



TO LIVE, TO LOVE, TO LEARN, TO LEAVE A LEGACY



Calendar of Events

09/02 - Labor Day - No School
09/05-07 - Summer Play "Death Trap"
09/06 - Clubs & Activities Fair
09/09 - 14 - Homecoming Week
09/13 - Homecoming Parade
[SCHEDULE LINK](#)

Hello Dakota Ridge Families.

Each year in January, the Panorama student, staff, and parent survey is distributed. That feedback is used to set goals for instruction, professional development, increasing student engagement and belonging, improving communication with the community, and finding ways for parents to be more involved in the school. The last two items, communication and involvement are always at the top of the list of what parents would like improved.

When speaking to communication, we send home a weekly newsletter, post events and school information on the website and marquee. Teachers have google classroom, which can be accessed by parents, and grades are posted regularly on Infinite Campus. The biggest communication tool to the community is Community Connections which is sent every Thursday. I would encourage parents to read it each week. If there are other avenues that we can improve communication, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

As for involvement, on Monday night, August 26th, we held our first Accountability meeting of the school year. This group looks at school data and initiatives, approves fees, and participates in the creating of the UIP, just to name a few tasks. We had 2 parents attend this gathering. We advertised this meeting since the start of school. While booster clubs provide opportunities to be involved with their student's extra-curricular activities, Accountability is a great way of knowing what is occurring at the school during the academic day. Please consider getting involved in this committee.

All Eagles, All Family!

Kim Keller

HELPFUL LINKS

[Dakota Ridge HS Website](#)
[JEFFCO Public Schools](#)
[Campus Parent/Student](#)

ATTENDANCE LINE NUMBERS

DRHS - 303-982-1884
WT South - 303-982-8656
WT Central - 303-982-8606
WT North - 303-982-9362



ATHLETICS

DRHS ATHLETIC WEBSITE

Calendar of Events:

Thurs. August 29th: Golf @ Applewood Golf Course, 7:30 am

Field Hockey @ Colorado Academy, 4:00 pm

Softball @ Highlands Ranch HS, 4:00 pm

Fri. August 30th: Volleyball @ Chaparral Invite, 8:00 am (Gold Crown Field House)

Cross Country @ Wyoming Invite, 8:00 am

Golf @ Indian Tree Golf Course, 8:00 am

Football @ Chatfield HS, 7:00 pm (Jeffco Stadium) **VOTE! 9NEWS GAME OF THE WEEK**
TICKETS

Sat. August 31st: Volleyball @ Chaparral Invite, 8:00 am (Gold Crown Field House)

Soccer @ Ponderosa HS, 12:00 pm (EchoPark Stadium) **TICKETS**

Flag Football @ Adams 12 Tournament **TICKETS**

Tues. September 3rd: Tennis vs. Conifer HS, 3:30 pm

Women's Basketball Preseason Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm (DRHS Library)

Wed. September 4th: Golf @ Hyland Hills Golf Course, 7:30 am

Softball vs. Bear Creek HS, 4:00 pm

Field Hockey @ Cheyenne Mountain HS, 4:30 pm

Thurs. September 5th: Tennis @ Standley Lake HS, 3:30 am

Volleyball @ Castle View HS, 4:45/6:00 pm **TICKETS**

Softball @ Highlands Ranch HS, 4:00 pm

Fri. September 6th: Softball @ Castle View HS, 4:00 pm

Football @ Green Mountain HS, 7:00 pm (Jeffco Stadium) **TICKETS**



Thank you to @alexhearnphoto_sports and @rockie9247 on Instagram for these incredible photos!

HOMECOMING

SEPT 9-14

9/9 - MONDAY
 Spirit Day
 Senior: Black Junior: White
 Sophomore: Blue Freshman: Red

Mr. Dakota at 6:30pm in the Auditorium

9/10 - Tuesday
 SPIRIT DAY
JERSEY DAY
 3:30PM - Men's Tennis @ DRHS
 7:00PM - Men's Soccer @ LMF

9/11 - WEDNESDAY
 SPIRIT DAY - BEACH
 3:40 - Powder Puff
 6:30PM - 8:30PM Block Party
 Come for the Food Trucks
 stay for the fun!

