



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR. SHAPIRO

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

Greetings and welcome back to all D'Evelyn students, faculty, staff, and families. I am looking forward to an outstanding 2024-2025 school year. As I step into my second year as your principal and celebrate the 30th anniversary of D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School, I'm eagerly anticipating welcoming back our students on August 15th, as well as parents on our Back to School Night on August 22nd. I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful summer break. It is my honor and privilege to serve as Principal of D'Evelyn; I'm always proud to say that my two children attend our school and I believe strongly in the work we do here.

We will be welcoming 12 new staff members this year, and I know that we will come together as a school community to continue the rich history of student achievement at D'Evelyn. It is with great pleasure that I welcome these new staff members, and I know that our returning staff members, students, families, and community members will provide them with a warm reception.

- Zach Baca (Math)
- Kelly Benninghoff (SEL)
- Alex Bringham (Art)
- John Crossley (English)
- Wendy Doyle (Math)
- Amanda Freedman (ESL)
- Adam Kelsey (Assistant Principal)
- Traci Powers (English)
- Erin Ranum (Counselor)
- Izzy Torbay (World Language)
- Melanie Zgabay (English)
- Jason Ziegler (Math)

As we enter our 30th year, it is important that we are able to come together as a school community, renew our shared focus on the intended purpose of the D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School program, and set our intentions for the year. Our school's philosophy is "based on the belief that all students, not just an elite group, should be held to rigorous academic and behavioral standards, and that all students can achieve in a challenging program." -Founding Document, 1994.

Our school was founded on the principles of a liberal arts education. The Founding Document states, "The purpose of education is to convey an essential body of knowledge to the next generation, and that a solid liberal arts education is required in order for all citizens to be effective participants in their communities." D'Evelyn has a rich history of success as demonstrated by the outstanding achievements by our current students and alumni, both inside and outside of the classroom. As an institution, D'Evelyn has fulfilled its mission and obligation of preparing its students for happy, successful, and full lives.

Let's make this anniversary year a celebration of all that we have achieved and a launchpad for future successes. Using a true participatory approach, together, we will strive to make this year the best one yet for our entire community. Thank you for your continued dedication and for being such an integral part of the D'Evelyn family. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Again, welcome back. I look forward to a year of continued excellence at D'Evelyn Junior-Senior High.

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal

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August 9, 2024

Issue #1



## ACCOUNTABILITY

## D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## STEERING COMMITTEE

## D'EVELYN WEBSITE





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| AUGUST 2024                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S                                       | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
| <a href="#">Link to Master Calendar</a> |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
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| 11                                      | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
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## AUGUST: GETTING STARTED

AUG 9: HS SPORTS REGISTRAION DEADLINE

AUG 13: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 9-NOON

AUG 14: NEW STUDENT/FAMILY GATHERING @ CLEMENT 5-7PM

AUG 15: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS

AUG 16: FALL PLAY TRYOUTS 3:15PM

AUG 16: JR. HIGH SOCIAL COMMITTEE BBQ @CLEMENT 5-7PM

AUG 19: PICTURE DAY

AUG 22: BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT, 6-8PM

AUG 22 & 23: BLOCK SCHEDULE - MAP TESTING

AUG 28: SENIOR PARENT MEETING 7PM

AUG 30: PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

AUG 30: EARLY RELEASE FOR ALL STUDENTS AT 2:15PM

SEPT 2: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

# IMPORTANT DATES



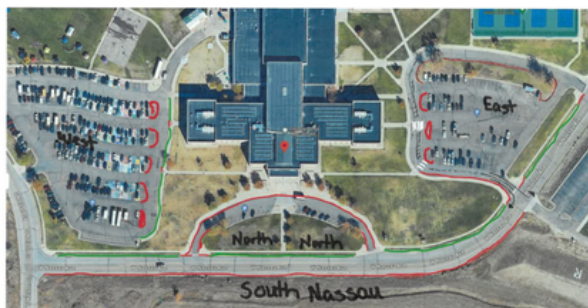
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New system for “calling” your student in as absent: Please review the [linked information](#)

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up



No Parking in red areas. South side of Nassau is an area you can be ticketed.

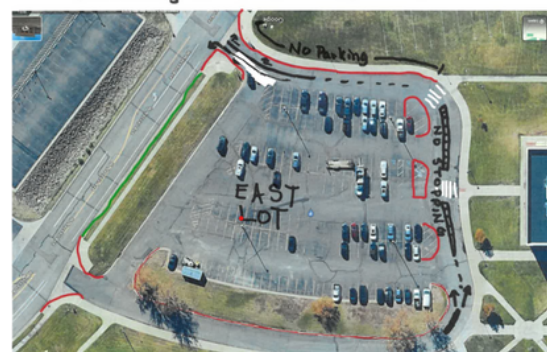
Green is for pick up after school



NO PARKING  
TICKETING AREA  
South side  
Nassau

NO U-TURNS ON  
NASSAU

Maintain 2 lanes  
NO Parking in Red area on maps



In an effort to keep everyone safe, we need our entire community to help us with following the rules and procedures around our student drop-off and pick-up (see photos for more details). Please allow time so you are not rushed, avoid u-turns, and be mindful of staff and students in the crosswalks.

Thank you for your help!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT D'EVELYN



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## COUNSELING NEWS



Kelly Benninghoff is thrilled to be the Social-Emotional Learning Specialist here at D'Evelyn as she interned in the counseling office last school year. She holds a BA and MA in Education from the University of Michigan, where she was in the marching band, and an MA in Counseling from Adams State University. Kelly is also a former teacher and principal. In her free time, she loves to read, watch Michigan football, and travel to the beach with her husband and two sons (who are both D'Evelyn students).



Erin Ranum is our new high school counselor and will be working with students with last names A-L. She is a product of Jeffco Schools and attended the opening of D'Evelyn when her three younger siblings attended school here. Erin has taught in Jeffco for the past 21 years and is excited to use her passion for helping students reach their goals and building relationships in her new role as a counselor. Erin holds a BA in Education, a minor in music, and a MA in School Counseling. Her son is a senior this year, and her daughter is a sophomore. Erin also enjoys music, reading, running, and the outdoors.



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## Message from our new AD - Mr. Kelsey



Hello Jaguars! I'm excited to be your new athletic director! I've lived a life immersed in sports with amazing experiences as a 3 sport high school athlete, college athlete, coach at the youth, high school and college levels, sports parent and over a decade as a high school athletic director. I'm thrilled to be a part of the rich tradition at D'Evelyn and look forward to continuing our focus on academic and athletic excellence. Building community and school spirit through our athletic program will be a focus as we strike the balance in becoming the most inclusive and competitive program we can be. Go Jags!

## Fall Sports - Grades 9-12

Come out and join our Fall Sports program!

Jaguar Athletics offers:

Football, Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Softball, Boys Tennis,  
Boys Golf, Cross Country (co-ed)

Any interested athletes will need to register online and  
upload a current physical

Fall sports start on 8/12 and registration closes on 8/9!

All Jaguar Athletics information including registration can  
be found on our [website](#)

# D'EVELYN ATHLETICS