

COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

Dear Cottonwood Parents and Students,

We are excited for this week's parent-teacher conferences which are on **Tuesday, February 8, 4:00 - 7:00 pm**. These conferences will be online. See the instructions below for details about how to sign up for a VIRTUAL conference.

We will also have parent-teacher conferences on **Wednesday, February 9, 4:00 - 7:00 pm**. The conferences this night will be in person in our cafeteria and commons areas. No appointment is necessary on this night.

We look forward to seeing all parents either virtually or in person this week as we work together with your family to help your student reach the goal of graduation and plans for the future.

Lastly, parents and students will be receiving a twice weekly update on the number of COVID cases that have been reported for Cottonwood students and faculty/staff. **The count on Friday, February 4, was seven confirmed cases.**

Sincerely,

Terri Roylance

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DETAILS

Parent/Teacher conferences are **VIRTUAL** through Zoom on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 and **IN PERSON** at Cottonwood High School on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Please follow the instructions below to sign up for VIRTUAL conferences on Tuesday. Appointments are not needed for IN PERSON on Wednesday.

For Tuesday conferences, parents/guardians will need to schedule a time for your Zoom conference with each teacher.

- The scheduler, pickAtime <https://pickatime.com/GraniteSD/CottonwoodHS>, will be available **UNTIL** Monday, February 7 at 11:59 p.m.
- We have created 5-minute time slots. Parents will be put into a “waiting room” on the Zoom call and teachers will admit parents/guardians into their zoom meeting as close to the appointed time as possible.
- Please, help teachers stay on schedule and keep your discussion less than 5 minutes so that the teacher, and you can move to your next appointment.
- Please take a moment to sign up for Tuesday appointments using the step-by-step directions—click on the links below or go to <https://cwoodptc.weebly.com/scheduling-ptc.html> :
 - ENGLISH: [ENGLISH pickAtime](#)
 - SPANISH: [SPANISH pickAtime](#)
 - DARI/FARSI/PERSIAN: [FARSI pickAtime](#)
- After creating your appointments, please check your email for a confirmation of your schedule. You will also receive a reminder email one day before the conferences. Remember to check your junk/spam folder and mark the emails as safe or not spam so that future schedule emails can come through to your inbox.
- See the documents below for info in the following languages: English, Dari, Farsi, Persian, and Spanish.



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Pickatime - Scheduling an Appointment - English-Dari-Farsi-Persian Version.pdf

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Pickatime - Scheduling an Appointment - Spanish Version.pdf


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COUNSELOR APPRECIATION WEEK!

It is **COUNSELOR APPRECIATION WEEK!**

We are so fortunate to have the **best team** of dedicated counselors! Our counselors meet with their hundreds of students and parents to create a graduation plan and an after graduation plan!

Thank you to our hard-working counseling center staff:

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- Rebecca Berbert - counselor
 - Amanda Calton - counselor
 - Kristen D'Acquisto - counselor
 - Suzy Davie - counseling center secretary
 - Kami Nelson - counselor
 - Teresa Olsen - counselor
 - Sam Small - psychologist
 - Rachel Stoddard - counselor
 - Lane Sutton - college access advisor
 - Alisa Webb - social worker

OOPS! PRINTER ERROR!

I apologize for the recent printer error with the honor roll certificates that were mailed home from Quarter 2. The printer accidentally printed honor roll cards for ALL students instead of for those students who earned honor roll status for Quarter 2.

The printing company has reprinted all certificates and sent the correct certificates to our honor roll honorees.

How did we discover this error? Our HONEST students! Many students told us about the mistake. Truly, Colts are GREAT!

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Cottonwood Debate Team continues to add trophies this season! The latest results:

Utah State Coaches Association Speech Arts Tournament: **3rd Place Sweepstakes**

Congressional Debate

- 1st place champion: Kate Wilkins
- 1st place varsity: Sydney Pomeanz
- 2nd place jv: Matthew Cessna

Lincoln Douglas Debate

- 1st place novice: Inez Akumutima
- 3rd place champion: Kaiya Endo


International Extemp

- 1st place varsity: Hannah Zoulek
- 2nd place novice: Isaac Aulbach
- 3rd place jv: Nava Sharma

National Extemp

- 1st place novice - Paisley Lloyd

Informative Speech

- 1st place champion : Nizhoni Tsosie
 - 2nd place varsity: Katarina Boskovic
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Dramatic Interps

- 1st place jv dramatic interp: Adessa Talbot
- 2nd place humorous interp: Nex Lerwick
- 2nd place novice humorous interp: Owen Pieper

BIGGEST FAN

Each of our student athletics and student clubs has the opportunity to support another team or club this year! Please see the picture below of this week's BIGGEST FAN, our Improv Team, as they supported our girls basketball team!



DRESS CODE INFORMATION

Our district safe school director has asked that all schools ban the wearing of any apparel that has the Cookies brand. We ask that all parents and students support this request.

MEDIA ATTENTION!

Did you know that Cottonwood has an eSports team? Please see the link below to a recent article in the City Journals:



Esports teams in ...

www.valleyjournals.com

On a Wednesday in December, five Cottonwood High students and teacher Dwight Epperson hold a club meeting during lunch. They talk about upcoming events and tournaments. During the meeting, three more students who want to join turn in applications. Ellis Ames, a junior and club officer reminds them what's at stake for the next tournament.

MEDIA ATTENTION!

ABC 4 recently featured our own fantastic substitute teacher, Robyn Ivins, in their news story about the need for substitute teachers! Check it out!



Parents in Utah ar...

www.abc4.com

UTAH (ABC4) - Robyn Ivins started filling in for teachers when her kids enrolled in the Granite School District. "It was just here and there for teachers I was friends with or if the secretary needed some last-minute she would call me that it was just minimal," said Ivins.

PARENT UNIVERSITY

Granite School District will be hosting the upcoming Parent University on Wednesday, February 23. This is a great opportunity for parents to get valuable information about the following topics:

- Internet and Smartphone Concerns
- Bullying Prevention
- Mental Health Wellness
- Preventing Substance Abuse

Date:

February 23

Time:

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Location:

Olympus Junior High School
2217 E 4800 S

See the flyer attached below!



PROMISE SSL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The PROMISE after school program will hold sessions this week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

A table will be set up during the in person conferences for parents to sign up their student for the program!



GEAR UP is sponsoring 2 Spring Break College campus tours for JUNIOR students:

- **April 4-8** South tour to southern Utah, Nevada, and California (5-day)
- **April 4-6** North tour to northern Utah and Idaho (3-day)

FREE for USUSTARS! GEAR UP students. To register visit

<https://www.usu.edu/utahstars/camps/bus-tours>

Students will not be fully registered until they turn in signed permission slips to the GEAR UP office. Sign up early since space is limited.



ACT PREP FOR 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

All 11th grade students have the opportunity to participate in a **FREE** day of ACT preparation on Thursday, February 24!

Thank you to the GEAR Up 3 grant, our 11th grade students will be instructed by the ACT preparation company, *Higher Ground*, with strategies they need to do their best on the ACT scheduled in our building on Tuesday, March 8.

Additionally, all 11th grade students will receive a binder with prep materials. Once again, this is \$90 program will be **FREE** for our students!

GEAR UP 4 - 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

Field Trip to University of Utah

Date: February 17, 2021 (B day)

Time: 7:30-1:30

Lunch will be provided. Please come and pick up a permission form in room 117. (If you have already submitted your form, please come to room 117 and speak to Laura)

Need help with homework, schoolwork, and tests/quizzes?

