

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Here are some announcements for this week ...**

### **In Remembrance of 9/11**

Please take a moment to remember those lost on this date in 2001. The United States of America was attacked in an unprecedented fashion, leading to the deaths of over 3,000 men and women in New York City, Arlington, Virginia and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We also thank the men and women of the local fire departments, sheriff departments, and those serving in the armed forces. Thank you for your service!

### **Week One of Hybrid Learning**

I want to thank our parents, students, and especially our teachers, for the successful launch of hybrid learning this week.

It would go a long way if I could have our parents and students share their positive experiences to **thank our teaching staff**. They are working exceptionally hard to ensure every student is provided with a quality education every day, whether remote or in-person. As the students can attest to, the teachers have done amazingly well at overcoming the daily technical obstacles and software issues.

In addition, I need for all students to **change their profile picture in Google Classroom and Zoom** to an appropriate current photo. This could include their senior picture, school photo, or recently taken photo. This will better assist teachers with identifying students online.

When students login into a class, it is important for the **student to remain in the class for the duration of instruction** (including personal practice, group activity, assessment, or teacher review). We understand that technical issues may disconnect students, so they should try to reconnect or call the number for the Google Meet or Zoom meeting.

I need parent and student assistance as we refine our practices, which will include some noticeable changes in the coming weeks:

#### **Morning Drop-Off in the Bus Circle:**

- Bus circle will open for student drop-off at 7:20 a.m. Use the Lobo circle for student drop-off before 7:20 a.m.

#### **Breakfast and Lunches:**

- All breakfast and lunches are free for all students through December.
- Student can access the food in the Conifer Commons.

#### **Afternoon Pick-Ups:**

- Due to the staging of buses, the bus circle is closed for afternoon pick-ups. Students can only be picked up from Lobo circle (front entrance).

## Seasonal Allergies

In an attempt to limit the spread of COVID-19, it is important to promptly identify, separate, and ensure that symptomatic students are evaluated and treated as necessary. Many possible COVID-19 symptoms may be similar to common allergy symptoms and it is often difficult to tell the difference.

If your child experiences known seasonal allergies, please request a note from your child's medical provider stating what typical symptoms your child may exhibit when experiencing allergies. This will allow the district nurse to have a baseline of possible symptoms for your child and will be less likely to send your student home for suspected illness.

The medical provider must be licensed in the state of Colorado and have current prescriptive privileges.

The medical provider note should include the following:

- What the child is allergic to
- What symptoms are typical for the child
- What allergy medications the child takes to treat symptoms

Each symptomatic child will be evaluated on a case by case basis and the district RN may be contacting you for more information.

Thank you very much for your understanding and patience during this unusual time. For more information, please contact Nurse Carole Coukos at [Carole.Coukos@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:Carole.Coukos@jeffco.k12.co.us).

## Visitors

Visitors are not allowed into the building without a prearranged appointment.

Main Office: 303-982-5255

Counseling Office: 303-982-5249

## Pre-Arranged Appointments

Parents scheduling a pre-arranged appointment (i.e. doctor, DMV, dental, etc.), should keep their child home the day of the appointment. Please call the attendance line at 303-982-5240 to excuse your child. In addition, students should attempt to attend their classes remotely.

## Bring Your Laptop or Chromebook

As a reminder to students attending school, you will need to bring their laptop or Chromebook to school every day of attendance.

## Yearbook Distribution

Yearbook distribution will take place beginning on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for those students who will be attending school in person. Once in-person books are distributed, we will announce how online only students will receive their books. Thank you for your patience in this process as we work through the best way to distribute the book safely and properly.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Thompson at  
Leslie.Thompson@jeffco.k12.co.us

### Food Service Update

Great News! The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) granted significant waiver extensions that allow all students to receive breakfast and lunch meals at no cost through December 31, 2020, regardless of free and reduced-price meals eligibility.

In January meal charges will return, therefore, families should still proceed with completing a Free and Reduced-Price Meals application at the start of the year.

