



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

D'Evelyn is off to the races (literally)!

Today our Cross Country Program hosted our 25th Annual D'Evelyn Dash High School XC Races. Twenty-six schools from across the state descended on our campus to compete in this fun and exciting event. I'd like to send a shout out to Erik and Lisa Bell, along with many staff and parents volunteers, who led the way on showcasing our school through this longstanding athletic event.

Over the years this event has been paired with our community Dash Fun Run hosted by DEF. This year we've split the events in hopes that we will be able to increase participation in DEF's DASH fundraiser on Friday, October 4th. This race will kick off with a 30th Anniversary Parade featuring the marching band, cheer, our seniors, and former alumni. Sign ups for that event are now live along with opportunities to volunteer or become a sponsor. More information on the DEF event in their section of Jag Tracks!



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](#)



AUG. 31 - SEPT. 20

SEPT 2: NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

SEPT 4: COLLEGE NIGHT 6PM-8PM

SEPT 3: SENIOR PARENT MEETING 7PM-8PM

SEPT 6: 6TH GRADE HOMEROOM TEACHER CONFERENCES

(NO SCHOOL FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS)

SEPT. 9 - SEPT. 13: HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

SEPT. 9: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30PM-7PM

SEPT 10: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30PM-7:30PM

SEPT 13: JUNIOR HIGH SOCIAL (JUNIOR HIGH) 3:15PM-4:45PM

SEPT 13: HOMECOMING GAME 7:30PM

SEPT 14: HOMECOMING DANCE (SENIOR HIGH) 8PM-11PM

SEPT 18: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 5PM-7:30PM

SEPT 19: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:45PM-6:15PM

SEPT 20: NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Teacher of the Month

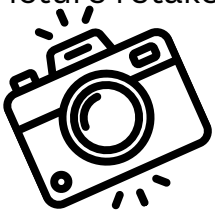
The "[Teacher of the Month](#)" nomination google form is now live. This is a way to acknowledge the continued dedication of our amazing teachers. All community members are welcome to nominate a teacher who has exceeded your expectations. The link for the form can also be found using the button on the D'Evelyn website home page. Vote soon and vote often.

6th Grade Conferences

Sixth Grade Students will not have school on Friday, September 6th, as their teachers will be holding pre-arranged scheduled conferences with families of their first period homeroom class. Students are encouraged to come with their parent/guardian to these conferences. All other grade levels will have school as normal.

Ordering Pictures

Pictures were distributed on Tuesday. If you are interested in ordering go to mylifetouch.com with your student ID or Picture Day ID: EVTCCDMHW. Picture retakes are September 24th. Students must bring their picture packet with them to get retakes.



Seniors and Senior Parents

Senior photos are due by October 3rd, **no late submissions**. Please read the [linked sheet](#) for photographer and submission details.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SCHOOL NEWS

D'EVELYN HONOR ROLL & ACADEMIC LETTERING

Honor Roll & Academic Lettering are two important ways that students are recognized for their academic achievements at D'Evelyn.

Honor Roll

The Honor Roll is broken into four categories and is based on the grades from spring semester of the 2023-2024 school year: (weighted grade point averages are used in these calculations)

[Platinum - Students earned a 4.0 or higher](#)

[Gold - Students with G.P.A.s of 3.75 - 3.99](#)

[Silver - Students with G.P.A.s of 3.5 - 3.74](#)

[Bronze - Students with G.P.A.s of 3.0 - 3.49](#)

If your child's name is missing, on the wrong list, misspelled, or you have any questions about the Honor Roll, please email me at gkottcam@jeffco.k12.co.us. Parents of Honor Roll students should visit the main office to pick-up their "D'Evelyn #Honor Roll Student" bumper sticker.

Academic Lettering

The high school students that earned at least a 3.75 G.P.A. for both semesters of the 2023-2024, will be awarded an Academic Letter. The first year a student earns this award they are given a certificate, chenille "D" Letter for D'Evelyn, and an academic pin. Every year after they are given a certificate and a bar pin. This year our Academic Lettering ceremony will be on the morning of Thursday, October 3 at 7:30am in the auditorium. The students that earned an Academic Letter during the 2023-2024 school year can be seen at the following link:

[D'Evelyn's Academic Lettering Students or 2023-2024](#)

If your child's name is missing, misspelled, or you have any questions about Academic Lettering please email me at gkottcam@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Congratulations to all students that earned an Honor Roll and/or Academic Letter. Your work ethic and dedication to your studies are applauded by our community.

FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT



Mrs. Lawrence's Intermediate and Advanced Painting students have started the year off in a whirl of color and creativity! Our painters designed murals to help give our hallways more color!! We chose 3 designs to start filling our music, PE, and art hallway with imagery that reflects each of our unique subjects. At four feet by eight feet the murals are a big undertaking, but our dedicated artists are up to the task!

Groups are currently working together to complete each piece, collaborating on colors, design, and execution of the overall artwork. We hope to be finished up before Homecoming week. Be sure to check the halls soon to see our new pieces! They are going to be gorgeous additions to our hallways, showcasing the many talents of our DHS art students!! Great work Intermediate and Advanced Painters!! Thank you for all of your hard work so far!



A VIEW INTO THE CLASSROOM

FALL SPORTS

Be sure to support our student-athletes this fall!

Click the sport below for more information.

[Football](#), [Softball](#), [Boys Soccer](#), [Boys Tennis](#), [Boys Golf](#),
[Cheer](#), [Cross Country \(XC\)](#), [Girls Volleyball](#)



Check for upcoming events on our [Athletics Calendar](#).

Follow our athletics Instagram page [@develynathletics](#) for updates and celebrations!

A poster for the D'Evelyn Youth Basketball Team Placement. It features a green and white tiger head logo in the top right corner. The background is a light green with a pattern of small dots. The text "D'Evelyn Youth Basketball Team Placement" is written in a large, bold, green font. Below this, the dates for boys and girls are listed in a black font, with the dates "September 8" and "September 15" highlighted in a black box. A basketball is shown in the bottom left corner. A QR code is in the bottom right corner. The word "BASKETBALL" is written vertically on the right side of the poster.

D'Evelyn Youth Basketball Team Placement

Boys - Sunday September 8
(make-up day 9/15),
Girls - Sunday September 15

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR
MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER

[D'Evelyn Youth Basketball Information](#)

ATHLETICS

SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit week is coming on **September 9th -13th!** This will culminate with an epic pep rally featuring student council, athletes, staff, and the always rocking **Jagtallica** on Friday the 13th during 7th hour. After school on the 13th, junior high students can hang out with friends, eat snacks, and play games at the **Junior High Social** from 3:15-4:45pm. Then, come cheer on the football team and watch our state champion marching band at the Homecoming Game at Trailblazer Stadium starting at 7:30pm. Finally, dance the night away on Saturday, the 14th from 8-11pm at the homecoming dance (Senior High Only).

D'EVELYN CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Students were able to sign up for 7th hour clubs starting today. There are various teacher-sponsored clubs, primarily on Fridays, available to students. These range from fishing club and yoga to robotics and watercolor. Below is a link to the clubs offered this year. Be sure to pay attention to who can attend the club, as some are grade level specific. In addition, some have particular requirements, or are only offered occasionally. [Be sure to read the whole description.](#)

Clubs and Activities

SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

Attention High School students: the High School Speech and Debate Team is about to get started. There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, Sept 3, at 3:20 in Room E102. You can email Mrs. Tammie Peters at tampeter1@yahoo for additional information.

Research on Speech and Debate has shown that it improves test scores (especially in reading and writing), improves grades, improves critical thinking skills, and is highly valued by college admissions officials. There isn't a career out there that doesn't require some form of oral communication, and participation in High School Speech and Debate can help improve speaking skills and overall self-confidence.

Famous individuals who were on their High School Speech and Debate Teams include Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, Oprah Winfrey, President George W. Bush, Vice President Mike Pence, Vice President Kamala Harris, Adam Sandler, Stephen Colbert, Chadwick Boseman, Josh Gad, and Jordan Peele.

COLLEGE NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 4TH 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

WEAR YOUR COLLEGE T-SHIRTS

We are excited to announce that Kevin MacLennan, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Access, at CU Boulder, is our Keynote Speaker. Kevin brings over 30 years of experience to give us an update on the State of College Admissions. We will have 5 breakout sessions as well:

- Writing an Effective College Essay
- Financial Aid and College Affordability
- College 101
- How to ACE your College and Scholarship Applications
- Out of State Options – Oh, the Place You Can Go

ANNUAL STUDENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Dear Families,

The High School Counseling Department will be administering our Annual Student Needs Assessment During the Week of September 16th. This assessment is an important tool for our counseling team as the data we collect helps drive our programming for the year in the areas of:

- College and Career Planning
- Academic Support
- Personal Needs and Development

We hope you will join our high school counseling team during Coffee with Counselors on September 25th from 8:00-9:00 am. We will share high school data we collect from this assessment during this time. Please click on the link to preview the [Needs Assessment questions](#) your child will be asked during. If for some reason your family chooses not to have your student participate please add their name to this link: [Assessment Opt Out](#).

PARENT MENTORS STILL NEEDED

RETURNING FAMILIES:

We are still looking for a few more parents/guardians that want to mentor new parents/guardians to D'Evelyn. This can be as time intensive as you want, it might just be answering questions that they have! If you are able to mentor, we would love to have you!

Please fill out the [Google form](#) if you are interested.

For more information about upcoming college visits and counseling activities visit [Counseling's website](#).

D'EVELYN DASH OCTOBER 4TH!

SIGN-UP IS LIVE FOR THE 2024 DASH!!!



[D'Evelyn DASH 5K & 2K Run/Walk](#)

Please visit the above site to:

- Signup for you and your family in the DASH 5K or 2K and festival activities.
- Donate for the fundraiser or share with your family to sponsor a racer.
- Volunteer for Race Day Support or other positions and materials needed.

Sign up now to guarantee that you get your T-shirt with appropriate size and before the price increase on 9/19.

Don't want to participate in the run, come cheer on the runners and enjoy the other community activities.

There will be a DJ, Kona Ice and other food trucks, many school club and sponsor booths, performances from the D'Evelyn Marching Band, and a Senior Parade.

The DASH will take place rain or shine.

SCHOOL SPONSOR DEADLINE 9/1/2024

The deadline for the following school sponsorship opportunities is fast approaching!

- DASH sponsorships
- Jaguar Business Spotlight Banner
- Jaguar sponsorship for all 3 main fundraising events

For more details on the above sponsorships and other ways you can sponsor D'Evelyn, check out our [Sponsorship Brochure](#)

Contact DEF today! develynfoundationmgmt@gmail.com

D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

TEACHER APPRECIATION CORNER

[Teacher Appreciation Flyer](#)

D'Evelyn Education Foundation (DEF) will be coordinating ways to show our amazing teachers how much we appreciate them throughout the year. Please consider helping us by donating your time, items, or money toward any of the following events. If you have any questions please email Sarah McBride at teacherappreciation.def@gmail.com

Adopt A Teachers' Treats Day

We want to make sure our teachers feel appreciated throughout the year so we are going to do something special for them each month. When there is not already an event like conferences or Teacher Appreciation week, we will provide a small token of our appreciation through a treat or gift on the 3rd Friday of the month. If you want to help with this endeavor you can adopt the teachers for a month.

[Sign Up Genius for Monthly Teacher Treats](#)

Parent Teacher Conference Meals

Help us provide a good meal for teachers during Conferences on September 18th and 19th so they have the energy to meet with all their families. Please sign up below to bring items for each day.

- Wednesday, September 18th will be a Chili Cook Off. Make your favorite chili recipe (any style). Teachers will vote for their favorite chili and the winner will get a D'Evelyn t-shirt.

- Thursday, September 19th we will have a picnic dinner.

[Sign Up Genius P/T Conferences](#)

Amazon Wishlist for D'Evelyn Teacher Treats

The Amazon Wishlist below has items on it for events and gifts throughout the year so we aren't scrambling at the last minute to get donations. Please check out this wishlist throughout the year to see what items you can purchase to help with Monthly Teachers' Treats, Holiday gifts, and Teacher Appreciation week. It will be updated throughout the year as the needs change. When checking out please select to send the item to Sarah McBride so she can collect all the items to package for the Teachers.

[Amazon Wishlist for Teachers](#)



The School Store is looking for candy donations of either Jolly Ranchers or Starburst. These can be dropped off at the front desk. Thank you.



D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

We are excited to invite you to our next Accountability Committee meeting! This will take place on Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30 in the D'Evelyn school library, in person only.

Our main goal is to foster a closer collaboration between parents and the school, while cultivating an interactive and engaged community for our students and families. Part of our duties include creating a School Improvement Plan, establishing subcommittees, and keeping everyone updated with news from the principal, Josh Shapiro, administration, student groups, and other committees.

We will continue to host parent group discussions, as it's a great way to meet other parents and provide feedback to help shape the School Improvement Plan. We also value your input on prospective speakers and hope you can join some of the subcommittees. Future details will be communicated via email and Jag Tracks.

Thank you so much and we hope to see many of you at the meeting!

Accountability Committee D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School

Magdalena Arbat-Pennington Chair

Bill Kottenstette Vice-Chair

Seth Laliberty Recorder

Quentin Griffin DAC Representative

JOIN the D'EVELYN JR/SR High School ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

D'Evelyn Library in person only

September 10, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sponsored by the D'Evelyn
Accountability



**Parents,
students,
teachers and
admins**



- School Updates
- Parent Discussions
- Improvement Plan

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE