



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

This morning, we had the privilege of hosting the leadership team from Wasilla High School in Alaska. They were eager to learn more about our school and were particularly impressed to hear that D'Evelyn is ranked as the #1 school in Colorado. After visiting several classrooms and engaging with both staff and students, the team expressed their understanding of why we hold that distinction.

I am incredibly proud of the exceptional work our students, teachers, and staff do every day. Their dedication to excellence is evident in everything we do. I am also deeply grateful for the strong partnership we have with our parents and families, which contributes significantly to our success.

Go Jags!

A huge Shout Out to the Jag Cheer team for their State Championship finals performance last night at the Denver Coliseum. Please see below for more information.

The Junior High and Senior High Instrumental and Choral Music Concerts were just spectacular! A huge Shout Out to Mr. Franklin, Mr. Morrisette, Mr. White, and all of the students for the outstanding performances last Monday and Wednesday.

I would like to give another huge Shout Out to everyone who attended last Tuesday's Accountability Committee meeting. I was really impressed with the meaningful conversations we had. We had some great food and presentations by students and staff.

We had another successful Prospective Student Information Night last Tuesday. There was a large turnout and we received a lot of positive feedback. A huge Shout Out to David Belmonte and everyone who helped with the event.

Another huge Shout Out to Mr. White, Mr. Franklin, parents, and the students who helped to make last Saturday evening's Tri-M Winter Dance successful. I know everyone who attended the dance had a wonderful time.

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](#)



DEC 14 - FEB 8

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

JAN 27: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

JAN 28-31: 6TH GRADE TO OUTDOOR LAB

FEB 3-7: WISH WEEK

FEB 7: DEF ANNUAL GALA 6-8:30PM

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

DECEMBER 2024						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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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](#).

HOLIDAY CARDS

For many, sending cards is a holiday tradition that helps maintain connections with family and friends. Please bring your families card to the main office for us to share with the D'Evelyn community.

SCHOOL STORE

For those of you looking for last minute Jag Swag, the school store will be open next week on **Tuesday from 11-1, Thursday 8-12, and Friday 8-12**. You can also pick up any online order that have come in at that time. Just check in at the main office first.



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/>



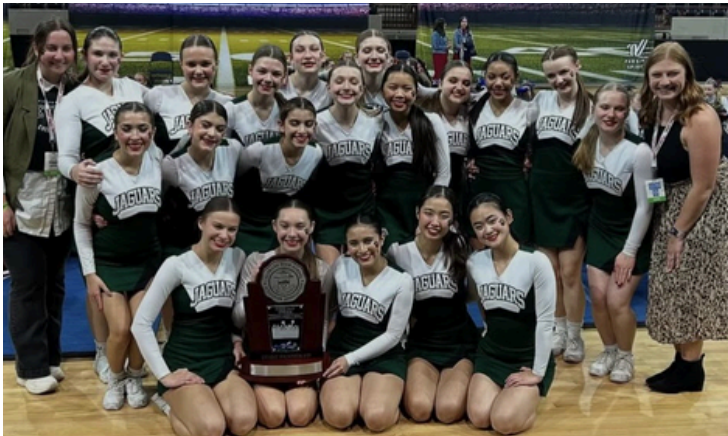
6TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL



Last weekend the 6A Girls Basketball (DYBA) team earned 2nd place honors in the Gold Crown Rocky Mountain Hoops Classic tournament. Great start to the season for the 6th graders. Go Jags

D'EVELYN CHEER

D'Evelyn will raise a new banner in the gym! All those practice hours in the cafeteria after school paid off yesterday as our Jag Cheer team earned a 2nd place finish overall in the 2A/3A Game Day Division (by 1 point) after their State Championship finals performance last night at the Denver Coliseum. Stop by the main office to see our newest trophy case hardware.



Check out the performance on the attached video

[StateFinalsPerformanceCheer.MOV](#)

KINDNESS MATTERS CLASSIC

The D'Evelyn girl's basketball team is co-hosting, with other Jeffco girl's basketball teams, the fourth annual Kindness Matters Classic. This event, running December 11th - 14th, was created to honor the memory of McKenzie Forrest, a former basketball player for Lakewood High School known for her hustle and heart. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this four-day basketball fundraiser and how you can support this remarkable cause.

For pictures and an update on other events our girls basketball team is working on click [HERE](#).

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!

ATHLETICS

VOICES AND VISIONS

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.

WISH WEEK

D'Evelyn Student Council is again partnering with Make-A-Wish® Colorado (**Facts**) to host **our annual Wish Week from February 3rd through the 7th.**

Since 2017, we have worked together to grant the wishes of children with critical illnesses. In total, we have raised over \$100,000, granting 14 wishes.

We would like to thank our community for your continued support.

For more information and to donate to this great cause click [HERE](#).

SPEECH AND DEBATE

The Junior High Speech and Debate Team competed at Loveland High School on Friday, December 6, against nine other schools. Elinor Grell and Emily Gradwohl tied with Aiden Moon and Tyler Feighny for first place in Public Forum Debate. Both teams went 3-0. Anna Reeva Regmi took first in Impromptu, and Jack Retallack received 5th in Impromptu. Our next tournament is in January at Windsor Middle School.



Congratulations to the members of the D'Evelyn High School Speech and Debate Team who won awards at recent high school tournaments. At the Mile High Invitational at Denver East on November 22, Emily Nguyen won an excellent ribbon in Original Oratory for her speech on social media. At the Chatfield Chill, held this past Saturday, Tae Kim placed second in International Extemp while R J Lane and George Ferrando won Public Forum Debate. Well done! If you are interested in joining the high school team, come to Mrs. Powers's room, E102, after school on Tuesdays.

ENROLL JEFFCO

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.



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.

PARENT WORKSHOP

The counseling department is offering a parent workshop on suicide prevention. It will be on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6pm**.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

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

Click [HERE](#)
for the
Newsletter

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 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LIVE

The DEF scholarships are now live. 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

[December 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 JR/SR

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Next meeting January 14, 2025



Thank you for attending the December Accountability meeting! Our celebration was fun, good food, great conversations, lots of new information and ideas.

Teacher participation this year has been exceptional and we'd like to thank Heather Sprague from the English department and Student Council as well as Jason Ziegler from the Math department for attending. A big thanks to the D'Evelyn Athletic Director Adam Kelsey for providing lots of useful advice and answering all of our questions. Also, to Lynn Hobbs and Kristen Monzel for answering questions on the English department and coming to our meeting on such short notice!

Thank you to our amazing recorder Seth Laliberty! For complete details please review the Accountability December minutes at:

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

We heard updates from the school Principal Josh Shapiro, Steering Committee, and from the D'Evelyn Education Foundation. There have been lots of accomplishments and goals which were shared at the meeting, please read minutes for complete details.

We wanted to thank Treyton Benfield, Student Body President, and Tess Miller Student Body Vice President for attending our meeting! They shared information on why and how they got involved, their main mission at D'Evelyn, top achievements, biggest challenges and ways students can communicate with them. For more details, please read the December minutes.

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE