

Conifer Weekly Announcements

Weekly Announcements for Monday, April 27th, through Saturday, May 2nd, 2020.

Brighten Someone's Day

In these difficult times, it is easy to get down, not care and even get a little depressed. Not just for students, but adults as well. The best way to beat the blues is by lifting someone else up...because in doing so, it will also increase our moods in a positive manner. We have an opportunity to work with our area schools and a local restaurant to pass on your positive affirmations, words of wisdom, Thank Yous to our community. JJ Madwell's has agreed (as they think it is just as important as we do) to put your positive words on all their pizza boxes and to-go orders!

Here is the assignment:

Write, draw, type, color positive messages you would like to get out to the community. It can be as simple as "hang in there" or "thank you teachers" or use a positive quote you like or found online somewhere, whatever you want to say to those in our community who may be struggling. Then take a picture and email it to Mrs. Vanni at cvanni@jeffco.k12.co.us or share it with Mrs. Vanni if you make it through Google. We will print them all off and then JJ's will put them on their pizza boxes and your positive messages will go out to the community.

Be as creative as you want or not. It could be a little handwritten note or a full-page colorful message, or just a quote you really like and feel could help lift someone up.

Here is the kicker...we need about 1,000 of these things, which might give us enough for about 2 weeks of orders. So PLEASE write multiple ones or write new ones as you see something or hear a quote you like...just keep them coming! We have a really cool opportunity to show how strong of a community we really are! Let's show this community who the Lobos are! Because the only thing that is going to happen is you spend a few minutes doing something nice that is going to lift your own spirits as well!

May 1st Decision Day for Seniors

Conifer High School would like to congratulate our seniors on their upcoming graduation! In these "not so ideal" times, we would like to put together a celebration of YOU! We are asking every senior to take a selfie that includes

either a sign, a college t-shirt, or a military t-shirt that let's our community know what your plans are after high school.

This sign could be something like:

Colorado Mesa University , or

Working at King Soopers, or

Enlisted into the Army, or

Taking a GAP year with my backpack

Whatever your plans are. We want to know and celebrate this in a slideshow that will be published on our website and next week's announcements.

Please send your selfie to this [Google Drive folder](#) by Thursday, April 30th. We'll include a photo montage in next week's announcements.

Thank you, from your Conifer High School Counselors - Justin, Kim and Carrie

Post-Grad Readiness for Juniors

The Conifer Counselors want to make sure our juniors are engaging in future planning for your post-graduate life after Conifer High School. Counselors would love to speak to you about your college, military, or future plans and what you should be doing this semester to prepare for your senior year! We are sure that you have many questions and we would like to be able to answer those questions in detail. Please email us to let us know if you would like to schedule a phone or zoom meeting.

Already scheduled:

College Bootcamp with College Professionals on Wednesday, August 13th at Conifer High School. Watch for registration details!

Senior Classroom (current Juniors) **Counselor visits** will be the first 2 weeks of school in English classes. We will discuss Conifers college process.

College Announcement Checklist sent out every couple of weeks from the Counselors with reminders of what juniors should be doing! First checklist was sent out April 9, 2020!

Check out our College Tab under Counseling on the Conifer Website!

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AP Students Should Review their College Board User Profiles

To ensure AP students are receiving critical information, students should log into My AP to review the email address and cell phone number College Board has on record. If you want, you can change how College Board contacts you. Two days before each exam, AP students will receive an email with a personalized e-ticket that will include your eight-character AP ID code. If an AP student still doesn't receive the email, they'll be able to access their e-ticket directly through My AP.

AP Course Review Sessions Online

AP students are encouraged to attend online AP classes and review sessions for prep week. During the final days before exams, online AP classes will focus on understanding the exam day experience and reviewing sample exam questions.

Happy Day Without Hate with a Presentation by Nicholas Thompson

The Conifer Peer Counselors have recorded a special presentation for Conifer High School students from Nicholas Thompson. When you get a chance, please enjoy Mr. Thompson's positive and motivational words of wisdom for Day Without Hate. [Click this link for the presentation.](#)



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No Use of School Grounds

At this time, the Conifer High School facilities will remain closed to All employees, students, and community members that want access to the building or fields for personal, recreational, or team training through August 1st.

In early May, I will communicate on how students can retrieve their personal belongings, pick up their yearbook, and receive their senior diplomas, as well as return athletic and school supplied materials and resources.

Virtual Planner for Students

Students, if you're looking for a planner to help keep organized, our friendly Librarian Gail Bonner has created an online tutorial on setting up a [Google Calendar Planner](#).

Spring Semester Finals Schedule

Seniors Finals - Seniors Last Day is May 8th:

Wednesday, May 6th Virtual Silver Day – Finals Periods 2, 4

Thursday, May 7th Virtual Green Day – Finals Periods 3, 5, 7

Friday, May 8th Virtual Silver Day – Finals Periods 6, 8

9th, 10th & 11th Grade Finals - Last Day is May 22nd for Students & Teachers:

Tuesday, May 19th Virtual Conifer Day – Finals Periods 3, 5, 7

Wednesday, May 20th Virtual Conifer Day – Finals Periods 2, 4

Thursday, May 21st Virtual Conifer Day – Finals Period 6, 8

Link Leader Applications Due Friday, May 1st

Link Leader applications for the 2020-2021 school year are available for all current sophomores and juniors. Interested students will need to complete the Link Leader Application located on the Conifer High School Home page. Applications are due by Friday, May 1st. For more information please contact Jessie McFadden-Barr at Jessie.McFadden-Barr@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Seniors Taking Online Courses

If you are currently working on graduation requirements through BYU or Edgenuity, students need to be completely finished (exam taken and grade received by high school) by May 1st. Conifer High School needs this time to enter it onto your transcripts to show you have completed all graduation requirements.

BYU Update

BYU will be assisting students with on-line proctoring of exams through Adobe Connect. Below are the steps for our students to follow:

- *Students must email BYU at is_exam@byu.edu (is underscore exam...)*
- *Explain the situation, briefly*
- *Include the date of graduation.*
- *They should include their BYU net ID*

If you have further questions, please contact your counselor.

Westerra Scholarship for Freshmen and Sophomores

April is national literacy month and Westerra Credit Union is sponsoring a scholarship for freshmen and sophomores.

The Basics:

- 1) Students in 7th-10th grade are eligible to participate.
- 2) There are 5 modules (savings, budgeting, payment methods, investing, insurance). Each one takes 10-15 minutes to complete.
- 3) This program is open April 20th through April 30th only for the online modules. Sorry for the short notice.
- 4) Once a student has completed the modules, they can do a 250 word essay on their financial dream and be entered into a contest to win a scholarship worth \$4,000, \$6,000 or \$10,000. The essay deadline is May 8th.
- 5) In order to put these financial topics into action, Westerra will donate \$52.80 into a student's Westerra account should they choose to open one after completing the modules.

Westerra will also donate \$52.80 to the School District Foundation for

each account opened. If teachers would like more information, they can email Dana Russell, drussell@westerracu.com.

Financial Literacy Bee site: <https://westerracu.everfi-next.net/welcome/national-financial-bee>

IT Updates

Device Issues

If your child is having technical issues with their devices, please refer to the **Student, Family, and Community Technical Resources page** or to the resources on the **TechForEd Device Support page** (the advice applies to all, not just TechForEd devices). If they are still unable to fix the issue, have them call the family support line at 303.982.3438 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Jeffco IT staff will do our best to resolve technical issues remotely.

Device Replacement

If your child's device is unusable due to physical damage or if it has technical issues that cannot be resolved, please call the family support line at 303.982.3438 between 7a and 4p, Monday – Friday. Jeffco IT staff will work with them on a plan to repair or replace the device.

Important Links:

Conifer Virtual Learning Plan Link: [Conifer Virtual Learning Plan](#)

Family Portal: [Family Portal](#)

Parent Guide to Google: [Parent Guide to Google Classroom](#)

Teacher Contact Information and Google Classroom Links: [Teacher Contact Information and Google Classroom Links \(WiFi Access Locations\)](#)

Tech Support for Student Devices: [TechForEd Device Support page](#) or call 303.982.3438 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

Scholarships Information for Seniors

Seniors and Parents of Seniors: Scholarship information is currently available on Conifer High School webpage for students to review and apply for:

[College Scholarships](#)

StudentScholarships.org

[UNIGO Monthly Scholarships](#) – Due Thursday, April 30th

For more information about possible scholarship, please email Jolene Sadowski (Conifer High School Registrar/Counseling Office Secretary) at jolene.sadowski@jeffco.k12.co.us

Teens in the Driver Seat Survey

Teens in the Driver Seat is gathering information to help develop programs to reduce teenage traffic fatalities. Student information is completely anonymous, and all the answers will be used for general statistical purposes. To participate, please visit [Teens in the Drive Seat Survey](#) and enter our school code CONIFE.