Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for the week of Monday, September 28th through Saturday, October 3rd.

Here are some announcements for this week …

**DECA Members** - we have several opportunities for you!

Our first DECA meeting for this year is Monday, September 28th during Seminar at 8:15. 1-DECA leadership point toward lettering will be awarded to all in attendance. Join through the 2020-2021 DECA Google Classroom Meet link - 3tk3dyl.

DECA registration is wrapping up. If you want to be a DECA member this year and are not currently enrolled in the Marketing Strategies or Business Leadership classes, please complete and turn in this form by Thursday, October 1st - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BZlFhimppAVIr1RFxOAbUO-6V1iX_Hc/view?usp=sharing

DECA is encouraging students to participate in the DECA Shirt Competition: Help create a DECA chapter shirt on Custom Ink! The deadline is October 2nd (Please see the DECA Google classroom on how to submit).

**October Count Day - Thursday, October 1st**

The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your child attends school on Thursday, October 1st. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count, so we encourage you to be sure your child engages in school on the 1st, whether remote learning or in-person.

The “count window” the state observes is from Thursday, September 24th through Thursday, October 8th, but the most important student count day is Thursday, October 1st. Please help us ensure an accurate count by having your student participate in learning that day.

Due to Covid-19 and adhering to public health guidelines, if your child will be absent on October 1st due to illness, call our attendance line, 303-982-5240 to report the absence.

Thank you for your support of Conifer High School. Every child counts!

**Fall Awards Ceremony**

The Fall Awards Ceremony will be pre-recorded this year and a link of the ceremony will be emailed to parents on the evening of Thursday, October 2nd. Every year we are proud to recognize our students for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

Spring 2020 Academics

- Highest Honors (4.0 and Above) 298
- High Honors (3.5 to 3.99) 189
- Honors (3.0 to 3.49) 103
**PTSO Membership Drive**

Our Conifer PTSO invites you to become a member this school year! We provide support for teachers, students and parents of Conifer High School. Some of the projects this year will include providing meals for teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences and supporting teachers and students with a LOBO grant. You can join the PTSO at our school Blogspot- [http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/](http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/) Thank you for your support!

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**COVID Information for Families**

Please click this [LINK](http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/) to view what to do if your child is experiencing COVID symptoms at home.

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**SecurlyHome App**

After launching the district-wide TechForEd program for freshmen and sophomores, we are now providing families with the ability to monitor and control your child’s internet and app activity on district devices at home using the free SecurlyHome app. (Learn more about how to control behavior on your student's Jeffco device on the [SecurlyHome_App_Custom Control page](https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics/curriculum/technology_in_the_classroom/digital_wellness/privacy_filtering_security/securly_home_app).)

Please visit the Securely webpage on our Jeffco website to learn more about setting up this home security app on your phone.


Teachers will be using the SecurlyClassroom tool during school hours where they are able to guide, monitor and communicate with students during class. They can remove distractions and keep students focused on learning.

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**Digital Wellness Support for Families**

The Jeffco Public Schools shares a common desire with families to help our students be healthy digital learners. When we explore the impacts that our digital lives have on our well-being, we are monitoring our digital wellness.

Monthly communication will be available to support students and families in discussions about topics such as media balance (screen time), cyberbullying, media literacy, digital footprints, and more.

Ninth and tenth graders are required to participate in monthly asynchronous digital citizenship lessons in order to learn more about their digital wellness. 9th-grade lessons are included in their Seminar class and 10th graders have a digital citizenship Google Classroom for lessons. Emails were sent out to all 10th-grade students and families with the Google Classroom code.

Families may visit our Jeffco website or [Conifer website](http://chsptsa.blogspot.com/) for more information about digital wellness supports for families.
### TechforEd Device Warranty for 9th & 10th graders Chromebook
We highly recommend purchasing an accidental warranty for your student's device. Please [click here](https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/chs1to1/home) to learn more about purchasing an accidental warranty through DHE Lenovo.

### Meals for 100% Remote Students
Families may pick up meals for 100% Remote students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 2:15 and 3:00 p.m. Please call the Main Office (303-982-5255) when you arrive at Conifer in the Lobo Circle to pick up the meals.

### Senior Year Communications
Seniors, please join Ms. Alley’s REMIND program to receive updates about events and deadlines. Seniors with last names beginning with A through L should text the number 81010 with the message @conifer21. Seniors with last names beginning with M through Z text the number 81010 with the message @conifer-21. Please visit our [Senior Page](https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/chs1to1/home) on the Conifer website for more information.

### Conifer Public Library Reopens!
Great News!!! The Jefferson County Public Library branch at Conifer High School reopens on Friday, October 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Library hours will be:

- **Fridays** 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturdays** 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Sundays** 1:00 p.m. 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.

### Rotary Interact Club
The Conifer Rotary Interact Club believes in “service above self” and is looking forward to starting local and international service projects this year. If you’re interested in joining the Interact Club please contact Milena Lewis at 2013055@jeffcoschools.us.

### Team Blitz Robotics Club
Have you ever dreamed of having a robot of your own? The Robotics Club is looking for new students for both in person and online activities. If you are interested in joining the Robotics team as they compete in the fall robotics league, you can find more information at [TeamBlitz.net](https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/academics/curriculum/technology_in_the_classroom/digital_wellness).
School Pictures

DR Photos took this year’s school photos at Conifer this week.

If your child wasn’t able to get their pictures taken this week, you can make an appointment at DR Photo’s studio using this link.

To order pictures go to https://www.prepaysystems.com/view/9KLs2dbY/conifer-high-school-fall-undergrad-20-21

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.

Fall Semester Important Dates

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

Google Stream: https://tinyurl.com/y36sxy46 A link for the ceremony will be emailed to parents on Thursday evening.

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

Information will be coming on the process for scheduling a virtual meeting with a teacher.

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

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!

Voter Registration Information

The State of Colorado provides an opportunity for voters to registration online in order to receive their ballots, or update their registration (new address, party affiliation, etc.).

Link: https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter?vrdid=335&campaign=SH

To Register:

• For registration with a CO driver’s license, click "Yes, register online"
For registration without a CO driver's license, click "No, complete the paper registration form (PDF)" - you can then print the form and mail, hand-deliver, or scan and email to your county clerk.

To Manage/Confirm Registration:

- Click on "Find my Registration" 
- Enter your name, zip code, and birthdate 
- Then you can confirm you are registered and can edit anything that needs to be changed.

Students can register to vote at age 17, but they can't vote until they are 18.

In Sports...

**Tuesday, September 29th**

Softball will host D’Evelyn High School for the Game of the Week, with the first pitch is at 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 1st**

Cross Country will travel to Stoney Creek Golf Course for a Jeffco League Meet starting at 2:00 p.m.