



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

After a recent security incident at our school and many questions and concerns within our community, a space/time was created for a safety meeting on January 14. Thank you to the over 80 staff and family members who attended in-person and online. Led by school, district and law enforcement leaders, the meeting focused on reviewing the incident's timeline and identifying areas for improvement in our school safety protocols. **Please read Wednesday's letter to learn more about the meeting overview and our steps moving forward.** The safety and well-being of our students and staff are always our top priority and our staff is committed to partnering with you, our families, to work in partnership for continuous improvement.

I wanted to remind everyone that we have no school on Monday to observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope everyone has a wonderful and warm three-day weekend. Here is a famous quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The time is always right to do what is right."

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



JAN 18 - FEB 28

- 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 1: SADIE HAWKINS DANCE 7-10PM
- FEB 3-7: WISH WEEK
- FEB 4: TALENT SHOW 7-8PM
- FEB 7: JUNIOR HIGH SOCIAL 3:15-4:45PM
- FEB 7: DEF ANNUAL GALA 6-8:30PM
- 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
- FEB 17: NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY
- FEB 18: DEF MEETING 6-7PM
- FEB 20: SPRING SPORTS PARENTS INFO MEETING 6-7PM
- FEB 21-22, 27-28, MARCH 1: SPRING MUSICAL 7-9PM
- FEB 27: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

JANUARY 2025						
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WISH WEEK

Wish Week is, **February 3rd through the 7th**. D'Evelyn Student Council's 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](#). Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please share this information with your family and friends to further support this cause.

Additionally, we are asking for donations for our online auction! Anything that you are willing to donate (gift certificates, coupons, merchandise, etc.), please leave at the front office with a note, or email Heather Sprague at

heather.sprague@jeffco.k12.co.us to organize a pickup by **Friday, January 24th**.

There will be a Make-A-Wish fundraiser at Dutch Bros on **Saturday, January 25th**. \$1 from every drink will be donated to the foundation.

REGISTER FOR SPRING SPORTS

Registration for High School spring sports is **open now until February 21st at 3pm**. D'Evelyn offers: **Baseball, Track & Field, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Boys Swim & Dive, and Boys Volleyball**. Some sports interest meetings have been posted in the hallways and shared through announcements.

There is a new "Pay-to-Play" policy, please note all fees need to be **paid by March 3rd** in order to participate. Athletic fees are \$185 per sport, per student. Please check with individual coaches for any separate team fees.

The spring sport parent meeting will be on Thursday February 20th at 6pm.

For more information on registering and all D'Evelyn sports click [HERE](#).

Junior High sports are supported through [Lakewood Recreation](#). Please head to their website to register your student.

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 BASKETBALL

The Boys Basketball team is off and running, hitting "The Jungle" hardwood with a group of dedicated athletes at all levels of the program. Despite a challenging start to the season, the players remain positive and continue to chase the best versions of themselves. The schedule has been very difficult for this very young team, but recently, there have been some very competitive games. We gave Colorado Academy a scare this week and hope to knock off a few opponents as League play begins.

Our Varsity Captains (Kafui Fiadonu, Blake Colehour, and Ben Goman) have been instrumental in defining and pushing a positive culture based on chasing excellence and realizing our potential. We will be demonstrating this culture through a volunteer event next week. We will be helping to run the Jeffco Adaptive Athletics Basketball Tournament at the Gold Crown Field House. This is an amazing event for some very special fellow students.

The outlook is bright for all 3 levels of the program as the players are gaining valuable experience that will carry us through the rest of the season and into next year. As a first year coach at D'Evelyn, I couldn't be prouder of our efforts to improve and our "never quit" Jaguar attitude. We would love to see a strong student body presence to cheer on the teams at our upcoming games.

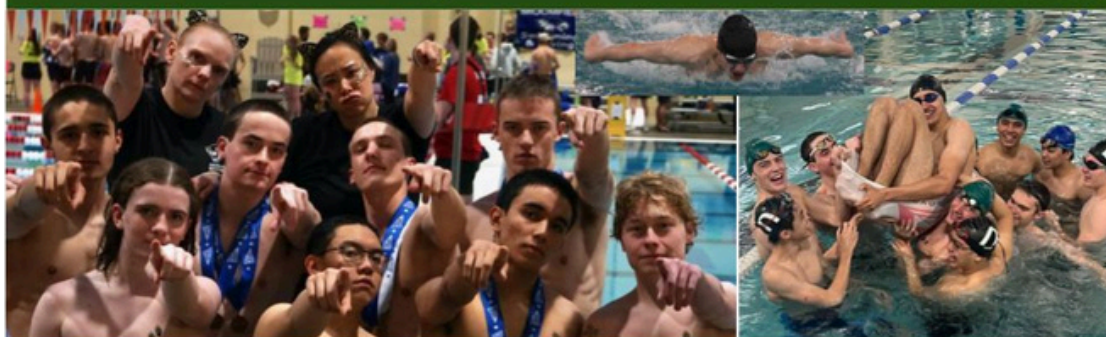
BOYS' SWIM & DIVE

The D'Evelyn High School (grades 9-12 only) Boys' Swim & Dive Interest Meeting is **Wednesday, January 22, 7th hour** in D'Evelyn Cafeteria! Minimum requirement to be

considered for the team is the ability to comfortably swim 50 yards (2 lengths of the pool) without assistance and no fear of being in deep water. All returning and prospective athletes need to fill out the athlete questionnaire ([link here](#)). Please check our team website ([here](#)) and our team/sport FAQ ([here](#)) for more information.



