



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

It was nice to return to school with the students, faculty and staff even though it was a short week. Classes are back in session, and I've had the good fortune of observing countless examples of productive teaching and learning throughout the school, both in and out of the classroom. I'm looking forward to this semester's events and activities.

I have also enjoyed our 2nd-semester class meetings this week. Our message to all students is that while some days will be more challenging than others, it is very important to show up and finish strong. We also remind them that the benefits of the D'Evelyn liberal arts academic program will carry with them for the rest of their lives. I ask all D'Evelyn community members to join me to honor the value of the learning experience, and support our students in their effort to maximize learning over this school year and beyond.

I want to acknowledge that this was also a challenging week for our school community. Thank you to everyone for your feedback, questions and concerns related to Tuesday's incident. We will address these items at our meeting next Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. If you are unable to attend, we will follow up next Wednesday with a communication detailing the important details we discussed. I look forward to seeing you there as we partner together to improve safety and security at our school. Please note: We will offer a virtual option for those who wish to tune in. Virtual attendees will be in listen-only mode. This way, we can ensure a smooth and focused experience for everyone.

I hope everyone has a nice weekend.

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](#)



JAN 13 - FEB 15

- 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
- FEB 8: SADIE HAWKINS DANCE 7-10PM
- FEB 10: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM
- FEB 11: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30PM
- FEB 13: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:45-5:45PM
- FEB 14: NO SCHOOL - POSSIBLE SNOW DAY MAKEUP

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

JANUARY 2025						
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CHECK YOU STUDENTS FEES

2nd semester fees are now available, so please check to see that you have paid your student fees. Log onto [Infinite Campus](#), click **More**, then **Jeffco Student Fee Payment**. To see which fees you have paid, click the statement icon,  found next to your student's name. Questions, email [Ashley Schilz](#).

TEACHER OF THE MONTH: JANUARY

Congratulations to Ms. Ford for winning January "Teacher of the Month." She was described as having the best attitude, being a very kind human being, and continuing to strive to better understand her students. Congratulations Ms. Ford.

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.



HEART OF D'EVELYN

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: Tess Miller, Treyton Benfield, Chloe Smith, Aharshi Roy, Preston Cranford, Juliet Kobal, Livia Tran, Charlie Pellant, Isaac McGraw, Emily Nguyen, Eliza Schurter, Brendon Trieu, Jackson Sunblade, Raven Yordy, Penelopi Casas, Aiden Nguyen, Kathy Truong, Jace Fay, Layla Leatualevao, Theo Howells, and Gibson Onwiler for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.

WISH WEEK

Wish Week is right around the corner, **February 3rd through the 7th**. Every year D'Evelyn Student Council organizes a Wish Week, where the school and community raise as much money as we can for the Make a Wish Foundation. This year, our goal is to raise \$20,000 and send our wish kid, Sawyer, to Tokyo. Click [HERE](#) to meet Sawyer. Please help us in making his wish come true by donating to this [link](#). Anything Helps!

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/>



BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Members of the D'Evelyn Boys Volleyball Team played in an off-season tournament at the Denver Convention Center on December 13th-15th and finished in 1st place in the silver bracket! So excited for the upcoming season! We are looking for freshman to join us as we run open gyms during January.

We are looking for MS players to sign up for our middle school program so we can give these boys a chance to start getting training at younger ages.

These D'Evelyn boys are playing through the Elevation VBC satellite program. Contact Coach Powers at develyn.vball@gmail.com for more information and to get on the Boys Volleyball e-mail list.



D'Evelyn held it's first ever alumni boys volleyball match on January 2nd. Eleven alumni and their parents came out to share in some great volleyball and fun memories. The night included some retro jerseys, a callback to the runout from the locker room to "Welcome to the Jungle," and a coach who's official job was to get laughs from the audience as alumni heckler.



