

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For persons with underlying health conditions and those at higher risk of severe illness, the Conifer Public Library is open from 9 - 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Visit our Service Updates page for the most up-to-date information, and to

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CHS Library Announcement

Doors to our CHS library will close at 2:00 p.m. to allow for cleaning before doors reopen at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the public library. All public patrons will be screened at the door for COVID symptoms before entering the public library at 2:30 p.m. The public library will be at a limited capacity and patrons are only allowed to stay for one hour, per JCPL Covid guidelines. Book browsing can occur, but unwanted books need to be placed on a cart for quarantine.

Click on this link to get the latest information about how to use the high school's library system: tinyurl.com/1j3z3df0

New Graduation Requirements for Class of 2022

Attention Juniors, the State Board of Education has established new graduation requirements that students will need to complete in order to graduate from Conifer High School. The graduation requirements for the class of 2021 will be based solely on successful completion of the required 23 credits. The demonstration of knowledge for graduation readiness will still be required for the

| | graduating classes of 2022 and beyond. For more information, please visit the Jeffco Graduation Requirements website: https://tinyurl.com/71zqg6ec |
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| Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony Saturday, May 22 nd | In recognition of the Class of 2021, we're proud to announce that we will host a Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. on Fitz Field at Conifer High School. As a result of Jeffco Health Guidelines, this will be a limited seating ceremony. |
| Support CLUB Last Push for Bleachers | Support CLUB (Conifer Lobo Unified Boosters) as they are making their final push to install bleachers on Fitz Field by next fall. CLUB has dedicated themselves to improving Conifer facilities over the years by installing lights and team rooms. Conifer High School would not have the best facilities in Jefferson County without CLUB. Please check out their website at https://www.clubchs.org/ |
| Conifer Summer School – June 1 st through June 24 th | Conifer Summer School will provide in-person and remote options for credit recovery from June 1 st – 24 th . Registration begins on May 1 st . For more information, please contact Assistant Principal Greg Manier at Gregory.Manier@jeffco.k12.co.us or by phone at 303-982-5291. |

In Sports ...

| Girls Swim and Dive - Monday, March 1 st | On Monday, March 1 st our Girls Swim and Dive Team will take on Evergreen High School at Platte Canyon High School at 4:00 p.m. | |
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| Girls Basketball - Monday, March 1 st | On Monday, March 1 st , our Girls Basketball Team will host Alameda High School starting at 7:00 p.m. | |
| At this time, fans are <u>not</u> allowed to attend games in-person. However, you can watch the games for free at <u>Nfhsnetwork.com</u> . Detailed information is currently posted on our Athletic website. | | |
| ATHLETIC REGISTRATION OPEN! | Register NOW for Season "C" – Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball. The season starts on March 1 st . Contact the <u>coaches</u> for more information. Register <u>HERE!</u> | |
| Signing Day for Seniors | Seniors, we are planning a signing day for our student athletes who have committed or are committing to a college. We want to include you in our ceremony. Contact Patty.Gacnik@jeffco.k12.co.us as soon as possible. | |