D'Evelyn AquaJags HS Boys' Swim & Dive



Contact Head Coach Linh Carpenter - Linh.Carpenter@jeffco.k12.co.us

Swim M-F 3:35-5:00pm, Dive M-Th 7:30-8:45pm (Ridge Rec), Dryland TBD 7:10-8:00am (D'Evelyn)

Contact Head Coach Linh Carpenter with questions (Linh.Carpenter@jeffco.k12.co.us)

ATHLETICS

GIRLS AND BOYS LACROSSE



We have some students interested in starting a lacrosse team at D'Evelyn. Please fill out the survey if you currently play lacrosse or are interested in learning the game and starting a team:

[D'Evelyn Lacrosse team interest survey](#)

TALENT SHOW



The 2nd annual Wish Week talent show will be **Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm**. This event is a great chance to see how amazing our Jags really are. Students interested in auditioning need to fill out the google form using the QR code found throughout the building by January 20th. Auditions will be on January 21st and 22nd during 7th hour or you can send in a recording. Performances should be no longer than five minutes. Good luck to everyone who auditions and we hope to see you at the show.

SADIE HAWKINS DANCE

This year's Sadies dance will be on **Saturday, February 1st from 7-10pm**. This is a fun activity and fundraiser for the Cheerleading team. They are raising money to help send them to nationals. Tickets for this event will be available the week before during lunch. This dance is for High School students only.



OUTDOOR LAB

The 6th graders will be headed to Outdoor Lab from **January 28th-January 31st**. Our school attends both locations. Ms. Goldsborough's, Ms. Whitty's, and Ms. Zgabay's homeroom classes will attend Windy Peak and Mr. Davis', Ms. McDonough's, and Ms. Panchenko's homeroom classes will attend Mt. Blue Sky. Students at Outdoor Lab learn about the core value system I.C.A.R.E. which stands for *Integrity, Commitment, Awareness, Respect, and Empathy*. Each day, students will experience new challenges and activities including a low-ropes course, hiking, archery, ecology lessons, and an astronomy night.

Our 6th graders are not the only students attending, 51 juniors and seniors will be there as high school leaders. Their job is to assist with programming and stay in the bunk houses. This is an exciting opportunity for all our Jags. Here's hoping the weather is nice!



Outdoor Lab
FOUNDATION

If your school sport, club, or activity would like to put something in Jag Tracks, please fill out and submit an entry using this google form [Activities News/Updates](#) or email Ginger Gee at ginger.gee@jeffco.k12.co.us. All submissions should be sent by the **Wednesday before** the desired Jag Tracks' release.

PARENT WORKSHOP

The counseling department is offering a parent workshop on suicide prevention. Our agenda includes data, how to teach students what to do when they see signs of suicide, and how to encourage your child's mental wellness. It will be on **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6pm** in the D'Evelyn library. We hope to see you there.

Click [HERE](#) for more information

ENROLL JEFFCO

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 TODAY, 1/17.** Lottery results are sent out January 28th.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELORS

Click [HERE](#)
for the
Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Click [HERE](#)
for the
Newsletter

COLLEGE VISITS

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

DEF SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

All applications and documentation are due to the counseling office by **February, 28th at 11:59pm**.

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 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!

SCHOOL STORE

The school store will not be open for in-person purchasing through out the month of January. If you make a purchase online, you will be notified when it will be available to pick up at the front office.

Click [HERE](#) to see what is available online.

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

D'EVELYN JR/SR

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE



Next meeting February 11, 2025

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Thank you for attending the January Accountability meeting. The Safety presentation was thorough, questions were answered information shared. Thank you to presenters: School Resource Officer (SRO), Sergeant Smoker from Jefferson County's Sheriff Office, Jeffco's Executive Director of School Safety Jeff Pierson and Community Superintendent Wesley Paxton. For complete details on action steps to come and additional information, please review the Follow-Up to School Safety Meeting sent by principal Josh Shapiro on Wednesday 1/15/2025. Minutes of the entire presentation will be posted on the Accountability website in weeks to come

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

We would like to thank the parents that stayed for the remaining part of the Accountability meeting! We heard updates from the school Principal Josh Shapiro, Steering Committee, and on behalf of the D'Evelyn Education Foundation.

Magdalena Arbat-Pennington and Bill Kottenstette attended a Dennison PTA meeting which was very productive. Because Dennison is within the articulation area of D'Evelyn, we hope to establish a stronger and more frequent connection this year. Dennison will offer the opportunity to Dennison parents to attend D'Evelyn Accountability meetings.

The end of the meeting included discussion on how we will proceed with the 2025/26 School Improvement Plan. The first in person date will be set for this month.

Definite dates are: a feedback Accountability pre-presentation at the March 11, 2025 meeting. The final presentation to Accountability is scheduled for April 15, 2025.

The Chair and Vice-Chair will present to the Steering Committee on April 21, 2025.

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

Accountability Committee
D'Evelyn Jr/Sr HS