



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I would like to thank our students, staff, families, and community members for a successful first week of school. Although it was a short week, it was marked by many successes and a great way to begin our 30th year. Orientation day went very well with 250 new 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students attending, becoming familiar with the D'Evelyn way, meeting teachers and making new friends. I was so impressed with how warm and welcoming our entire staff was towards students, families, and each other that day. The same level of respect and sense of pride for our school continued throughout the week.

It was really exciting to see our fall sports and activities get underway. I'm looking forward to a successful season with many opportunities and celebrations for our Jags. A huge Shout Out to everyone who helped make the New Student Gathering and Junior High BBQ a big success. We had a large turnout and I know the students and families really appreciated it.

Another huge Shout Out to the Steering Committee, the Accountability Committee, and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation (DEF) for their hard work and dedication in providing students with a "sound liberal arts education." Please see our website for updated information on these important organizations.

I look forward to Back to School Night on Thursday, August 22nd, at 6:00 PM. It is an important opportunity for parents and guardians of D'Evelyn students to meet teachers, learn more about the curriculum, and understand specific expectations for individual classes. We encourage attendance at this important start-of-year event. Due to classroom size and seating, Back to School Night is limited to the attendance of parents and guardians. Additionally, be sure to have a copy or access to your student's class schedule, which you can access through the Infinite Campus.

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.

Go Jags!

## ATTENDANCE INFO



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

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## USEFUL LINKS

- [D'EVELYN WEBSITE](#)
- [Master Calendar](#)
- [STEERING COMMITTEE](#)
- [D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION \(DEF\)](#)
- [ACCOUNTABILITY](#)

\*Updated Social Media Coming Soon!



# AUGUST: GETTING STARTED

**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 2:00PM

**SEPT 2:** NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

**SEPT 6:** 6TH GRADE HOMEROOM TEACHER CONFERENCES

(NO SCHOOL FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS)

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

| AUGUST 2024 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## PICTURE DAY: MON

Picture day will be on **Monday, August 19th**. Students will take pictures during their English class. Student ID cards will be distributed in early September.

## MAP TESTING INFORMATION

Students will complete MAP testing in subjects ELA and Math this coming week. This District assessment helps measure student growth in reading, writing and math for students in grades 6-10. We will be on a block schedule to ensure students complete the MAP assessments on both days: students will attend periods 1-3 on Thursday, August 22nd; and 4-6 on Friday, August 23rd. Contact Assistant Principal Greg Kottcamp with questions ([greg.kottcamp@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:greg.kottcamp@jeffco.k12.co.us)).

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

- **6:00 PM - All parent meeting - Main Gym**
- **6:30 - 8:00 PM - Parents rotate to 6 classes following student schedules**

We are excited to invite you to Back to School Night on August 22nd. This event provides parents the opportunity to meet teachers and administration, receive an overview of content and classroom expectations, and determine best methods for communicating directly with teachers. This year's Back to School Night will be held at D'Evelyn following the schedule below.

Parents will have the chance to hear opening remarks from D'Evelyn's principal, Josh Shapiro, and follow their student's class schedule to meet their teachers. Class periods will be carried out in 10-minute increments with 5-minute passing periods. Over the course of the evening, you are encouraged to visit each of your child's classes in accordance with the bell schedule.

Due to limited classroom spacing, this event is for parents only and we ask that students not attend. Additionally, please have access to your student's class schedule, which you can access through the Infinite Campus.

Back to School Night is an important opportunity to build strong relationships within our community. We look forward to seeing our families as we set out on the 2024 - 2025 school year.

IMPORTANT DATES

**To: D'Evelyn Community**

**From: Deputy Everhart/ School Resource Officer**

Good day everyone. As the 2024-25 school year begins, I am sending this friendly reminder about the issues we typically see with respect to the intersection of S. Kipling and W. Nassau. As our enrollment at D'Evelyn has continued to increase, so has the volume of traffic. This has led to major congestion and backups. It is imperative that those using this intersection when leaving the school understand the importance of negotiating the right turn onto S. Kipling properly and legally.

The primary cause of the congestion problem at the intersection is drivers making illegal right-hand turns to get onto S. Kipling St. What many people are doing is sitting at the stop sign and waiting for a break in southbound Kipling traffic so they can then shoot across all traffic lanes in order to get into the far left lane to make a U-turn at Quincy to go northbound on Kipling. This is illegal as well as very frustrating for other drivers who are stuck in line waiting to make that right turn correctly to proceed southbound on Kipling.

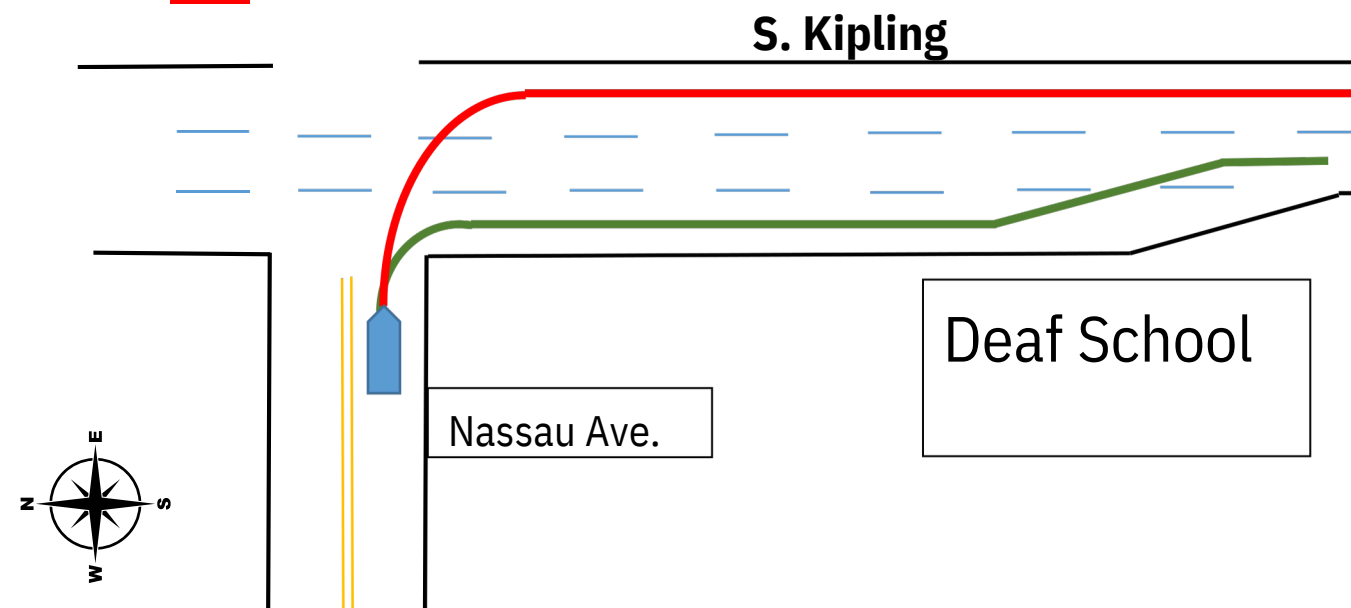
My goal is to correct the situation through education and then enforcement (if necessary). It is my sincere hope that the education part of the equation will correct the problem. If not, I will be conducting enforcement activities and issuing citations to violators.

The two traffic violations I am observing are people making an illegal right-hand turn and obstruction of traffic flow. Per the Colorado Traffic Code, a right-hand turn must be made as close to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway as practicable. The right lane continues long enough to allow you to accelerate and then merge safely into traffic going south on Kipling. The other violation is obstructing traffic. If a driver loiters at the stop sign for the purpose of waiting for a break in southbound traffic to make the turn illegally, that falls under obstruction of traffic flow. These violations carry a 3-point penalty assessment each and total fines of up to \$160, if cited.

Below, I have provided a diagram to illustrate the proper way to negotiate the right turn from Nassau onto Kipling. It also illustrates what constitutes a violation. If you have any questions, you can reach me by calling the school.

Correct path: 

Violation: 

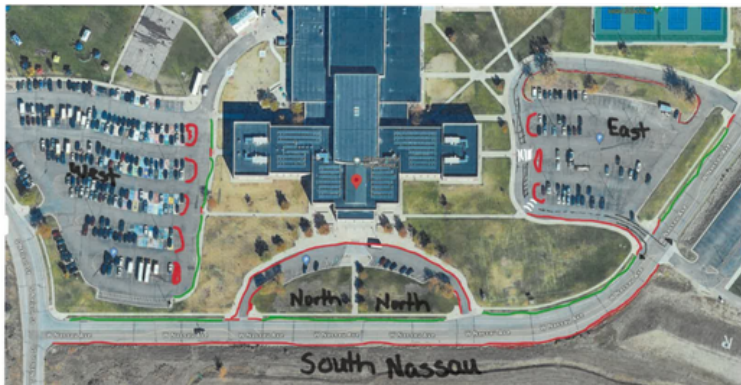


**PARKING INFORMATION**

# Drop-Off and Pick-Up

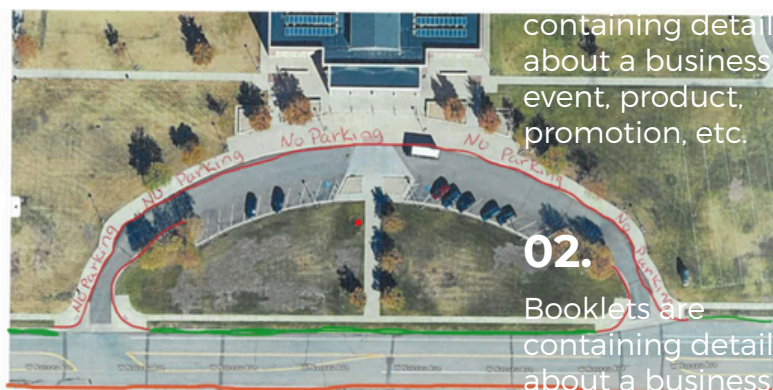
In an effort to keep everyone safe, we need our entire community to help us with following the rules and procedures around our student drop-off and pick-up (see photos for more details). Please allow time so you are not rushed, avoid u-turns, and be mindful of staff and students in the crosswalks.

Thank you for your help!



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



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP INFO

# 30th Anniversary

If you want a 30th Anniversary Shirt, this is your last chance. You have until midnight on 8/22/24 to order. You can order through the school store on the website which is also linked below.

Please include your child's name and grade in the notes to the seller section on the website. We will distribute shirts to students after they are delivered to school.

## 30th Anniversary Shirt Order Form

### D'Evelyn 30th Anniversary Celebration Shirt



Sizes: Unisex XS - 2XL (XS is similar to Youth L and S is similar to Youth XL)

30TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS

# FALL SPORTS

Be sure to support our student-athletes this fall!

Football

Softball

Boys Soccer

Cross Country (XC)

Girls Volleyball



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOYS BASKETBALL COACH GREG SCHECKENBACH



We're excited to welcome Coach Scheckenbach to the Jaguar Athletics family! Greg has been coaching youth and High School basketball in CO since 2006, with the last 5 years as a varsity assistant at Arapahoe and Littleton. He coached with D'Evelyn Hall of Fame Coach, Troy Pachner while at Arapahoe and has a solid appreciation of the Jaguar culture. He has coached numerous outstanding athletes including multiple All State selections a CO Player of the Year and a Fred Steinmark award winner. Coach is looking forward to re-invigorating the program and building on past Jaguar traditions. Come out and meet Coach next week!

**BOYS BASKETBALL MEETING FOR PLAYERS AND PARENTS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH 6:00PM - CAFETERIA**

ATHLETICS

## Softball

### #4 Preseason Ranking

Our Jaguar Softball team returns to action this Fall as one of the top teams in the State! Last year the team made a deep run into the 4A State Playoffs and captured the 4A Jeffco League Title as they posted a 21-5 record overall. They'll look to continue this success in their 2024 campaign.

**Season opener on 8/21 @ ThunderRidge.**

Go Jags!

#### CLASS 4A

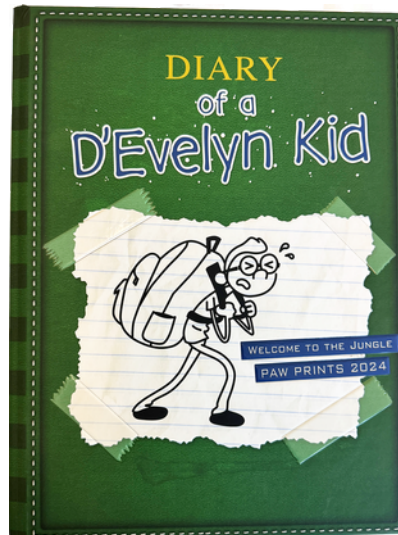
| Rank | Team          |
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| 1    | Holy Family   |
| 2    | Lutheran      |
| 3    | Windsor       |
| 4    | D'Evelyn      |
| 5    | Frederick     |
| 6    | Mead          |
| 7    | Pueblo County |
| 8    | Niwot         |
| 8    | Roosevelt     |
| 10   | Elizabeth     |

# YEARBOOK AWARD

At the end of each year, our yearbook advisor, Miss Choun, submits the yearbook to the Colorado Student Media Association for a critique. Every submission is critiqued in 6 categories and is scored based on the following rankings: Award of Merit (Bronze), Award of Commendation (Silver), and All Colorado (Gold).

**Below are the results of our 23-24 "Diary of a D'Evelyn Kid" critique:**

**Theme Development/Structure:** All Colorado 🏆  
**Coverage:** All Colorado 🏆  
**Reporting:** All Colorado 🏆  
**Photography:** All Colorado 🏆  
**Design:** All Colorado 🏆  
**Overall Rating:** ALL COLORADO! 🏆



**What does this mean?**

**All Colorado Overall Rating:** "This is a quality yearbook that would compete well at any level. Staff demonstrates a solid understanding of the yearbook and its purpose. Book features well-written copy, attractive design and story-telling photography. This book obviously was produced to serve a readership. Staff and adviser should be most proud of their efforts. Staff goes above and beyond the typical to produce a book that sets the tone of the school year for the readers and does so with a unique and appealing approach."

**Please congratulate the 23-24 Yearbook Staff! Many hours and hard work went in to creating the publication and we could not be more proud of everyone. AMAZING JOB JAGS!**

## MARCHING BAND IN THE COMMUNITY

On Saturday the Marching Band participated in the 55th annual Wheat Ridge Carnation Parade, where the band brought home the top band of the parade! After the parade concluded, a member of the community was stopped by a police officer who had been working the parade for 20 years. He told our community member that this year's band was the best band he had ever heard in the parade in his time working it! Congrats to the band on a strong start to their 2024 season!

The band will take the field again on September 14th at Jeffco Stadium for the annual Jeffco Marching Festival!

We wish the band luck with the rest of their season as they go for their 6th straight 3A State Championship!



ACTIVITIES

# PARENT MENTORING

We are creating a culture of belonging for our new families, so we are starting **Parent Mentoring**! What does this look like? Mentoring is being a resource for new families by answering questions and helping them navigate D'Evelyn. We are asking new parents at Back to School Night if they want a mentor and matching people up after that. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Benninghoff at [kelly.benninghoff@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:kelly.benninghoff@jeffco.k12.co.us)

If you are willing to be a mentor, please fill out this google form:  
[Mentoring Form Link](#)

## NEW PARENT MENTEES

Welcome **New Parents**! We are glad you are here. Please fill out the [google form](#) if you would like to be paired with a returning parent that can help you as you start your journey at D'Evelyn.



## HIGH SCHOOL MENTORS NEEDED!

Become a **Mentor - Calling all 10th, 11th and 12th** graders. Come by the counseling office for an enrollment form to be a mentor this year. It's a great way to take a leadership role and make a difference in a younger student's life. There is a \$15 fee to join, so please turn in with your form.

## JR HIGHERS AKA MENTEES

**Mentoring Program - 6th and 7th graders** if you would like to join the mentoring program please stop by the Counseling Office and pick up a green enrollment form. There is a \$15 fee to join, so please turn in with your form before **August 23rd to the counseling office.**

# D'EVELYN DASH

The D'Evelyn DASH is a fun school & community event that will be held on October 4th 2024 featuring 4 events/races this year:

- 5K High School Run
- 5K Junior High School Run
- 5K Staff/Family/Community Run
- 2K All Community Ages Fun Run/Walk

The DASH is a great course to run, walk, or watch.

The Festivities are so MUCH MORE than a race! There will be a DJ, food trucks, many school club and sponsor booths, performances from the school teams, and a Senior Parade. The Junior High Fall Social Event will also be held and become a part of the festivities. The DASH will take place rain or shine.

The D'Evelyn DASH is also a fun community event that is a key fundraiser for the D'Evelyn Education Foundation. Proceeds from the DASH benefit arts, activities, athletics, and academics at D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School.

**Help needed! Volunteer opportunities are available for planning, school engagement, and race-day support! Please email: [develyndashcrew@gmail.com](mailto:develyndashcrew@gmail.com)**

## T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

It is the 30th anniversary for D'Evelyn (and 24th annual DASH) and we are welcoming the whole Jag Community; students, parents, staff, etc., to put their artistic abilities to the test for the DASH 5k Run this year.

The DASH Crew is holding a t-shirt contest for the art work to be featured on the D'Evelyn Dash t-shirts which will be worn by all participants in the run. The design is up to you, show us your school spirit with your Jaguar designs.

The designs need to be turned in by Monday 8/19 at 5PM. Please keep your design within 4 colors. They must be submitted as a .jpeg file to [develyndashcrew@gmail.com](mailto:develyndashcrew@gmail.com)

Look for a future a communication with information to vote on the design starting Tuesday 8/20. The most popular design being chosen by 8/26.

Thank you for your participation.

The D'Evelyn DASH Crew

D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

# SCHOOL SPONSOR DEADLINE 9/1/2024

Still interested in becoming a school sponsor? The deadline for the following school sponsorship opportunities is on 9/1/2024:

- DASH sponsorships
- Jaguar Business Spotlight Banner
- Jaguar sponsorship for all 3 main fundraising events
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For more details on the above sponsorships and other ways you can sponsor D'Evelyn, check out our **Sponsorship Brochure**

For questions or details regarding sponsorship opportunities, please email:  
**develynfoundationmgmt@gmail.com**

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## NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

**We are excited to welcome  
Ms. Summer Guerrina as our Dean of Students.**



Hello Jaguars!! I am excited to be at D'Evelyn Jr / Sr High this school year as your new Dean of Students. I recently retired as an Assistant Principal from Summit Ridge Middle School but couldn't stay away from teenagers! 😊. Prior to Summit Ridge I worked as an Assistant Principal at Falcon Bluffs Middle School and Columbine High School. I began my career as a Science / PE teacher at Oberon Middle School and have over twenty years of administrative experience. I am looking forward to being a part of the D'Evelyn staff.

I have two wonderful daughters; Olivia (Columbine Rebel) and Caroline (Ken Caryl Spartan) and spend a lot of my free time watching them play soccer, softball, and marching band. My husband, Brooks Roybal, is a teacher at Columbine High School and we both grew up in Jeffco (go Farmers). We also have two dogs, Spinner and Ribbie along with two chickens, Toast and Strips. I can't live without my pets!

I have worked my entire career in Jeffco, I guess you can say Jeffco is in my blood, in fact, my daughters are 3rd generation Jeffco students.

I'm looking forward to working with the D'Evelyn community!

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MEET THE NEW STAFF

# WELCOME BACK!

Dave Belmonte & Melinda Bochner, Co-Chairs

We would like to thank our outgoing Steering Committee Chair, Brock Gustafson. We are grateful for the years of service and countless hours of investment that he has given to our school community. Also a thank you to Emily McCaslin-Hahn whose service ended this past school year. You will both be missed.

Our school community is celebrating our 30th Anniversary! We are lucky to have founders Kathi Pitzer and Carolyn DeRaad who are still involved with helping the school to stay focused on our mission: 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. Thank you for your guidance, expertise, and three decades of commitment.

Our school philosophy is that an essential body of cultural knowledge must be conveyed 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. As a liberal arts school, D'Evelyn focuses on core academic subjects that build a foundational understanding of sequential knowledge important to the pursuit of post-secondary studies. Students develop the ability to think critically, to communicate effectively, and to be engaged citizens through our belief in teacher-led, whole group instruction.

Parents, teachers, and administrators come together in a participatory model to make critical decisions on curriculum, textbooks, staffing, district initiatives, and budgets to set the strategic direction of our school. The Steering Committee is made up of five parents, two teachers, and the principal. Parents have a strong voice and are involved in all strategic district and school decisions through the Steering Committee. It is a very unique model that was established in our Founding Documents with the JeffCo School District. The District has been a great partner and we look forward to working with them moving forward.

The Steering Committee works with the standing sub-committees: D'Evelyn Education Foundation (DEF), Accountability, School Calendar, and Discipline, to help fulfill our responsibilities. We are seeking volunteers for all these subcommittees. We need engaged parents to keep our tradition of excellence going. Please share your time and talent with our school community!

We encourage you to read thoroughly the Behavioral, Academic, and AP contracts that your families will sign.

We look forward to a great school year and getting to know our new families and their students.

If you have any questions or wish to communicate with the Steering Committee, you may email us at [develynscchair@gmail.com](mailto:develynscchair@gmail.com).

## STEERING COMMITTEE

# ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Please join us for the next D'Evelyn Accountability Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 from 5:30-7:30!

The meeting is always held in the DHS school library or you may also join virtually.

You will hear school updates from our principal Josh Shapiro, the Student Council, the Steering Committee, the District Accountability Rep, and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation among others.

## ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

**WHAT?**

**D'EVELYN JUNIOR/SENIOR HS  
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

**WHO?**

Parents, students, teachers and admins



**WHEN?**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

**WHY?**

Meet other parents and staff  
Work on the School Improvement Plan  
School updates.  
Parent Q&A

**HOW?**

Show up!  
or Please Sign up:

**WHERE?**

DHS Library  
or by Virtual link



Communication between parents, students, administrators and community

\*Sponsored by the D'Evelyn Accountability committee