**Starting September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will expand to provide meals for remote learners at all sites.** And, hybrid learners will be able to pick up meals for their remote learning days at their home site at the end of the in-person learning school day, starting at 2:05 p.m.

### Reminders for families:

- Create a [SchoolCafé](#) account if you don't already have one
  - Add money to student accounts on SchoolCafe
  - View school menus on SchoolCafe
  - Meals through December 31, 2020 are available at no cost to all students
  - Students who wish to purchase a la carte items will need their student ID number, whether using funds from their SchoolCafé account or cash/check
- Complete a [Free and Reduced-Price Meals application](#), if applicable

### Drive-In Access to WiFi Hotspots

Based on popular request for additional internet options, we're providing WiFi hotspot access for students on the west end of the bus lane. The parking spots are available from 7:45 in the morning until 1:35 in the afternoon. There is a time limit of two-hours if other students need access too, and there is no access to the building. Portoilets are available next to the tennis courts.

### Fall Semester Important Dates

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. – **Virtual Back to School Night**

**Google Stream:** <https://tinyurl.com/yxcotfjd>

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - **School Picture Days**

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – **SAT Exam for Seniors – All day**

Monday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday, Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday, Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>
Green A	Green B	SAT Testing for Seniors Remote Learning Conifer Day for Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen	Silver A	Silver B

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – **Virtual Fall Awards Ceremony**

**Google Stream:** <https://tinyurl.com/y36sxy46>

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. – **Virtual Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Contact Individual Teachers to Schedule Zoom Meeting

Link to Conifer Calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/y4eoz8wc>

**Parking Passes**

For the first semester ONLY, parking passes will be free for Junior and Seniors (and eligible Sophomores). Students should continue to park in their grade level parking lots (Upper Lot = Seniors, Lower Lot = Juniors and Sophomores). In addition, **Cohort A** students should park in **odd numbered parking spaces** and **Cohort B** students need to park in **even numbered parking spaces**. When parking passes are distributed, students will be assigned parking spaces according to their Cohort.

**CLUB (Conifer Lobos Unified Boosters) Shoe Drive**

CLUB is taking an innovative approach to funding our Bleacher Project without debt. You can support them simply by cleaning out your closet. Bring your gently worn, used and new shoes to any of these drop off points

[Anytime Fitness](#), [Little Britches](#), and [Mountain Serenity Salon](#).

Currently we have 15 bags of shoes, which is about 325 shoes. This means we're about 1/4 of our way to our goal of 1000 shoes!! Our collection runs through Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for helping our creative fundraiser and helping us with the Bleacher Project!  
#socialgood #ourshoedrive

**Donation Sites:**

- [Little Britches Boutique 26437 Conifer Road](#)
- [Anytime Fitness 10853 Us Hwy 285 Conifer](#)
- [Mountain Serenity Salon 11873 Springs Road #130](#)

**Resilience 1220 – Youth Counseling Services**

Please see our website, <https://www.resilience1220.org>, for our latest **FREE** groups for youth ages 12-20! We continue to offer **FREE** counseling offered in-person (mostly outdoors) or online.

We are happy to meet with clients in Bailey!

Keep an eye on the website for the following upcoming **FREE** groups:

- SPEAKERS SERIES FOR PARENTS
- GRIEF GROUP
- SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH CHRONIC PAIN OR ILLNESS
- ART/WILDERNESS GROUP
- SELF-DEFENSE AND EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP

## In Sports...

### Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

**Boys Golf** will travel to West Woods Golf Course for a tee time of **7:30 a.m.**

**Softball** will host the Cougars of Evergreen High School for **the Game of the Week!** First pitch is at **4:00 p.m. LET'S GO LOBOS!**

### Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

**Boys Tennis** will travel to Pinehurst Country Club for the Class 4A Region 3 Tournament.

### Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Softball** will host Fairview High School at **4:00 p.m.**

### Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Cross Country** will compete against Lyons High School at the St. Vrain Cross Country Invite.