9/12 - THURSDAY
 COUNTRY
 VS
 COUNTRY CLUB
 4:30PM - Softball @ DRHS
 5:30 - Field Hockey @ RMDS
 6:30 - Volleyball @ DRHS

9/13 - Friday
 Spirit Day (Wear anything Dakota Ridge)
 8:05 - Homecoming Pep Assembly
 12:30 - Homecoming Parade
 1:00 - Far Away Friends Disc Golf Tournament
 3:00 - Cross Country @ Kent Denver
 7:30 - Football game @ Jeffco Stadium

Dakota Ridge Homecoming Parade Schedule	
	Navy
8:05-8:40am	1st Block
8:45-9:20am	2nd Block
9:25-10:00am	3rd Block
10:05-10:40am	4th Block
10:45-11:30am	Lunch
Pep Rally (11:45) and Parade (12:30)	

COUNSELING

12th grade ICAP/College/Career Info Meetings: DRHS Counselors will be meeting with all Senior Seminar classes in the Auditorium on Tuesday, Sept 10th. Then, we will conduct individual Senior Seminar classroom visits on Sept 16, 18 or 23. These meetings will be focused on Seniors' Post-Graduate plans, including helping them with the college application process, scholarship/financial aid info, transcript requests, careers, military options, etc. Please see our Counseling- College & Future Planning website for more information and resources.

GIRLS Transportation and Construction Day

Thursday, September 26th

8:30am-1:30pm

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Any 9th-12th grade females who are interested in the transportation or construction career pathways are encouraged to attend this free event. DRHS will be providing a bus to/from the event. Interested females should talk to their DRHS counselor ASAP to receive a field trip permission form, the form is due by Sept 9th. Here is a [VIDEO](#) with more details about the event!

A Message from Joston's
Joston's is reaching out to the DRHS families regarding details on class rings, graduation announcements, and cap and gowns. If you prefer not to receive these updates, please contact Rachel Parker at Rachel.Parker@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Assessment

Student Insights

Dear Families,

Student Insights is a resourceful tool for K-12 families and students in grades 6-12 to view current and historical assessment data and plans that are applicable to your student.

Login to Student Insights [here](#) using your Infinite Campus parent portal login credentials to view the following applicable* information:

- Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) - **2023-24 results now available!**
- ACCESS for ELLs results - **2023-24 results now available!**
- MAP Growth results
- DIBELS 8 results
- Lectura results
- READ Plan goals and supports
- Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) goals and programming supports
- Graduation requirements progress report
- High School Transcript Grades

Click [here](#) to learn more about Student Insights and [here](#) to learn more about our state and district assessments.

*Available data listed above is based on student grade levels and programming.

Spring Testing Results

Parents of Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors,

In the coming week, English and Seminar teachers will distribute score reports for PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT 11, and 11th grade CMAS- Science, all of which were administered at Dakota Ridge in spring of 2024. Please take a moment to look over the report with your student, and discuss some of the following points.

Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and math in order to graduate. The SAT 11 is one measure we can use to show that students meet proficiency targets. Below are the minimum scores that show students are on track to meet proficiency targets:

- The PSAT 9: 410 EBRW (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing), 450 Math, (total of 860)
- PSAT 10: 430 EBRW, 480 Math, (total of 910)
- SAT 11: 470 EBRW, 500 Math, (total of 970)

Dakota Ridge teachers use this data to better support individual students, as well as to reflect on larger areas for focus in curriculum and instruction. Score reports offer insight into how your student performed on specific types of questions. This offers an opportunity for your student to reflect on specific academic skills, and to set goals for focus this year.

Please feel free to contact Anne Morris (anne.morris@jeffco.k12.co.us) with any questions.

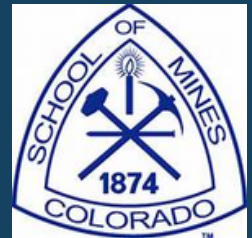


COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges will be visiting Dakota Ridge. Please stop by the Career Center to sign up to visit a representative.



University of Puget Sound
University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado School of Mines
High Point University
Creighton University
University of Wyoming
Oregon State University
University of Alabama
Hawaii Pacific University
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Colorado Mesa University
Western Colorado University
Elon University
Drake University



Attendance Options!

CALL IN:

New options on the attendance line, 303-982-1884.

Please use Option #1 to leave a message if your student will be in a classroom at the time they need to be dismissed. If the student does return to school, please have them check in at the Attendance Window upon return so their attendance may be updated. Please leave early release calls at least 45 minutes prior to the release so we may get your student out on time. No passes are needed if your student leaves during passing periods, lunch, or off-blocks; be sure the absence is still reported.

Please use Option #2 for all other absences (full block, full day, tardies, etc...) Single block absences will require a provider's note if the student is attending an appointment. Students can drop the note off at the Attendance Window or it can be emailed to anne.hoy@jeffco.k12.co.us.

ON LINE:

Absence Request Tool is now available to all schools for the 2024-25 school year! Below you will find resources about the Absence Request Tool and how to use it.

What is the Campus Parent Absence Request Tool?

The Campus Parent Absence Request Tool is a function within Infinite Campus (IC) that improves the reporting of excused absences for families. Families can use the Campus Parent Absence Request tool to report same-day or upcoming absences with ease. We encourage you to use this new system. But don't worry, the old system is available to continue using if you prefer.

How it Works:

You can access this tool within the Campus Parent app or website. Specific instructions on how to use the tool can be found in the following documents. You can click on the setting icon at the bottom of the video to select your preferred language.

[JeffcoHelp Knowledge Article](#)

[How to Submit a New Absence Request - Video](#)

[Step by Step Guide](#)

[How to View Previously Submitted Requests - Video](#)

[Step by Step Guide](#)

[How to Delete a Request - Video](#)

[Step by Step Guide](#)

YEARBOOK

**Senior Portraits are due by
Friday, October 25th, 2024!**

Please see the Dakota Ridge home page for information about how to upload your senior portrait, information about our incredible preferred photographers, and portrait specifications and requirements. Seniors will not have a picture taken by Lifetouch, so if they want to be included in the yearbook, they will need to submit a portrait. Please don't delay and submit your senior portrait ASAP!



Calling All Eagles!

Do you have some amazing pictures of your Dakota Ridge student? The yearbook staff invites you to submit your favorite Eagle pictures! These can be from summer travel, activities, sports- anything that shows your student doing the incredible things that they do! We may select your picture to go into the 2024-2025 edition of The Talon. Please note- this is open to Dakota Ridge students and their families, grades 9-12. Thanks for your support!

<https://photos.jostens.com/TEUD2Z>

ORDER NOW

Yearbooks are ON SALE NOW!

The easiest and best way to order your yearbook is through your student fee statement, which is AVAILABLE NOW! By purchasing your yearbook through student fees, you are ensured the best possible price for your student's yearbook. It's going to be a great year! Make sure your student can remember it all with their very own copy of The Talon!

Click [HERE](#) for a Yearbook link



FROM THE LIBRARY

Chromebook Reminders for all Students

Your Jeffco Chromebook is on loan until you graduate or leave Jeffco.

Protect it!

- The protective case and screen protector need to stay on the device. No stickers on the case, please.
 - Any damage occurring while the protective case or screen protector are off of the device will be considered non-accidental damage and not covered under the accidental damage repair policy
- Please treat your Chromebook gently - keep it away from liquids and food, walk with it in your backpack, do not leave it in a car (risk of theft, extreme cold/heat)

Bring it!

- You are responsible for bringing a fully charged Chromebook to school each day!

Maintain it!

- Something not working? Bring it to the library for repair needs and troubleshooting help
- Try troubleshooting yourself here: <https://bit.ly/DRHSCBHelp>
- Repairs for accidental damage are covered under a protection plan by the district

Use it!

- Before powering on the Chromebook for the first time, make sure it is plugged in
- Your username is your Student ID number

Questions?

- More about [Jeffco's Tech4Ed Program here](#) or reach out to Dakota Ridge Librarian, [Mallory Goetz](#)



FROM THE LIBRARY

ButterBraid, Cookie Dough and Coffee Sale to Support Our Model United Nations Team!

Support Model United Nations Club by purchasing delicious Butter Braids, Cookie Dough (GF), or K-Cup Coffee packs!

Order using this link anytime before September 3rd - choose any student to buy from if you don't know our team members! We will make sure your order gets to you. Orders will be delivered to the school on September 11th.

We are fundraising for an international competition in October - thank you for supporting our team!

