

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 7th through Saturday, September 12th**.

Here are some announcements for this week ...

Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2020

In honor of Labor Day, Conifer will be closed for staff and students on Monday. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contribution's workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Freshmen Parent Orientation Presentation

On behalf of the Conifer PTSA, I'd like to welcome the freshmen parents to Conifer High School. To assist with navigating the high school experience for your child and answer your burning questions, we invite you to join us for a question and answer presentation hosted by Principal Paxton and Conifer parents on Tuesday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Freshmen Parent Orientation Presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/y3f7vsfd>

Please use your child's google account to view the presentation.

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.

HOSA

HOSA is on! This year's HOSA Officer team is excited to continue aiding Conifer High School's future health professionals. HOSA is a student-led organization, and it is for all students who are interested in a medical career, biology, or they would like to learn more about being healthy. For anyone who is interested in joining or learning more about HOSA use this link <https://tinyurl.com/y4s6fhzo>.

Updated Presentation Links

Conifer is ready to open our doors for the return of students! We're ready to transition from 100% remote learning to our hybrid learning plan. With

everyone's support, we'll move past the first day or two of hiccups and technical glitches to provide the great educational and caring learning environment we've always provided.

Please click on the following links to view:

[Hybrid Plan Presentation](#)

[PowerPoint Slides](#)

[Health and Safety](#)

[Hybrid and Remote Learning Plan](#)

[Bell Schedules](#)

[What's New](#)

Yearbook Distribution

Yearbook distribution will take place beginning on Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th, 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.

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.

Grab-and-Go Meals - September 8th through 11th

Remote and hybrid learners will continue to access meals for their remote learning days at West Jefferson Elementary School between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. (Check with WJES to see if the times may have changed).

- All children 18 and under may receive meals during these distribution times.
- Children will receive multiple meals at a time.
 - Tuesday: 2 Lunches and 2 Breakfasts (if school normally serves breakfast)

- Thursday: 3 Lunches and 3 Breakfasts (if school normally serves breakfast)
- Meals will be distributed at an outside location in front of school
- Parents and Guardians may pick up meals for remote learners.

Starting September 14th, 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.

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. Porttoilets are available next to the tennis courts.

Fall Semester Important Dates

Start of Hybrid Learning

Monday, September 7th – In observance of Labor Day, school will be closed.

Tuesday, September 8th – **Hybrid Learning Model Starts**

Tuesday, September 8th

All Green A Cohort Students (Freshmen through Seniors) Attend School

Wednesday, September 9th

All Green B Cohort Students (Freshmen through Seniors) Attend School

Wednesday, September 16th – 6:30 p.m. – Virtual Back to School Night

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

Friday, October 2nd – 8:00 a.m. – Virtual Fall Awards Ceremony

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

Wednesday, October 14th – 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). When students return to school on Tuesday, September 8th, students should 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.

Transportation Update

The Jeffco Public Schools Transportation office has informed us that they are unable to provide transportation for students living outside Jefferson County or were part of a previously provided transportation arrangement. This includes families living in Park County, Clear Creek County, and Indian Hills*.

* **Clarification:** This applies to Indian Hills residents who are choice-enrolled.

Fees

Initial fees for the 2020-2021 school year and fall athletics have been loaded and the fee payment system is now available. We are accepting contactless payments through JeffcoConnect.

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.

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 30th.

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](#)

In Sports...

Tuesday, September 8th

Boys Tennis will host Wheat Ridge High School at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9th

Cross Country will travel to participate in the Standley Lake Invite at Stoney Creek Golf Course. Time is TBD.

Boys Golf will travel to the Broadlands Golf Course with at tee-off time at 7:30 a.m.

Boys Tennis will take on the Cougars of Evergreen High School at **3:30 p.m.** for the **Game of the Week!**

Saturday, September 12th

Cross Country will travel to the Cheyenne Mountain Stampede at the Norris Penrose Event Center. Time is TBD.

Softball will host a game against Alameda High School at 11:00 a.m.