



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

Last Monday's Veterans Day Assembly was amazing! I would like to give a huge Shout Out to Deputy Sheriff Greg Everhart (keynote speaker), Mr. White, the Concert Choir, Boy Scout Troop 613, Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Raczynski, Adam Kelsey, and everyone who helped to make it a successful and memorable event for our school community. We had a huge turnout and I know all of our veteran and active service military members in attendance really appreciated it. "Courtesy and respect for high moral and ethical standards will be required, and patriotism will be emphasized" (D'Evelyn Founding Document).

Last Tuesday's Accountability meeting was great! We had so many people attend that I had to take a photo (see pic). Mrs. Benninghoff and the Sources of Strength students did a wonderful job presenting at the meeting. Please see the Accountability page in this issue for more information.

Yesterday's Marching Band Banquet was fantastic! Everyone had a really nice time, and it was a fun way to celebrate the Marching Band's State Championship. A huge Shout Out to everyone who helped to make it a special evening for our students.

I'm looking forward to next week, including our 8th Grade Parent Night on Wednesday.

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal
It is an honor to be your principal.



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



NOV 16 - JAN 6**NOV 18: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM**[Link to Master Calendar](#)**NOV 19: 6TH GRADE PARENT OUTDOOR LAB MEETING 6-7PM****NOV 19: DEF MEETING 6-7PM****NOV 20: CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENT & PARENT MEETING 7-8PM****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****DEC 19: FINALS 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PERIOD 8:15AM-12:50PM****DEC 20: FINALS 4TH, 5TH, & 6TH PERIOD 8:15AM-12:50PM****DEC 21-JAN 6: WINTER BREAK**

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OUTDOOR LAB MEETING

There is a Outdoor Lab information meeting for parents of current 6th graders, next **Tuesday, November 19th from 6-7** in the cafeteria. We will cover important information about preparing students for our trip and what can be expected during our time on site. We are looking forward to a fantastic time at Mt. Blue Sky and Windy Peak and to seeing all of you at the meeting.

CURRENT 8TH GRADE STUDENT MEETING

There is a meeting next **Wednesday, November 20th from 7-8pm**, in the auditorium, for current 8th grade students and parents.

At this meeting we will be presenting information as to what D'Evelyn has to offer students in high school, and why we think our program leads to better long-term success. This presentation is for all current D'Evelyn 8th grade families: those that were planning on continuing their child at D'Evelyn, those that are on the fence, and those that are planning on sending their child to another school.

While this presentation is geared to families that are considering other schools, we also think it is valuable for parents that are planning on having their students graduate from D'Evelyn.

Every year, in the first couple months of school, we have parents of ninth graders call D'Evelyn to ask if they could transfer their child back to D'Evelyn. They tell us that the school they transferred to isn't meeting their and their child's expectations. Regretfully, we have to share that we are unable to accept transfers. Additionally, we inform those families that since we don't accept students in 10th grade, we have no way of re-enrolling them in the D'Evelyn program.

We earnestly request that you attend our one hour meeting, so that you can better prepare yourself for the life changing decision of where to send your child for high school next year.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

As a follow up to the story about former principal Lloyd Carlton from the October 18th Jag Tracks, a celebration of life will be held: **Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 2 pm**
Southwest Community Church
4001 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton 80123
All are welcome!



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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/>



CHEERLEADING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

D'Evelyn Cheerleading has become the 2024 3A/2A league champions after defeating Columbine High School Thursday evening. They are now two time regional champions, three time state finalists, and three time national finalists. They will be headed to state in December. Congratulations Jags.



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](#).



ONLINE BOOK FAIR FUNDRAISER

Our school is hosting a [Follett Book eFair](#) from **November 8th to November 24th!**

Numerous studies show that having access to books at home has a profound impact on children by increasing comprehension skills, accelerating learning and the likelihood of progressing further in secondary education, and has immediate and long-term impact on social and emotional well-being.

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 received a print version of the [Fall Title Highlight Flyer](#) but anyone can shop and buy!

SHOP ONLINE!



SHOP NOW

JUNIOR HIGH OPPORTUNITIES

D'Evelyn offers a variety of clubs and activities specifically geared toward our Junior High students. There are several clubs offered during 7th hour on Fridays from Speech & Debate to Harry Potter Club or Trivia Club. Click [HERE](#) for more information on clubs and activities.

In the spring, Junior High students have the opportunity to audition for and help with the Junior High play which will be performed in late April. More information will be shared through announcements in February.

There are opportunities for Junior High athletes as well. D'Evelyn partners with the City of Lakewood, to connect students with opportunities for flag football and cross country in the fall as well as soccer and track in the spring. We also have D'Evelyn youth basketball and volleyball programs. Click [HERE](#) for more information on athletics.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

The D'Evelyn Instrumental Program is having a fundraiser next Tuesday, November 19th from 4-8pm at the Noodles & Company at Wadsworth and Bellevue in Littleton. Just mention D'Evelyn when ordering in person or enter **Giving25** upon online checkout. 25% goes back to D'Evelyn. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer.



ACTIVITIES

COUNSELLING NEWS

Click [HERE](#) for the Newsletter

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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 JR/SR
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**
Next meeting December 10, 2024



ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Thank you for attending our November meeting! We had record numbers of in person attendees, Josh Shapiro even took a photo!

We heard updates from the school Principal Josh Shapiro to, Steering Committee, DAC representative Quentin Griffin, and from the D'Evelyn Education Foundation, Rick Higgins.

Thank you to Cory Ryckman and Cassie Whitty for providing insights from a teacher's perspective!

For complete details and minutes: <https://sites.google.com/view/develynsac/home?pli=1>

We wanted to thank Sources of Strength for attending our meeting! They shared information on how they got involved, favorite campaigns and gave us good feedback. The work they do sounds inspiring and meaningful!

Kelly Benninghoff, the D'Evelyn SEL specialist gave us a very thorough and interesting presentation! The presentation highlighted all of the work the counseling department does and the different support systems available to students at the school. You can read her complete presentation here:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGTv70_Efl/TvxVQ9W0qmGIhwQRA-Y8gg/view?utm_content=DAGTv70_Efl&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=editor

Principal Josh Shapiro gave a presentation on updates and the Unified Improvement Plan. He pointed out growing number of students on D'Evelyn's waitlist as well as discussions regarding sixth grade and ideal acceptance numbers. Also, the new Lexia PowerUP grammar and reading support. Please read complete presentation here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JSM4f9Y84Fy-gYU11M0mYy_tCh_J4A5MWiCOm729_MU/edit?tab=t.0

During the in-person portion of the Accountability committee, we discussed existing clubs and options as a means to help with the sense of belonging, especially in Junior High. As part of the recommendations in the School Improvement Plan and Subculture, some members of Accountability will be working with the counseling department to provide parent feedback on their student's experiences and to keep lines of communication open.

There was discussion on homework calibration across subjects, expectations and consistency within departments. Ideas on how to monitor work-loads include: curriculum development teams, discussing at Dept Manager meeting, collecting data on how much time kids are spending on homework by possibly tracking time within a specific group of students.

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

Accountability Committee D'Evelyn Jr/Sr HS