Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of Monday, October 12th through Saturday, October 17th.

Here are some announcements for this week ...

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**Early Releases and Dismissals**

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID, we request that students stay home the day of their appointment and engage in remote learning. In addition, we have a closed campus for Freshman and Sophomores, which means they need to stay in the building during the students’ Study Hall class. Thank you for your continued support!

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**Schedule Update: Monday, October 12th through Friday, October 16th**

Next week we have a significant number of changes that will impact our daily schedule. Please make sure to review this information to prevent any confusion.

- **Monday, October 12th** is a Green/Cohort A day and Mountain Area Bus Service resumes
- **Tuesday, October 13th** is a Silver/Cohort B day
- **Wednesday, October 14th** is PSAT testing for Juniors and Sophomores and Freshmen will be asynchronous and Seniors are excused from school to visit college/trade school campuses and work on college/trade school applications
- **Thursday, October 15th and Friday, October 16th** is Fall Break for all Conifer Students

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**Updated COVID Guidelines**

In collaboration with Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) and observing Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) updated guidelines, the Jeffco Public Schools and Conifer High School have revised our quarantine process effective immediately. This will continue to ensure a comprehensive health and safety process while also potentially reducing the number of quarantined students and staff. The revisions modify the identification process for middle and high school students and staff enabling a more precise targeted identification process.

Updates include:

- **Middle and High Schools** will use Targeted Contact Identification which can be used in classrooms under the following conditions:
- when there is a documented seating chart,
- documented identified small group participants every day,
- desks separated and at least 6 feet apart,
- and desks facing the same direction, and students are seated long enough to make seating charts applicable.

### Spring Semester Learning Preference Change Requests

In order to accommodate the needs of our students and families, Conifer will send home a Learning Preference Survey to families for spring semester on Monday, November 9th. Parents must complete the survey by Friday, November 20th and we plan to provide a parent response by Tuesday, December 22nd.

### 10th and 11th Grade PSAT Testing – Wednesday, October 14th

On **Wednesday, October 14th**, Sophomores and Juniors will take their PSAT test. We will have 2 check in doors (Senior Door, Sophomore Door) and students should plan to arrive at school by 7:30 a.m. with the following testing items:

- 2 - #2 pencils (mechanical pencils are not allowed)
- Calculator
- Student ID

Room assignments for testing will be emailed to students and posted outside of the counseling office beginning on Monday afternoon. It’s important for students to get plenty of rest the night before and to eat a healthy breakfast prior to the test.

### 6-Week Grades and Accessing Conifer’s Academic Interventions

As I mentioned in last week’s announcements, we’ve noticed a slight uptick in the number of Ds and Fs posted for our students. Beginning next week, administrators and/or counselors will be contacting individual parents to discuss interventions for students. Unlike last spring semester, an F earned at the end of the semester will be recorded on the student’s transcript and the student will be required to retake the class. This could put into jeopardy a student’s ability to graduate with their classmates.
**Parent-Teacher Conferences** – **Wednesday, October 14th** – **12:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, October 14th from 12:30 until 6:30 p.m.** Due to time restrictions, please sign-up to talk with teachers, especially in classes where your student might be struggling or you have specific questions for the teacher. Please access the Parent Portal to review your student’s schedule. Use this [document](#) to sign-up for Parent Teacher Conferences. Parents will be held on Zoom until the meeting begins, so please download the app and create an account before **October 14th**. If you are unable to schedule a conference with a teacher, please email them to schedule another time.

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**Colorado Free Application Day**

Attention Seniors, there is a college planning tab on the counselor's website, please use it as a resource to help you plan for life after high school. Here are some helpful things you will find on it.

Colorado Free Application Day is October 13th, please see this flyer on instructions for that day. [https://cdhe.colorado.gov/sites/highered/files/Colorado%20Free%20Application%20Day%20Instructions_2020_LateSept%20Update.pdf](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/sites/highered/files/Colorado%20Free%20Application%20Day%20Instructions_2020_LateSept%20Update.pdf)

The following links can be found on the [Counseling Page](#).

- College Planning: [https://youtu.be/OUeGoRtYtKo](https://youtu.be/OUeGoRtYtKo)
- Naviance Process: [https://youtu.be/qSMGd0o1c5Y](https://youtu.be/qSMGd0o1c5Y)
- Transcripts: [https://youtu.be/IdqPiWNMxI](https://youtu.be/IdqPiWNMxI)

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**Conifer Public Library Reopens Today!**

Great News!!! The Jefferson County Public Library branch at Conifer High School opened this morning at 10:00 a.m.

Library hours will be:

- **Fridays** 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturdays** 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Sundays** Noon until 5:00 p.m.

All library patrons will be required to go through a health screening and wear a mask to enter the library.
Homecoming Week – Monday, October 19\textsuperscript{th} through Thursday, October 22\textsuperscript{nd}

Spirit Week – Sponsored by DECA

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Royalty Nominations – Sponsored by Student Government

Nominations accepted through Sunday, October 18\textsuperscript{th} at [https://forms.gle/8aTZNGMxs5R5Sd3E8](https://forms.gle/8aTZNGMxs5R5Sd3E8)

Homecoming Activities (To Be Announced) – Sponsored by Student Government and HOSA

Homecoming Football Game – Sponsored by Student Government

Conifer Lobo Football Team host the Cougars of Mountain View High School
Thursday, October 22\textsuperscript{nd} at 6:00 p.m.
Trailblazer Stadium
Free Livestream of Game (Provided by Student Government) at [NFHS Network](https://www.nfhsnetwork.com)

In Sports ...

**Congratulations Cross Country Team**

A “Big Shout Out” to our Cross Country Team, which placed First in Jeffco League last week and, for the first time in Conifer history, placed First in regionals on Thursday by a landslide! We wish the very best as we send our Lobos to State on Saturday, October 17\textsuperscript{th}. Good Luck to Zack, Topi, Isaac, Charlie, Patrick and Wyatt!

**Thanks for a Great Season – Conifer Softball**

Congratulations to the Lobo Softball team for earning the elite eight in 4A State Softball ranking! They had a great performance in playoffs and a winning season! Go Lobos!
Varsity Football

The Varsity Football Team kicks off their first game of the season when they travel to Summit High School tonight. Since fans are not allowed to attend the game at Summit High School, they are broadcasting the event for our Lobo Fans to enjoy.

Here are the radio and TV / video livestream option for tomorrow’s game:

- Summit TV8 will provide video live stream (link here) and local TV broadcast.
- Always Mountain Time Media will stream their radio broadcast through the Colorado Sports Network. Their audio broadcast will also be used on the TV8 coverage and may be available on the LiftFM radio station.
- Krystal Media will provide radio broadcast on C-Rock 103.3. They also stream through their website.
- Summit Daily News will provide video live stream through their Facebook page.

No Walk-Up Ticket Sales at Varsity Football Games

Due to public health guidelines, future home football games at Trailblazer Stadium and the NAAC on October 16th, October 22nd, November 7th, and November 14th, will not allow walk-up ticket sales. Home games will be broadcasted on NFHS network at NFHS Network.

Girls’ Soccer Information

For those student athletes interested in Girls’ Soccer, please contact Coach Amy Civiello. There will be an optional indoor fall season beginning near the end of October and other team activities prior to the start of our season. You can go on the Conifer High School Web page under Athletics for a Coach’s List and find Coach Amy’s contact information.

Friday, October 16th

Football will host Green Mountain High School at Trailblazer Stadium with the kick-off at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 16th

Cross Country will travel to the State Cross Country Meet at Norris Penrose Event Center for the Meet of the Week!