




## 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 15<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Here are some important announcements...**

<p><b>2021 All State Orchestra</b></p>	<p>Aiden Boldra and Sammi Meyer were selected for the 2021 All State Orchestra! The two of them, along with Helen Erickson, participated in the All-State Alternative Experience last semester which included masterclasses and private lessons with college professors. At the end of the Experience students submitted auditions like they would have in normal years. A list was released today that included all the students that would have been selected for one of the two All State Orchestras if we would have had the performance. Congratulations Aiden and Sammi!</p> <div data-bbox="643 753 1089 1207" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><b>Cancelled - Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> SAT</b></p>	<p>The National SAT scheduled for Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Conifer High School is <b>CANCELLED</b> due to the inclement weather. We have rescheduled a make-up SAT National test on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Students will be receiving notification on Friday, March 12th from College Board about the cancellation.</p>
<p><b>New Conifer Parents and Students</b></p>	<p>The Conifer Peer Counselors are excited to see the return of students to Conifer High School. If April 5<sup>th</sup> marks the first time you've entered the high school, the Peer Counselors would like to provide you with a tour. Please join them at the Counseling Center on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Welcome back, we're looking forward to seeing you! The Conifer Counselors</p>
<p><b>Yearbook Photo Information</b></p>	<p>Parents of 9th, 10th, 11th graders: If your child did not get school photos taken at Conifer this year, we don't have a photo for the yearbook. Please send a photo of your child to <a href="mailto:coniferyb@gmail.com">coniferyb@gmail.com</a> at your earliest convenience!</p> <p>Your yearbook staffers are working to finalize the portraits section of the yearbook and find themselves almost 200 photos short.</p> <p>Thanks for your help! Leslie Thompson, CJE Adviser, CHS Student Media - <a href="http://CHSToday.net">CHSToday.net</a></p>

<b>School Accountability Committee Meeting via Zoom – Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.</b>	On Wednesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> , the Conifer School Accountability Committee will meet via Zoom starting at 3:30 p.m. (this is slight time change). To join the meeting, please click on the following link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2bfptvy9">https://tinyurl.com/2bfptvy9</a>
<b>PTSO Meeting via Zoom – Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.</b>	On Wednesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> , the Conifer PTSO will host their monthly meeting via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. Please use the following link to join us: <a href="#">PTSO Meeting</a>
<b>PTSO Mind Blown Trivia Night – Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.</b>	The Conifer PTSO is excited to host this year's Mind Blown Trivia Night, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> . Tickets will go on sale April 1 - no fooling! Please help our PTSO with this annual fundraising event.
<b>Drive the Speed Limit and Stay Alive</b>	As we start having warmer temperatures, I want to remind our "novice" and "expert" student drivers to watch their driving speed on campus and on our neighborhood streets. Don't be the first student this year to end up on the Conifer rocks!!
<b>Recruiting High School Students for Jeffco Student Health Advisory Council</b>	Do you know a high school student who is passionate about health and wellness? The Jeffco Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is recruiting new members. SHAC is a council of high school students from across Jeffco. Each year, students lead meaningful work for the health and wellness of their peers. SHAC is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference and to gain professional and leadership skills.  Find out more about SHAC <a href="#">on their website</a> . Students interested in applying can complete the application <a href="#">here</a> . DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 14, 2021.
<b>Senior Deadlines for Parents</b>	Senior parents, please see the <a href="#">senior calendar</a> for deadlines for submission of Memory Boards; photos for the slideshow; and flower pots to Ta Tonka Farms. Deadlines for ALL of these are coming up this month!
<b>Upcoming Senior Dates</b>	Here are some important upcoming Senior dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Breakfast – Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Junior/Senior Prom – Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Class of 2021 Senior Award Ceremony – Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony – Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul>
<b>Parking Permits</b>	Students must have a parking permit to park on campus. If you have one, make sure you park in your assigned spot. If you do not have one, please see Campus Supervisor Dee Clark and she will assign you a FREE parking spot. You must have a parking permit to avoid a ticket and parking fee.

<p><b>Student Media and Yearbook</b></p>	<p><b>CHS Student Media now has a mobile app.</b> The content for chstoday.net is now available in the Student News Source App in both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.</p> <p>Here are links to the apps in both stores:  <a href="https://apps.apple.com/us/app/student-news-source/id1463449523">https://apps.apple.com/us/app/student-news-source/id1463449523</a>  <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.snosites.studentnewssource">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.snosites.studentnewssource</a></p> <p>Once you download the Student News Source App, open the app and start by searching for your school. Once you select your school, you'll be prompted to customize what push notifications you would like to receive, and then you'll be taken to the main content screen for your site in the app. The next time you open the app, it will automatically default to your site's content.</p> <p><b>Recognition ads in the yearbook.</b> Parents, you can recognize students in any grade level with a student recognition ad at the back of the yearbook. Parents of seniors have purchased these ads for years to recognize their students' achievements, but the ads are not limited to seniors. Students in any grade can be recognized with a special ad.</p> <p>To purchase an ad, simply click on the link below:  <a href="https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/yearbook-ads">https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/yearbook-ads</a></p> <div data-bbox="527 1003 1516 1360">  <p><a href="#">Yearbook Ads   Jostens</a></p> <p>Honor your student with a recognition ad. Make the yearbook even more special for your student. A yearbook ad is a loving tribute to your student, personalized with your own sentimental message and a cherished photo, or photo collage.</p> <p><a href="http://www.jostens.com">www.jostens.com</a></p> </div> <p><b>Purchase a yearbook.</b> Your yearbook staff has been hard at work this year ensuring that the 2021 yearbook will cover all aspects of this completely weird year. I'm proud of the work they've done. We have about 100 books left for sale. Don't be left out. You can purchase at the school financial office or purchase direct from Jostens:  <a href="https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1027301/Conifer-High-School/2021-Yearbook/2020082704212670773/CATALOG_SHOP/">https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1027301/Conifer-High-School/2021-Yearbook/2020082704212670773/CATALOG_SHOP/</a></p>
<p><b>Counseling Updates for <u>Junior</u> Parents and Students</b></p>	<p>The Counselors were in the English classrooms last week on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> to begin the conversation around postgraduate planning. It was awesome to reconnect, and we are looking forward to students returning full time! Because we want to make sure each junior is feeling supported, we are offering the opportunity to meet individually with their counselor. We will begin sending out passes on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We know that some of you would rather meet with us personally through Zoom, this is fine but please email us so we can set up a time.</p> <p>Parents, we know that post graduate planning can be overwhelming. The Counselors are setting up a series of 5 workshops for Parents beginning on Tuesday,</p>

	<p>March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 until 3:30 p.m. We will also record these sessions if you are unable to join us. They will be posted on the CHS Home Page. We will also have a quick Q/A after the presentation.</p> <p>The Zoom Code: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/tycfsk5a">https://tinyurl.com/tycfsk5a</a></p> <p>The next Workshop, Series Two, will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 until 3:30 p.m. The Counselors will be discussing College Planning.</p> <p>The next three series will be in the fall 2021 and will consist of the following topics: The College Process, FAFSA and Scholarships.</p> <p><u>Executive Functioning for Parents</u></p> <p>This past week the district offered an executive functioning workshop for parents, in order to help children and teens strengthen executive functioning skills to reach their fullest potential. We are pleased to offer this presentation to you and invite you to watch it at your leisure.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Smart but Scattered with Dr. Peg Dawson</a></u></p>
<p><b>Google Classroom Email Summaries as a Guardian</b></p>	<p>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 <a href="mailto:Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us">Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us</a></p> <p>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.</p> <p>In the weekly email summaries, you can review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing work—Work not turned in when the summary was sent.</li> <li>• Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).</li> <li>• Class activities—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.</li> </ul> <p>Email summaries do not include grades. For grades, you will need to login to <a href="#">Jeffco Campus</a> 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!</p>
<p><b>Technology Troubleshooting Tips</b></p>	<p><b>Tip #1:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Tip #2:</b> Students, clear cache and cookies in Chrome once a week in order to help your Chromebook &amp; device perform better. Sometimes Chrome saves data that</p>

	<p>conflicts with things you are trying to do. Cleaning it up often helps! <a href="#">Here is a video</a> showing you how to clear cache &amp; cookies.</p> <p><b>Tip #3: Students, clean up extensions.</b> Extensions can make your Chromebook do funny things. If it's not a Jeffco extension, remove it. <a href="#">Here are directions</a> for removing unwanted Chrome extensions.</p> <p>Please visit our technology support page on our website at <a href="https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/chs1to1/tech-support">https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/chs1to1/tech-support</a> or email our DTL <a href="mailto:Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us">Karen.McIntosh@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> or Tech Assistant <a href="mailto:Robin.Hartman@jeffco.k12.co.us">Robin.Hartman@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> for more support.</p> <p>Students if you have lost your charger to your school-owned Chromebook, you may purchase a replacement from the school for \$26.75. This is the correct power charger for our Chromebooks. We have found students purchasing generic power chargers that don't work as well for their Chromebooks.</p>
<b>Conifer Library Expanded Hours</b>	<p>Beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Conifer Public Library will be open from 2:30 - 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for walk-in service.</p> <p>Weekend hours will remain the same:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Visit our <a href="#">Service Updates</a> page for the most up-to-date information, and to learn about all the ways we're working to meet your needs.</p>
<b>CHS Library Announcement</b>	<p>Welcome Back to the CHS Library!</p> <p>We are so excited to announce the Conifer High School library is finally open to all students during the school day, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.! Students can check out books and visit the library but must follow JCPL and Jeffco Covid guidelines upon entering.</p> <p>Doors to our CHS library will close at 2:00 p.m. to allow cleaning before the 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.</p> <p>Click on this link to get the latest information about how to use the high school's library system: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/1j3z3df0">tinyurl.com/1j3z3df0</a></p>
<b>Mental Health &amp; Wellness Free Seminar Series for Jeffco Families!</b>	<p>Nick Thompson, counselor, parent coach, and popular author of the podcast, "Perspectives for Parents," spends time with Jeffco parents and caregivers simplifying problems we all face. <a href="#">Learn more about the seminar</a> and register for one of the free sessions.</p>

<b>Relay for Life</b>	<p>Relay for Life is a nonprofit organization run by the American Cancer Society. The mission of the program is to fundraise and increase awareness surrounding cancers. This event allows people of all ages to get involved and support a cause they believe in! Last year, our team raised over \$65,000! This money went towards research, hospital transport, appointment copays and even new wigs for those who lost their hair during cancer treatment!</p> <p>Cancer doesn't stop in a pandemic, so join our team and help us make a difference in someone's life. Learn how to earn community service hours by joining. Check out our <a href="#">website</a> and let us know if you have any questions.</p>
<b>New Graduation Requirements for Class of 2022</b>	<p>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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/71zqg6ec">https://tinyurl.com/71zqg6ec</a></p>
<b>Support CLUB Last Push for Bleachers</b>	<p>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 <a href="https://www.clubchs.org/">https://www.clubchs.org/</a></p>
<b>Conifer Summer School – June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<p>Conifer Summer School will provide in-person and remote options for credit recovery from June 1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please contact Assistant Principal Greg Manier at <a href="mailto:Gregory.Manier@jeffco.k12.co.us">Gregory.Manier@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> or by phone at 303-982-5291.</p>

#### In Sports ...

<b>Boys Soccer - Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup></b>	On Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> our Boys Soccer Team will host Wheat Ridge High School at Lakewood Memorial Field at 5:00 p.m.
<b>Boys Soccer - Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	On Saturday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> , Boys Soccer will host Golden High School at Lakewood Memorial Field starting at Noon.
At this time, not all fans are allowed to attend games in-person. However, you can watch the games for free at <a href="https://nfhsnetwork.com">Nfhsnetwork.com</a> . Detailed information is currently posted on our Athletic website.	
<b>Signing Day for Seniors</b>	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 <a href="mailto:Patty.Gacnik@jeffco.k12.co.us">Patty.Gacnik@jeffco.k12.co.us</a> as soon as possible.