Tutor.com can help you with:

- 24/7 On-demand tutoring
- Scheduled tutoring
- Drop-off essay review
- Diagnostic quizzes
- Over 250 subjects and test prep areas available

www.tutor.com/granite

Username: ID number

Password: gearup (10th grade only)

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SWEETHEARTS DANCE

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Our student body officers are excited to sponsor the upcoming Sweethearts dance. Details are below:

- Date: Saturday, February 19
- Time: 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- Dress: FORMAL
- Theme: Valentines

Tickets are \$12.00 on the Hometown App. If students have a fee waiver, please see the finance office for directions on getting a free ticket. Remember, all students must bring their ID to the dance.

Thank you to the hundreds of students who gave student government their input about the dance. They read every comment and will include as many suggestions as possible. Please be on the lookout for a song recommendation link the week of the dance.

Sincerely,
Tara Battista
SBO Advisor
tbattista@graniteschools.org

GRADUATION INFO

The Cottonwood Class of 2022 will participate in graduation ceremonies on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1:00 PM, IN THE COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM!**

Our wonderful parents will provide the traditional Grad Night Party for all graduates at All Star Bowling in West Valley City. Buses will be provided. Time: 10:00 pm - 2:00 am



STERLING SCHOLARS

Best wishes as many of our Sterling Scholars move on to the next level of competition this week!



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COTTONWOOD FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Once again, we will be spotlighting a staff member each week based on parent and student feedback.

This week we are honoring our math department head, Cathy McDonald. Some of the comments I received are as follows:

She is so organized, caring, and knows how to teach math. I now love math because she has helped me so much!

Please take a moment and tell us about the great things that are happening at Cottonwood High School. Below is the link to submit nominations:

<https://forms.gle/eXQHJzpxifpx6Mkw8>

COMMUNICATION REMINDERS

COTTONWOOD ATHLETICS

Cottonwoodcolts.org

COTTONWOOD ATTENDANCE EMAIL

coltsattendance@graniteschools.org

COTTONWOOD COUNSELING CENTER SITE (INFORMATION CENTRAL!!!)

<https://www.coltscounseling.com/>

COTTONWOOD INSTAGRAM

Cwoodcoltsofficial

COTTONWOOD STUDENT BODY OFFICERS' SITE

Cwoodstampede.com

COTTONWOOD TWITTER

@CottonwoodHS

COTTONWOOD WEBSITE

<https://schools.graniteschools.org/cottonwoodhigh/>

PARENT PORTAL LINK

<https://portal.graniteschools.org/loginPolicy.jsp>

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7 - 13

Monday, February 7

A DAY

- Boys basketball @home vs Park City HS, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 8

B DAY

- Parent teacher conferences (virtual), 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- Girls basketball @Payson HS, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00 pm



Wednesday, February 9

A DAY

- Parent teacher conferences (in person), 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- Boys basketball @Payson HS, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 10

B DAY

- Broadway Review, Room 608, 7:00 pm
- College Day for 11th grade students, 11:00 am - 2:10 pm
- Girls basketball @Tooele HS, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00 pm

Friday, February 11

NO SCHOOL - COMPENSATORY DAY FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Boys basketball @home vs Tooele HS, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00 pm
- Girls basketball @Hillcrest HS, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00 pm
- Broadway Review, Room 608, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 12

- Broadway Review, Room 608, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14 - 19 - COLTS ARE GREAT WEEK!

Monday, February 14

A DAY

- Broadway Review, Room 608, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 15

B DAY

Wednesday, February 16

A DAY

- State wrestling @UVU

Thursday, February 17

B DAY


- State wrestling @UVU
- FAFSA Night for 12th grade students in the library, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Girls basketball @home vs Cedar Valley HS, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00 pm

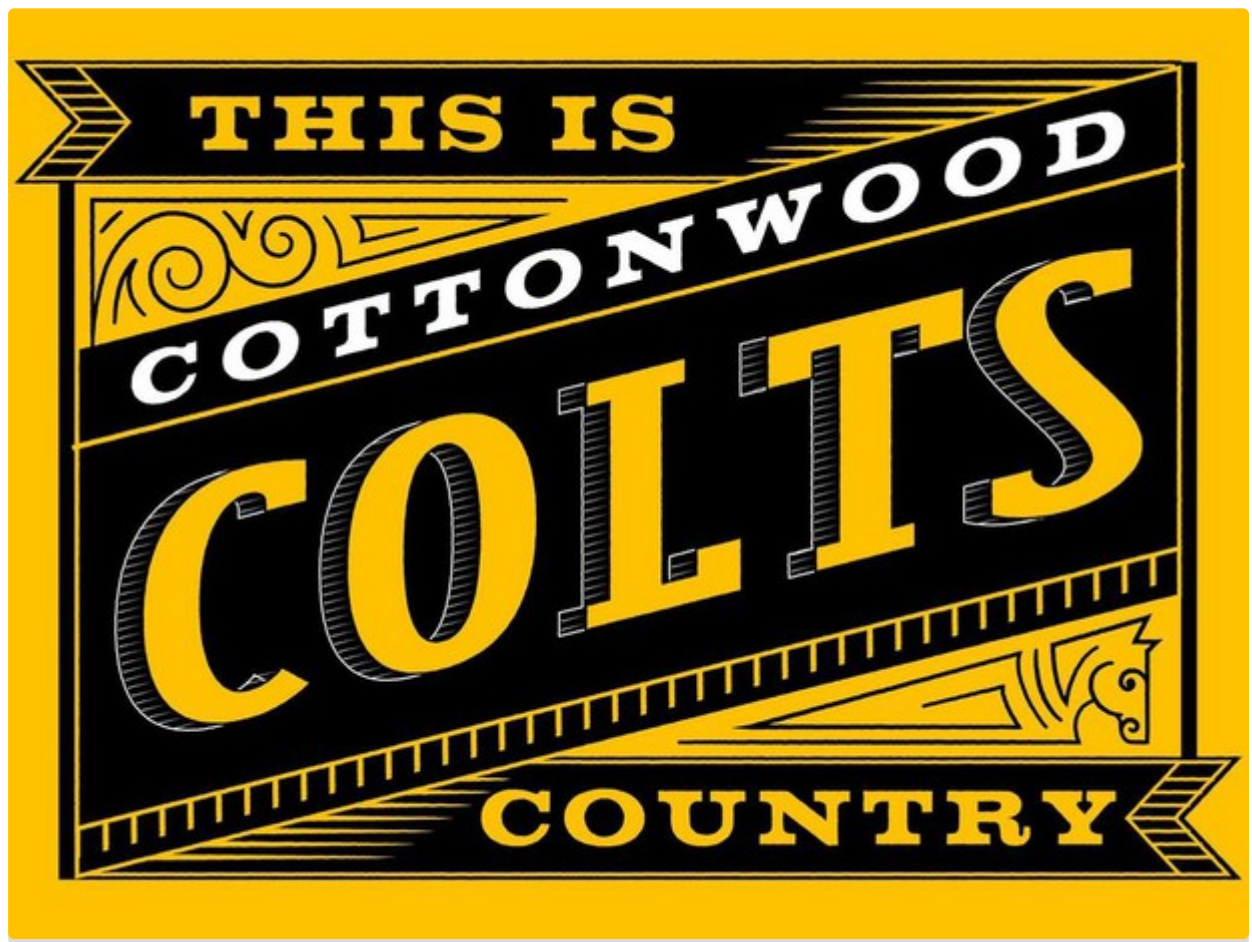
Friday, February 18

B DAY

- State swim @BYU
- Boys basketball @Cedar Valley HS, 3:30, 5:15, 7:00 pm
- Drill showcase, gym, 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 19

- State swim @BYU
 - Sweethearts Dance, commons, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
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HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

