Hello Conifer Family and Friends, this is Principal Paxton with your weekly update on news and information for Winter Break 2020.

Here are some important announcements...

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAVE A SAFE WINTER BREAK**

I want to wish my students, staff, parents, and the greater Conifer community a safe and relaxing winter break. Knowing that this year’s Holiday Season comes during a difficult time, I want to especially wish everyone a new year full of peace, love and happiness.

In the new year, I’m also looking forward to seeing my students return to the halls and classrooms of Conifer High School. My staff and I really miss talking with our students and the energy they bring to our school. Stay strong students, and keep focused on your futures.

**FALL 2020 FINALS SCHEDULE**

We wish our students the very best as they take their fall semester finals. Please make sure to give your full effort on the tests, get plenty of sleep, and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. As a reminder, students cannot take early Finals. If you’re unable to take Finals according to the schedule, you can make arrangements to make them up in January.

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Students will return from the holiday break to begin their Remote Learning classes on Wednesday, January 6th, which will be a **Green** day.

**CONIFER HIGH SCHOOL REMOTE LEARNING CALENDAR AND BELL SCHEDULE**

With Tuesday, January 5th set aside for Teacher Professional Development Day, **all** students return for the Spring Semester on Wednesday, January 6th to our Remote Learning Model, which will follow a Block Schedule with alternating Green and Silver Days (see attached schedule). In the coming weeks, the District will provide information on when we return to the Hybrid Learning Model based on Jefferson County Public Health guidelines.

The following information is the current daily schedule for January and February. Cohorts will remain the same as first semester: Cohort A – students with last names beginning with A – K, and Cohort B – students with last names beginning with L – Z (we will continue the exceptions for a few students who have siblings at the middle school).
January 2021

The Bell Schedule will change slightly to provide a lunch break during the school day. *This schedule only applies to the Remote Learning Model.*

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**Conifer High School Hybrid Learning Calendar**

When Jeffco Public Schools makes the decision to reinstate Hybrid Learning Model, we will return to an alternating Block Schedule with Green and Silver days, documented below.

**Cohort A:** Students with Last Names A - K

**Cohort B:** Students with Last Names L - Z
A: Cohort A in person/B virtual
B: Cohort B in person/A virtual

Hybrid Model Schedule

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*Lunch will be served at 1:40 p.m. and students will exit the building

**Busses arrive at 7:00 a.m. - Students will report to their Seminar/2nd period after the health screening.

REMOTE AND HYBRID LEARNING CALENDAR

As of this afternoon (Friday, December 18th), schedules for the spring semester are posted for students on Infinite Campus. As students begin planning for new semester, links for Google Classrooms courses will be posted on the Conifer website on Tuesday, January 5th. Make sure to check our website for new courses links (fall course links will not carry into second semester).

Here is the link for the current daily schedule rotation for January: https://tinyurl.com/y9ju5xts

FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

Hey Conifer Students, we begin the registration process for next year's classes (2021-2022 school year) starting on Monday, January 11th. Between now and then, please take some time to discuss with your parents and teachers the courses you want or need to take. The course description book is posted on the Conifer website under the Registration link for further exploration: https://tinyurl.com/ybd4e2pj

More registration information will be shared after the holiday break.
## CURRENT AND FUTURE LOBOS

Attention All Parents, if you plan to have your child attend Conifer next school year, you must reregister for the 2021-2022 school year. Please click on this link to register: [https://tinyurl.com/y965ass2](https://tinyurl.com/y965ass2)

## FROM THE PEER COUNSELORS…

Students needing someone to talk with, can reach out to a Peer Counselor during any period of the day (see a list of Peer Counselors on the Conifer website).

In addition, students can view a video that talks about tips and tricks going into finals and is a great way to meet the Peer Counselors too.

Zoom Link: [https://tinyurl.com/y2e7nnqp](https://tinyurl.com/y2e7nnqp)

**Finals Video Link:** [https://tinyurl.com/pcfinals](https://tinyurl.com/pcfinals)

## REMOTE LEARNING

If you have any questions about the current remote learning plan, click **HERE**.