Boys Volleyball is getting started and we are looking for freshman and sophomores to join our incredible program so that we can continue in our success in the future. Please fill out our interest form at <https://bit.ly/dbvbinfo> Join us for open gyms in January and February to see what it's like and come to **try outs on Feb 17th.** ([FLYER](#))

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The D'Evelyn Girls Swim & Dive Team is off to a great start! With 31 swimmers on the squad, the team has doubled in size in two years with 15 new rookies this season. Only halfway through our competition schedule and our team has achieved a whopping 71 personal best times lead by individual 3A State qualifiers Katie Pierce, Emelie Rice, Lily Sharpe, and Izzie Dietzler. In only 6 competitions, 84% of our team has achieved a personal best or state-qualifying time with outstanding performances from our "Mermaids of the Meet" Lily Sharpe, Kendra Graeve, Phoebe Petrash, Katie Pierce, Julia Clark, and Loxley Featherman. Come support your AquaJags as we head into the Invitational/Championship half of our season ([competition schedule here](#))!

ATHLETICS

ROBOTICS CLUB

The D'Evelyn Robotics Team is thrilled to share that the Jaguars once again had a phenomenal season in the Front Range BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) competition! For the second year in a row, our Jaguars took first place in the Head-To-Head game, nearly doubling the score of every other team. Their standout performance advanced them to the multi-state BEST regional competition in Colorado Springs, where they faced strong opponents from seven different states. Although they narrowly missed earning a spot in the semi-finals, their determination and teamwork shone through every match.

This year's BEST Robotics challenge, dubbed the "Low G" competition, required teams to complete a series of lunar-themed tasks. The D'Evelyn Robotics team rose to the challenge by designing and building a four-wheel-drive robot equipped with a multi-tool claw mechanism. Their strategy combined precise engineering and expert piloting to tackle obstacles simulating a low-gravity environment on the moon. Please join us in congratulating the D'Evelyn Robotics team for their incredible achievements this season. Their hard work, creativity, and collaborative spirit exemplify the best of Jaguar pride, and we look forward to seeing where their talents take them next season!

If you'd like to participate in next year's Jaguar Robotics team, please contact Mr. Volmer or Rick Battagline (rbattagline@gmail.com) for more information.



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 **until 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.



PARENT WORKSHOP

The counseling department is offering a parent workshop on suicide prevention. It will be on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6pm** in the D'Evelyn library. Click [HERE](#) for more information

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 are opened. 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.**

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELORS

Click [HERE](#)
for the
Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

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for the
Newsletter

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS

Scholarship Workshops will be during 7th hour on January 15th, February 10th, and March 10th.

COLLEGE VISITS

We don't have college visits scheduled for 2nd semester yet. We do have the rescheduled Air Force coming **January 21st** and the ASVAB was rescheduled to **January 13th.**

For more information about upcoming college visits and counseling activities visit [Counseling's website](#).

Save the Date

D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL GALA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH @ 6PM

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR TICKET
SALES, COMING SOON!

*Celebrating 30 Years
of
Exceptional Education*



Dust off your pearls and dancing shoes as we
celebrate our 30th anniversary in style!

D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) to help with DEF's largest fundraising event of the year
or email develyn.auction@gmail.com to join the #Gala Squad

DEF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LIVE

- DEF annually gives over 20 scholarships to D'Evelyn
- students. Click [HERE](#) to visit the DEF scholarship page
- and read about the requirements for each scholarship.



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

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

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

D'EVELYN JR/SR HS



TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025. 5:30pm-7:30pm

Safety Discussion and to answer questions:
Jeff Pierson, Jeffco's Dept of School Safety's Executive Director
School Resource Officer (SRO) Deputy Everhart
Principal Josh Shapiro
Time permitting: School Updates
Review Accountability Rules of Operation
School Improvement Plan 2025-26 (in person only)
D'Evelyn High School Library
Virtual link on Accountability webpage



Communication between parents, students, administrators and community

*Sponsored by the D'Evelyn Accountability committee

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE