



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

October 11, 2024
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- [D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION \(DEF\)](#)
- [ACCOUNTABILITY](#)

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

What an amazing week at D'Evelyn! We had so many exciting events happening, and I'm very proud of our entire community. I was able to attend a number of these events, including the D'Evelyn Dash, Choir and Orchestra Concert, and Boys Soccer. I'm looking forward to tomorrow's softball game. A huge Shout Out to everyone who helped to make these events happen. I would also like to give a Shout Out to everyone on the Steering Committee, Accountability Committee, and D'Evelyn Education Foundation for all the hard work and effort they put into making sure our school continues to grow. The participatory approach we have at our school is extremely important, so please look to our website for ways to get involved. "The participatory process has its goal of building up the capabilities of the people involved."-Founding Document

A message from DEF:

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this year's DASH. We are so proud of how our community came together. Special thanks to Curt Hunnewell and his team of DASH volunteers, as well as our student clubs/groups, and event sponsors! We cannot wait for next year!

To view more pictures from the DASH, visit

<https://kathleendresslerphotography.pixieset.com/dash2024/> and enter the code 6GQgKBR2.

To get a digital copy of an image(s), please email

kathleendresslerphotography@gmail.com with the image number.

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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OFFICE: 303-982-2600

ATTENDANCE LINE: 303-982-5771



OCT 5 - NOV 23

OCT 15: DEF MEETING 6-7PM

OCT 17-OCT 18: NO SCHOOL

OCT 21: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 430-7PM

OCT 23: JUNIORS PSAT/NMSQT TESTS

OCT 26: TRICK OR TREAT STREET 5-7PM

OCT 28: MARCHING BAND TO STATE

NOV 1: NO SCHOOL/TEACHER IN-SERVICE

NOV 4: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7PM

NOV 8: VETERAN DAY ASSEMBLY 2:15-3PM

NOV 12: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30PM

NOV 14: WINTER SPORT PARENT MEETING 7-8PM

NOV 18: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

NOV 19: 6TH GRADE PARENT OUTDOOR LAB MEETING 6-7PM

NOV 19: DEF MEETING 6-7PM

NOV 20: CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENT & PARENT MEETING 7-7:30PM

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

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LITERARY PUMPKIN CONTEST

The library is having a pumpkin decorating contest (No Carving).

Entries due on Monday, October 28th.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

SENIOR BABY PHOTOS

Due October 25th

Submission information Linked [HERE](#)



EASY WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO D'EVELYN

There are several ways you can support our school with very little extra work. Visit the bottom of our new [donate page](#) for more information

JAGS FOOTBALL

The Football team wants everyone to participate in Socktober. Click the [flyer](#) for more information.



PSAT/NMSQT TESTING

Juniors will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT test on **Wednesday, October 23rd**. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the test.

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

Follow our athletics Instagram page [@develynathletics](#) for updates and celebration! Check **MaxPreps** for more in depth coverage on each of our teams and all the league and state rankings along with video highlights from recent games
<https://www.maxpreps.com/co/denver/develyn-jaguars/>



TEAM UPDATES

Congrats to our Football team for securing their first win of the season with a 42-6 victory over Alameda! They will look to make it two in a row as they travel this week to take on Lincoln HS 4pm at All City Stadium.

Congrats to our Girls Volleyball team for a much needed win this week over Wheat Ridge! Our young team has been battling through a tough season and hopes to finish strong over their few remaining games.

Congrats to Zach White for his performance at the 3A State Golf Championships! Zach shot scores of 84-81 over the two-day tournament at Walking Stick GC in Pueblo.

Shout out to Boys Tennis as they pushed through their quarterfinal match in the 4A State Tennis Team Championships with a 5-2 victory over Grand Junction. Our #3 seeded Jags will travel to #2 Colorado Academy on 10/15 for a 3:30pm Semi-Final match up!

Congrats to our Junior High Cross Country whos boys placed 2nd over all at it's final meet on Wednesday. Shout out to Arlo Wilson for placing 6th overall.



CHEER

During the week of 9/24-9/27, the Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheer teams hosted their semi annual Mini Cheer Clinic! We welcomed students from surrounding schools to join us for practices, a soccer game, and halftime performance. It is one of our favorite events of the year. We love to show our school pride and teach these future cheerleaders all about Jaguar spirit!



ATHLETICS

D'Evelyn AquaJags

Join our HS Girls' Swim & Dive team!



Interest Meeting - Monday, Oct. 14 @ D'Evelyn Auditorium, 7th hour

Please fill out our [athletic questionnaire](#), see our team [website](#), and check out our sports [FAQ](#). Contact Head Coach Linh Carpenter - linh.carpenter@jeffco.k12.co.us

MUSIC CONCERTS

During this last week, our students showed off both their vocal and instrumental skills. Congratulations to our amazing students and the entire music department for all the incredible performances.



TRICK OR TREAT STREET

Trick or Treat Street will be held at D'Evelyn on **Saturday, Oct. 26th from 5pm - 7pm.**

Our clubs and student groups will transform the school, so come bring your little ones and families for a night of fun! Monetary donations will be accepted at the door to benefit the Jeffco Action Center. Last entry is at 6:45pm. We hope to see you there for a fantastic D'Evelyn tradition! Flyer linked [HERE](#)

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ACTIVITIES

MARCHING BAND

The marching band finished 1st in 3A on Saturday, beating the closest 3A band by 20 points. They also finished 3rd overall earning their highest score in program history at DCMI. The marching band will next compete at regionals, at 6:10 pm, on **Tuesday, October 15th** at [Echo Park Stadium](#).

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



In order to celebrate the month here at D'Evelyn, the Spanish department invited Grupo Tlaloc, an Aztec dance group to come and perform during 7th hour last year. This event was open to all students and included traditional dances as well as an informative talk from the performers to help students understand the history and culture of the performance. Last week, the Spanish Honor Society attended

a mariachi concert at Levitt Pavilion and learned about the importance of the music to Mexican culture. Spanish students also celebrate Day of the Dead in their classes. This holiday is widely observed in Mexico on November 1st and 2nd, but is also celebrated in other places, especially by people of Mexican heritage. Spanish I students are introduced to the holiday and watch a film that addresses the holiday's origins and enduring presence as well as choose someone that they respect to honor with a short presentation. Spanish IV students also select someone famous or familiar to honor, create a piece of art to represent that person and give a creative presentation in Spanish about the individual and explain why they chose to honor them.

Celebrated from September 15th to October 15th, Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes and honors the histories, cultures, and peoples that make up the unique, diverse, and vibrant Latino communities across the United States. This month of celebration was enacted into law in 1988 and September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The theme for this year's month-long recognition is "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together" which signifies the diversity inherent within the Hispanic and Latino communities as well as the strength that comes with unity.



CELEBRATE MILITARY WEEK

Celebrate D'Evelyn's first military week November 11th-15th. Several recruiters will be here throughout the week and Friday will be our annual Veterans Day Assembly. Take this week to honor the men and women who have served our country. Students and Staff, **wear camouflage all week**
NO HATS allowed.

Who is coming during 7th hour?

- Monday – U.S. Navy – Wear Navy Blue
- Tuesday – U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – Wear Red, White and Blue
- Wednesday – U.S. Marines – Wear Gold and Red
- Friday - Veterans Day Assembly 7th hour



NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Click [HERE](#) for the Newsletter

STUDY TIPS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELORS

1. Create a quiet space to study: Find a calm place with minimal distractions to help you focus.
2. Create a routine: Set aside a specific time each day to study. Utilize 7th hour to complete homework and connect with teachers when questions arise.
3. Take breaks: Take a break every hour or so to recharge and avoid burnout.
4. Test yourself: Quiz yourself to help you learn and test your study process. Review study guides if they are provided, do the quizlets, write in your planner, and study for tests several nights in advance.

COLLEGE VISITS

The counseling office offers [college visits](#) throughout the school year. This is a chance for students to learn more about colleges from around the country, during their 7th hour, and meet the very people who might read their college essays. College visits get cancelled and rescheduled, so check on the counseling website for the latest information.

For more information about upcoming college visits and counseling activities visit

[Counseling's website.](#)

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



AND THE WINNER IS...

Thanks to all the families who helped feed our teachers last week! The food was all great but there can only be one winner of the chili cook off. **Erin Woodruff** won with her amazing Cowboy Chili! CONGRATULATIONS and thanks again to everyone who helped.

Adopt A Teachers' Treats Day

We still have a few open months if you want to help appreciate the staff. You can do as much or as little as you want for the 3rd Friday of the month you adopt. For example you can do just the set up, donate treats, or you can plan everything. Let me know how much you want to do.

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

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. It will be updated throughout the year as the needs change. When checking out please select to send the item to Sarah McBride so I can collect all the items to package for the Teachers.

[Amazon Wishlist for Teachers](#)

SCHOOL STORE

Our School Store is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, during lunch, from 11-1 pm.

All school visitors must check in at the front office before entering the building.

[School Store Website](#)

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.



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D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

POTENTIAL STEERING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

When my eldest started at D'Evelyn in 2018, I felt unsure about how to get involved. Volunteering at their elementary school was familiar, but this new environment felt a bit intimidating. I began by attending meetings and joining committees, gradually discovering the unique and effective curriculum that sets our school apart. The dedication of our students, the brilliance of our staff, and the vision of our founders inspired me deeply. After observing for a couple of years, I finally joined the Steering Committee in 2022.

Has your student benefitted from an excellent education at D'Evelyn? Serving on the Steering Committee is a great way for you to volunteer. The D'Evelyn Junior-Senior High School Steering Committee's mission is to govern the school, protect the liberal arts philosophy, and ensure the school's direction is maintained. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the [Steering Committee website](#) for more information and plan to attend a short training after the accountability meeting on November 12.

Warm Regards,

Ariahn Knoedler

Vice-Chair D'Evelyn Steering Committee

STEERING COMMITTEE

D'EVELYNJR/SR ACCOUNTABILITYCOMMITTEE

Next meeting November 12, 2024



ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Thank you for attending our October meeting! We heard updates from the school Principal Josh Shapiro, Steering Committee, the District Accountability Committee, and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation. Minutes from meetings and complete details will be posted on the [Accountability website](#) approximately a week after each meeting.

The Principal's update included information on the D'Evelyn Dash and other activities. The Jeffco School Board will recognize D'Evelyn for its high growth in math. He shared the passing of Dr. Lloyd Carlton, the first D'Evelyn principal. Details on a celebration of life will be shared with the community when they're available.

We wanted to thank Yoyo, secretary from the National Honor Society for attending. NHS helps with school events, community events, teaches leadership skills and provides volunteer hours for students. We also wanted to thank Emilie McDonough from sixth grade for attending our meeting. She shared that she loves the curriculum and thoughtfulness of progressions. Mr. Belmonte, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee, held a presentation on the Steering Committee. The complete presentation is available on the [SC website](#).

The Steering Committee is currently reviewing policies (SC02R2 and SC02R3), Accountability Rules of Operation. For details of the conversation, please read Accountability Minutes to be posted on our website.

Mr. LaLiberty provided a presentation on data elements Accountability has to collect as per the Founding Document. Click for the complete [presentation](#).

Accountability members and guests discussed how to proceed with the School Improvement Plan. We plan to use the next four meetings to dig into evaluating achievement of the 2023-2024 approved goals. The next meeting will address the sense of belonging and student experience. This part of the discussion will be held in person only, and you are welcome to attend. Details will always be shared in Accountability minutes on the website. The next Accountability meeting will include a presentation from Kelly Benninghoff, the Social Emotional Learning Specialist. Teachers in attendance will be Kristine Sweeney, English and Cassie Whitty, 6th grade. Thank you so much and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

Accountability Committee D'Evelyn Jr/Sr HS