



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I hope everyone is having a happy and safe Snow Day! With our first accumulation of snow occurring this week, we wanted to stress that the safety and well-being of our students is our first priority. As such, we encourage everyone to be safe on the roads. We ask that our student and parent drivers take all necessary precautions when traveling on snowy days, including leaving early for your commute to school, to give yourself the necessary time to drive carefully if there are adverse road conditions. Additionally, it is important to dress for the conditions. Please encourage your students to wear coats, hats, and gloves on cold days.

Thank you for your support of your students and our school community.

I'm looking forward to next week, including Monday's Veterans Day Assembly and Tuesday's Accountability meeting.

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.

Go Jags!



USEFUL LINKS

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

ATTENDANCE INFO

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



[Link to Master Calendar](#)

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NOV 9 - DEC 11

NOV 11: VETERAN DAY ASSEMBLY 2:15-3PM

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

NOV 14: WINTER SPORT PARENT MEETING 6-8PM

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

NOV 25-NOV29: THANKSGIVING BREAK

DEC 2: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7PM

DEC 5: OPEN HOUSE & MEETING FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS: 5-8PM

DEC 9: MUSIC CONCERTS 6-9:15PM

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

DEC 10: MEETING FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS 7-8PM

DEC 11: MUSIC CONCERTS 6-9:15PM

HEART OF D'EVELYN AWARD

The Heart of D'Evelyn is awarded to students who exemplify the core values laid out in the Founding Document: responsibility, honesty, self-control, kindness, and fairness. Congratulations to: **Henry Dezort, Guiliana Ricca, Tae-Yang Kim, Ella**

Badke, Sebastian Kung, Miles Justice-Eck, Sydney Retzer, Felicity Loyd, Alana Borstad, Lovely Tilon, Mahlee Conlin, Nora Lee, Diya Gupta, Sydney Retzer, Angela Leider, Fuwei Yuan, Millie Smith, Pendleton Miner, and Elizabeth Dang for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH: NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Ms. Holland for winning "Teacher of the Month" for November. She was described warm, inspiring, and kind. In addition, she was nominated for her dedication to her students and fellow staff members. Congratulations Ms. Holland.

To nominate your favorite teacher, fill out the the google form found here, "[Teacher of the Month](#)," or click the link found on the "Student Life" page on the D'Evelyn website.



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our annual Veterans Day assembly on **Monday, November 11th at 2:25 p.m.** This is an important event to honor our current and former military service men and women. We

invite all veterans and active service members to join us at 1:50pm in the cafeteria for refreshments before the tribute. Our very own SRO, Greg Everhart, will be giving a presentation. ([FLYER](#))

In addition, we would love pictures of veterans from our community. Please use this [FORM](#) to submit them and thank you for your help.



FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



A VIEW INTO THE CLASSROOM

A New Journey Begins

The D'Evelyn English Department is thrilled to introduce our freshmen to Homer's timeless epic *The Odyssey*, translated by distinguished scholar Emily Wilson. This exciting new addition to our 9th-grade curriculum will deepen students' engagement with foundational texts. As students embark on a journey with Odysseus, they will gain insights that will resonate in their future studies of the literary canon.



<https://www.worldhistory.org/image/15906/odysseus-ten-year-journey-home/>

Why Study Epics?

Epics like *The Odyssey* offer readers glimpses into the values, fears, and aspirations of the societies that produced them. The themes of heroism, justice, loyalty, and resilience resonate across cultures and time and are as relevant to today's students as they were to the ancient Greeks.

In studying *The Odyssey*, students step into the ancient world and witness Odysseus' tenacious quest to return home. They will develop an appreciation for the role of storytelling in shaping human identity and cultural memory. The structure of an epic, with its grandeur, rich symbolism, and complex characters encourages critical thinking about human nature, moral complexities, and societal values.

Additionally, studying *The Odyssey* gives students a solid foundation in classical allusions, references, and literary devices, equipping them with the necessary tools to engage with classical literature throughout their academic journeys.

Emily Wilson's Groundbreaking Translation of *The Odyssey*

Emily Wilson's translation of *The Odyssey*, published in 2017, is particularly significant as she is the first woman to translate this ancient text into English, and her approach brings fresh insights to the narrative. Wilson's translation is celebrated for its clarity, accessibility, and attention to detail. She captures the beauty and rhythm of Homer's original Greek while making the language modern and approachable for contemporary readers. Wilson's version balances scholarly accuracy with readability, making it ideal for high school students new to epic poetry. Her translation also challenges traditional gender roles and highlights themes of power, identity, and survival in ways that feel relevant today.

WINTER SPORTS

Be sure to support our student-athletes this winter!

Click the sport below for more information.

[Boys Basketball](#), [Girls Basketball](#), [Girls Swim & Dive](#)

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

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

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/>



WINTER SPORTS

DHS Athletics will host our preseason information night on **Thursday, November 14th at 6pm** in the auditorium. Our Athletic Director, Adam Kelsey, will share general information and expectations for the season and then each team will offer a breakout session meeting for their sport. We encourage you to attend as we set the stage for a successful winter season! Registration for winter sports is **open now through November 15th at 3pm**.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

XC TEAM

BIG NEWS from the mountains of Fraser, CO - Our Jags Boys XC Squad are Regional Champs! They headed to the State Championships and were joined by our Girls team who earned a 4th place finish overall to qualify as well!



SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Congrats to Lyla Nagy and Tess Miller for being named 4A All State Honorable Mention!



JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

A big shout out to our middle school volleyball program as they wrapped up their season on November 3rd. I just wanted to thank all the parent volunteer coaches and congratulate all 7 teams for their terrific improvement this season. From a first place in the league for our 8th grade Black team to a 2nd place overall finish in the tournament for our 6th grade Black team, everyone showed tremendous growth and improvement and I am so excited for the future of D'Evelyn volleyball. I've absolutely loved coming to watch all the matches and giving high fives to all our amazing players!

Pictured are our five 7th and 8th grade teams together and our two 6th grade teams separately.



In addition, the **Ladies Volleyball program raised \$1220** for the Side-Out Foundation during their Dig Pink night to fight metastatic breast cancer. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

ATHLETICS

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Spanish Honor Society is having it's annual Food Drive to benefit the Jeffco Action Center. Donation will be accepted from **November 15th-21st**. Please bring donations to your 1st hour class. For more specifics click on the flyer [HERE](#).



D'EVELYN'S 1ST FISHING TOURNAMENT



Our newly formed Fishing Club hosted their first ever fishing tournament last week which was attended by 20 D'Evelyn students. 8th Grade club leaders Blake Morgan and Jace Fay organized the tournament at Harriman Reservoir. Prizes were awarded for top three fishermen along with raffle items. Come out and join the Fishing Club this Spring at their next event!

ONLINE BOOK FAIR

Our school is hosting a [Follett Book eFair](#) from November 8th to November 24th! You can shop online for your students while enhancing our school and classroom libraries at D'Evelyn! If your student is in grades 6-8, they will receive a print version of the [Fall Title Highlight Flyer](#), but anyone can shop and buy!



Here are the details:

- A Follett Book eFair is an online book fair.
- After you browse and shop online, the books ship to our school for free when the online book fair ends. Books come packed by students and grouped together by classroom teachers.
 - If your student is in 6-8th grade, please make sure to select your student's 6th Grade Homeroom teacher.
 - If your student is in 9-12th grade, please select their English teacher.
- For every dollar our Book eFair earns, our school receives 20% back as a credit. We can use this credit to purchase books and resources to enhance our school and classroom libraries.
- You'll find a wide range of titles from new releases to popular fiction and nonfiction.

*Be sure to also check out the Mega Sale section!

CELEBRATE MILITARY WEEK

Celebrate D'Evelyn's first military week November 11th-15th. Several recruiters will be here throughout the week. Take this week to honor the men and women who have served our country. Students and Staff, **wear camouflage all week. Only, military hats will be allowed.**

Who is coming during 7th hour?

- Monday – U.S. Navy – Wear Navy Blue
 - 7th Hour Veteran's Assembly 2:15-3
- Tuesday – U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – Wear Red, White and Blue
- Wednesday – U.S. Marines – Wear Gold and Red



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.](#)

DEF will be sharing important event and school information on its social media platforms. Please follow DEF on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) and share this post with your friends so they can stay up-to-date too!

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D'EVELYN'S AFTER PROM

Your help is needed! D'Evelyn's After Prom is a parent planned event designed to give our kids a safe place to continue Prom celebrations and is a super fun event to volunteer for!

Students can attend After Prom, even if they choose not to attend the dance. The party is full of fun activities like swimming, bounce houses, a climbing wall, games, food, and much more.

You are also welcome to send any questions to defafterprom@gmail.com.

Interest Signup Form: [After Prom Pre Planning Interest - 2025](#)

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 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](#)

D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION



D'EVELYN JUNIOR/SENIOR HS ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting: November 12, 2024, 5:30-7:30m
Agenda & in attendance

- **Kelly Benninghoff**
Social Emotional Learning Specialist Presentation
 - **Sources of Strength**
Introduction and purpose
 - **Principal Josh Shapiro:**
School Performance (UIP) Data Presentation
 - **Group Parent Discussions (in person only)**
Student experience and sense of belonging
- In person, 5:30-7:30pm, D'Evelyn Library
Virtual: speakers and updates only.

Link: <https://meet.google.com/rzo-eeus-jwh>

In attendance:

Teachers in attendance:

Kristine Sweney, English. Cassie Whitty, 6th grade
Principal Josh Shapiro, Accountability Officers,
Accountability members, parent guests,

7:30pm Steering Committee Candidate Training #1

Please go to Accountability website for complete information and links:

<https://sites.google.com/view/develynsac/home?pli=1>