## GOOGLE CALENDAR APPOINTMENTS

Students and teachers have requested a better format for students to access help from teachers. We understand that emails don’t provide the quick response students need and teachers have become overwhelmed with emails. Therefore, we’re recommending that students meet virtually with their teachers during Seminar and Friday Office Hours.

In this week’s announcements are links to videos and written directions for students to schedule time to meet virtually with teachers. They are shared through our Tech Support website as well, which can be found on our main website and under our 100% Remote Learning Plan for families.

  - Written directions for student sign up
  - Video directions for student sign up

Here are video and written directions for students on where to find the appointment slot on their calendar and how to connect with their teacher during the appointment.

  - Written directions for student connecting through Google Calendar appointments
  - Video directions for student connecting through Google Calendar appointments

## DECEMBER DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

During the month of December, our 9th, and 10th grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to **Privacy & Security**. These lessons will introduce students to the concept of online privacy and the potential implications of sharing private information with friends, the public, app providers, and more. [https://tinyurl.com/y6jd299u](https://tinyurl.com/y6jd299u)
**MASKERADE - CONIFER ROTARY FUNDRAISER**

As a nonprofit, the Conifer Rotary Club continues to raise funds for community grants and high school senior scholarships (college and trade schools). This fall the club members have turned their mask crafting skills to help the Conifer Rotary Foundation raise money with a project called MASKerade, an online mask shop.

They need your help to get the word out. They have close to 300 masks on their website (http://coniferfest.com/) and would be grateful if you would share their MASKerade fundraiser with your extended family, friends, and anyone who might need a new mask.

Thank you for your support.

**FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP SURVEY**

It’s that time of year again! The District will send family school partnership surveys to each family. The annual Family-School Partnership (FSP) Survey gives families an opportunity to provide feedback on the six nationally recognized family engagement standards and on the Jeffco Generations Vision. Please look for this survey in your district communications email.

Also, families should receive the Make Your Voice Heard Survey from the district. Through the Make Your Voice Heard (MYVH) survey, students can provide feedback on school climate, student-staff relationships, and rigor and relevance. Click here to view the letter.

In Sports ...

**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENT ATHLETES**

Congratulations to the following Conifer student-athletes that have signed to play in college next year:

- Alex Ainsworth  
  Baseball at Western Nebraska Community College  
  Go Cougars!

- Topi Alahuhta  
  Boys Cross Country at Chadron State  
  Go Eagles!

- Zack Gacnik  
  Boys Cross Country at the University of Colorado at Boulder  
  Go Buffs!

- Adde Hollander  
  Girls Lacrosse at Franklin and Marshall College  
  Go Diplomats!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONIFER LOBOS FOOTBALL PLAYERS**

Congratulations to the following Conifer football players that earned All-State:

- Noah Wagner – 1st Team All-State
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<td>Ray Bellotti – Honorable Mention</td>
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**CONIFER LOBO SPIRIT WEAR**

Conifer High School apparel is now available! Select from the most popular styles and colors this year. With the new athletic apparel, you’re bound to look great on the field or in the stands. Spirit Gear Website: [https://coniferhs.rschoolteams.com/page/5456](https://coniferhs.rschoolteams.com/page/5456)

**SEASON B IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION**

Student-athletes can now register for Boys/Girls Basketball, Girls Swim/Dive and Wrestling! Visit our website or click [here](https://coniferhs.rschoolteams.com/page/5456) to register.

NOTE: ALL Athletic fees from SEASON A (XC, Golf, Tennis, Softball and Football) need to be paid in full prior to registering for Season B.

Reminder: ALL ATHLETES need to have a CURRENT SPORTS PHYSICAL. Due to the COVID situation, you may want to complete this task and make those appointments ASAP. The form is available on our website as well.

Please contact coaches directly for any questions about practices, games, and expectations. We will keep coaches updated and informed with the ever-changing challenges that COVID brings. With that in mind, expect CHSAA to make updates about the season as well.

**FALL ATHLETE PHOTOS**

Athlete photos are available for viewing and ordering at [dr-photo.com](http://dr-photo.com). Click [HERE](https://dr-photo.com) to view your athlete’s personal and team photos. Your passcode to access athlete photos is the student ID number. If you have any issues accessing your images, please contact DR Photo directly at 303-346-2772 or via email at [support@dr-photo.com](mailto:support@dr-photo.com).