



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

There is a lot of important information in this issue of Jag Tracks. I would encourage everyone to please read this issue in its entirety.

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We have entered the season of choice enrollment in Jeffco Schools. The 1st Round Choice Enrollment window will run from December 5th, 2024 - January 17th, 2025. This is a critical window for all families, but particularly those interested in enrolling their students at D'Evelyn for 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in 2025-2026. I would appreciate current D'Evelyn families sharing this important information with their neighbors, friends, and acquaintances who may have interest in D'Evelyn for their student(s). Please [click here for information on enrollment](#).

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

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



DEC 7 - JAN 24

DEC 7: TRI-M WINTER BALL 7-10PM

DEC 9: MUSIC CONCERTS 6-9:15PM

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

DEC 10: PROSPECTIVE STUDENT NIGHT 7PM

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

JAN 8: PROSPECTIVE STUDENT NIGHT 7PM

JAN 13: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

JAN 14: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30PM

JAN 20: NO SCHOOL - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

DECEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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FINALS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 19th

8:15-9:40 1st Period

9:50-11:15 2nd Period

11:25-12:50 3rd Period

Friday, December 20th

8:15-9:40 1st Period

9:50-11:15 2nd Period

11:25-12:50 3rd Period

There will be no lunch period during the Final Exam days, so students are encouraged to have snacks available during passing periods and as appropriate once testing is complete in a class. Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria from 7:30 - 8:10 am on both days.

We do not offer early Finals Exams. In the event that a student leaves early for vacation or is sick and misses Final Exams, make-up exams may be scheduled with the teacher(s) and will be taken after Winter Break.

Winter Break for students begins at the conclusion of the final exams on Friday, December 20th at 12:50 p.m. The Spring semester will begin for students on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

For a plan to help study for finals, Click [HERE](#).

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT MEETING

For families interested in learning more about the D'Evelyn program please attend one of our upcoming Prospective Student Information Nights. Attendance at one of our information nights is required for all students interested in attending D'Evelyn.

We will host these events on: **December 10th** and **January 8th at 7pm**.

All prospective students must be entered into the D'Evelyn lottery in Enroll Jeffco if they wish to seek enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. We enroll new students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Ms. Panchenko** for winning "Teacher of the Month" for December. Her students described her as helpful, fun, and the best teacher everrrr. Congratulations Ms. Panchenko. 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.



NEW DISTRACTED DRIVER LAW

Our SRO, Deputy Greg Everhart, wanted to share some news that might have been missed. Starting January 1st, 2025, all drivers are prohibited from using mobile electronic devices while driving, however hands-free accessories are allowed. Please share this information with all the drivers in your household. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER



Meg Politte - 6th Grade

"Meg is independently motivated to do her best, consistently produce high quality work. In addition, she is kind to students and offers to help however she can. Finally, she serves on STUCO to help plan and organize things for the Junior High." -Ms. Goldsborough



Ramona Collard - 6th Grade

"Ramona shines as a scholar! Her joy for learning is palpable; she exudes enthusiasm, creativity, and inquisitiveness in all her classes. Not only does Ramona excel in the classroom setting, but she also puts in the hard work behind the scenes to gain the high grades that come with truly caring about her learning. Her work is detailed and complete. I've never seen Ramona take shortcuts. Every response, every problem, and every assignment is completed to the highest level. Ramona is a solid gold D'Evelyn scholar." -Mrs. Zgabay



Alexander Ziemian - 6th Grade

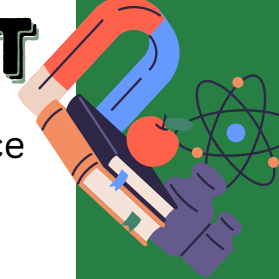
"Alex comes into class excited and ready to learn every day. His excitement and enthusiasm is contagious. He exceeds expectations in everything that he does and encourages his classmates to do the same. He makes learning look fun and I love having him in class." - Ms. Panchenko



Martin Katai - 6th Grade

"Since the first day of school, Martin has been consistently prepared for class, has a positive attitude, and demonstrated kindness and respect for both teachers and peers. He engages in each class with his good thinking and questions for clarification. I have the pleasure of having Martin as a student in both reading and math and appreciate the positive example he sets for everyone." -Mr. Davis

FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



A VIEW INTO THE CLASSROOM

The termination of the Fall Semester is rapidly approaching, but the Science classes are initiating plenty of awesome learning opportunities! Here are some of the highlights:

Life Science classes are getting excited to present information on the biome they selected to research. The students will present their findings to their classmates through a slide-deck and submit a written compilation of the information they uncovered with the completion of the Biome Project.

Physical Science will be completing the Chemical Reaction in a Bag lab soon, in which the students will feel and see exothermic and endothermic reactions taking place inside a sandwich bag. Mrs. Aguilar reports this is one of the favorite lab activities for the 8th graders.

Biology is finishing up the semester learning about DNA and genetics; always a topic with plenty of questions and curiosity. The students will be studying how traits are passed on from one generation to the next, and how traits can "skip" a generation. The Biology students are also looking forward to the crayfish and fetal pig dissections of the Spring semester.

Chemistry classes will be causing everyone in the Science hall to ask, "Does it smell like something is burning?" when they incinerate Cheetos to measure the caloric content of the orange snack food using a homemade calorimeter. Sounds like an opportunity for some "cheesy" jokes, if you ask me!

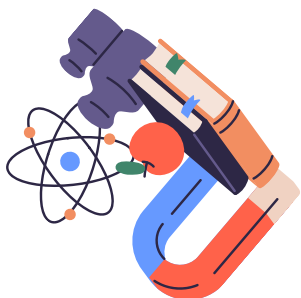
Juniors were witness to a death-defying demonstration of force and impulse in **Physics** when Ms. Wilson positioned herself between two bed-of-nails and had a cinder block broken on her back with a sledgehammer (See photo). Mr Duncan also took the risk of being perforated for his section of Physics.

If your student is in an **AP Science** class, you are probably tired of hearing them talk about what they are learning! :-)

AP Biology: Mitochondria: More than just a Meme!

AP Physics: Simple Harmonic Motion

AP Chemistry: Thermodynamics



MUSIC CONCERTS



You will have two opportunities next week to hear from our amazing music students, **Monday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 11th**. Both concerts will feature the same performances, just in alternating order. On Monday, the Junior High bands, choir and orchestra will perform from 6-7:30 followed by the High School band, choirs, and orchestra from 7:45-9:15. On Wednesday, the order is reversed with High School students performing from 6-7:30 and Junior High students from 7:45-9:15. We hope you can join us on one of the two nights.

JUNIOR HIGH

HIGH SCHOOL

SPEECH & DEBATE

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The Junior High Speech and Debate Team hosted students from Dawson School for a scrimmage in public forum debate and impromptu speaking. Thank you to high school varsity team member Michael Morrissey for serving as a judge. The team will be heading to Loveland on **December 6** for their first tournament.

The high school speech and debate team competed in the Mile High Invitational Tournament at Denver East High School on November 22-23. Emily Nguyen took fourth place in Original Oratory on Friday night. Next, they will be competing in the Chatfield Chill Online Tournament on **December 7**. Our home tournament will take place at D'Evelyn on **December 14**.



VOICES AND VISIONS

The 2024 publication of Voices and Visions is here! Come see the latest edition in our school library.

Voices and Visions is a journal of student-created writing and visual art, and we strive to celebrate creativity and originality within the D'Evelyn student community. 2025 will mark the 18th edition of the anthology and we will begin taking submissions for this edition from **December 9th to January 31st**. Look for the QR code posted in your English or Art teacher's room for a link to the submission form. Students can email Mrs. Blair at jessica.blair@jeffco.k12.co.us with any questions they have about the publication.



TRI-M WINTER BALL

The annual Tri-M winter formal will be on Saturday, **December 7th from 7-10pm**. Come enjoy an evening of fun and dancing. This years theme is City of Stars. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at lunch. This event is for High School students only.

WINTER SPIRIT DAYS

Next week students and staff have the opportunity to participate in Winter Spirit Week!

- Monday: Polar Express Day

- Tuesday: Ski Bum Day
 - Red Robin Fundraiser

- Wednesday: Holiday Day

- Thursday: Ugly Sweater Day

- Friday: Jag Spirit



Next **Tuesday, December 10**, there will be a fundraiser for Make-A-Wish at all Red Robin locations.

Click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

This is one of our first opportunities to start raising money for Make-A-Wish. Our **Wish Week will be February 3-7**, so keep an eye out for more information at the beginning of next semester.

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 Trent Hardacre, Juilee Joshi, Ethan Brill, Siddh Ranjitkar, Jasper Meyer, Sloan Sheldon, Lindsay Vanek and Ava Ogea for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.



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/>



ATHLETICS

WINTER BREAK SPORTS CAMP PROGRAM FOR GRADES 2-8

Looking for a way to keep your Jaguar active during the break? Join [AIM Sports Camp](#) for their Winter Blast Camp at Mullen HS. A number of D'Evelyn High School Coaches will be helping to lead this program and all Jaguar Middle School students are welcome!

BASKETBALL



Girls basketball won their home opener on Monday vs. St. Mary's by a score of 53-19. Great team effort all around as they notched their first victory of the season in dominating fashion. The boys hosted their home opener on Wednesday vs. Columbine - come out and support our basketball teams!

DAZZLING JAGS

The 7th Grade Green Mountain Rams played in the 80th Anniversary Carnation Bowl against the Lakewood Tigers and were victorious with a score of 8 to 7. This was a highly defensive battle for each of these ordinarily high-scoring teams. D'Evelyn students who played for the Green Mountain Rams were John Mathies, Eric Dorn, Brycen Burmeister, and Ian Fowler. Notably, Chandler Nagle played for the Lakewood Tigers.



OPEN ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 5TH

Get ready to enroll, Jags! Completing enrollment is important because it helps our school plan ahead and helps our district prepare for staffing, budget, student resources and more. Even if you are enrolled this year, we need every family to enroll for the new school year.

OPEN
ENROLLMENT



Round one of enrollment for the 2025-26 school year opened on **Thursday, December 5**. Visit our enrollment page,

<https://develyn.jeffcopublicschools.org/enroll>, to learn more about how to complete your enrollment in EnrollJeffco. Round 1 ends Friday, January 17th. Lottery results are sent out January 28th.

TIPS FOR BATTLING ANXIETY

Click [HERE](#) for more information on how to support your student who is having symptoms of anxiety.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELORS

Click [HERE](#)
for the
Newsletter



NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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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](#).

COUNSELING NEWS

DEF SCHOLARSHIPS GOING LIVE

The DEF scholarships will be going live on December 13th. DEF annually gives over 20 scholarships to D'Evelyn students. Click [HERE](#) to visit the DEF scholarship page to find more information.

FINALS CARE PACKAGES

Finals are coming up fast! Time to assemble the finals care packages for our hardworking D'Evelyn students! We will be putting together the care packages **Wednesday, December 18th from 12:45 to 3:15 pm** in the library. Please sign up and bring a friend to help fill and deliver the bags by using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054EAFAC2DA31-53477449-finals>

If you didn't preorder a finals care package, you may pick one up in the financial office for \$12.50 on the first day of finals. These are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



DEF GIVING

The D'Evelyn Education Foundation is the 501c3 fundraising organization for our school. They annually raise money to support scholarships, each sports program, each music program, as well as individual teacher and department requests. They are currently exploring a new electronic scoreboard for the gym or a new marquee. All donations received from the three yearly asks support all D'Evelyn students. It is that time of year to open your hearts and your wallets and donate as little or as much as you can to support D'Evelyn. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Save the Date, the **DEF Gala will be on Friday, February 7th, 2024**. More information will be communicated in a future Jag Track.

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!

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](#)

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

D'EVELYN JR/SR HS



ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

CELEBRATION! We will provide food & soda, plus feel free to bring something to share.

December 10, 5:30-7:30pm

Speaker: Adam Kelsey Athletic Director:

Sports and course offerings

Parent Group discussions Goals SIP 2023-24:

***Communications and public messaging**

***Evaluate Honors/AP coursework,**

including a look at the English Department

DHS Library

In person only: group discussions

Virtual link: updates/speakers



Communication between parents, students, administrators and community

*Sponsored by the D'Evelyn Accountability committee