



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

It was an amazing Wish Week at D'Evelyn, and the community deserves a thank you. The students, staff, families, and community members helped make it a success. The student body had the honor of welcoming Sawyer, the Wish Kid, who was a judge at the Talent Show and visited during the pep rally. The goal was to reach \$20,000 as the final fundraisers are tallied.

A tremendous amount of gratitude is owed to those behind the scenes who dedicated their time and expertise to rally the community around a cause as noble as Make-a-Wish. A huge Shout Out goes to the entire D'Evelyn Student Council, Student Council Sponsor Mrs. Sprague, Activities Director Mr. Kelsey, Financial Secretary Mrs. Schilz, all Talent Show performers, winter sports teams who hosted fundraisers, and everyone who donated. Another Shout Out goes to everyone who participated in last week's Athletics and Activities, including the Junior and Senior Student Councils, Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls Swim and Dive Team, the Pep Band, and the Cheerleading Team. Also, a huge Shout Out to Susan Aberle for organizing the Jr High Social that included over 230 kids, over a dozen family volunteers, and several donations.

I'm looking forward to tonight's DEF Gala and basketball games!

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](#)



FEB 8 - FEB 28

FEB 8: SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMS WITH THE COLORADO WIND ENSEMBLE 6:30PM

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 13: IMPROV SHOW 7PM

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 24: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Spring parent/teacher conferences will be **Thursday, February 13th from 3:45-5:45pm**. These drop-in conferences are optional and are primarily for students who are earning D's or F's and are struggling. Teachers will be organized by departments with Science, Social Studies, and English in the cafeteria and Counseling, Math, World Languages, Electives, and 6th Grade in the small gym. Stick around afterward to watch the boys basketball games or the Improv Show.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY

Congratulations to Ms. Paske for winning February "Teacher of the Month." She was described as being happy, helpful, and full of life. She accepts and cares for her students and she, "RULESSS!" Congratulations Ms. Paske.



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: Everette Brooks, Charlotte Collard, Sydney Boettiger, Sami Wheeler, Kian Duffy, Asia Fudge, Anugya Basnet, and Maia Donald for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

All eligible students received an invitation letter with a google classroom code to join the NHS Applicant Google Classroom. There will be an optional interest meeting for students on **Thursday, Feb. 20th** in Mrs. Bender's 7th hour for those with questions. The deadline to apply to NHS is **Monday, March 3rd** at 11:59pm. No late applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, please email megan.seaselybender@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information.

LIBRARY CLOSED

Due to an extended school activity, the library will be closed for 7th Hour and after school on **Wednesday, February 12th**. Students will not be able to wait in there for their ride and should therefore make other arrangements.

IMPROV SHOW

Come see our hilarious improv troupe on **Thursday, February 13th at 7pm**.

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/>



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](#). For more information on registering click [HERE](#).

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

SPRING SPORTS PARENT INFO MEETING

The spring sports parent info meeting is on **Thursday, February 20th at 6pm**. This meeting is encouraged for all parents of students interested in participating in a spring sport at D'Evelyn. The meeting will contain information about registering, eligibility, schedules, transportation, and includes breakout sessions with the coaches.

COACH CHRIS OLSON

College Preps wrote an article about our girl's basketball coach Chris Olson. He has had quite a career in Jeffco spanning 30 years. Click [HERE](#) to read the full article which can also be found on our website.

CHEER NATIONALS

Shout out to our amazing Cheer Team as they will be traveling to Orlando, FL today to compete in the UCA Nationals Competition at the Walt Disney Resort. After notching Jeffco 3A League Championship and 3A State Runner-up Awards, our team will cap off an amazing cheer season at this event. Good luck Jags!



JAG BASEBALL FUNDRAISER

It is time for the annual [Fertilizer Fundraiser](#) benefiting your D'Evelyn Jags Baseball team! If you would like to order or have any questions, please reach out to the Jags Baseball Club at dhsjagsbaseball@gmail.com. If you don't have a player to support, please see the list of your [2025 Jags Baseball team](#) and include in your order which Jags baseball player you will be supporting and how you would like to pay. We accept cash, check, zelle or pay-pal. All net proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to the player's account to help offset their fees for the season. Thank you for supporting Jags Baseball! [More Info](#)

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](#)



ATHLETICS

SPRING MUSICAL

Tickets for the spring musical, A Chorus Line, are now on sale. This classic, Pulitzer Prize winning show depicting the experience of a group of professional dancers going through a rigorous audition, was at one time the longest running show on Broadway. Performances are **February 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1st @ 7pm**. Click the [FLYER](#) with the QR code or [HERE](#) to get your tickets now.



TALENT SHOW WRAP-UP

Congratulations to all the 2nd annual Talent Show performers, it was a fantastic evening. Third place went to Nate Cook, Noah Edford, and James Vigil for their rocking rendition of Metallica's "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Second place went to Finn Kubista for his impressive triple-threat performance of Billy Joel's "Piano Man." First place went to the incredible siblings John and Grace Nguyen's piano duet of *The Greatest Showman* medley.

MATH COUNTS

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the mathletes from our math competition club competed in the AMC 8 at CU Boulder. Please congratulate David Dong and Andrew Zhao for earning first and second place in this prestigious competition! Our mathlete team (Andrew Zhao, David Dong, Auste Kuciauskas, Arynn Kwon, Toby Cressler, Siyuan Feng, Griffin Lee, Alexander Zhu, Juilee Joshi) will be competing in the MathCounts chapter competition this Friday, let's wish them good luck as they represent D'Evelyn!

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Congratulations to Tae Kim for winning third place in International Extemporaneous Speaking at the Lowell Sharp Invite at Arvada West High School. Bishesh Pradhan took fourth in Informational Speaking. On **February 8th**, the team will head to Rocky Mountain Prep - SMART.



COLORING BOOK AND CRAYON DRIVE

John Nguyen, a D'Evelyn grad (class of 2023) is currently a sophomore at Regis University and will be traveling to Guatemala this summer with a medical team to help an underserved community. He has asked for our help to collect donations for the patients and their families. Spanish Honor Society will be collecting items from **February 10-21**.

To see a list of requested items or to read more about the program, click [HERE](#).

LUNAR NEW YEAR

This year The Social Inclusion Club decided to celebrate and bring attention to Lunar New Year. Lunar New Year is celebrated by around 2 billion people around the world. The club is celebrating it by decorating teachers' doors with red signs of good luck, decorating the halls, and saying words of good fortune. Traditionally, paper lanterns are hung and decorate streets. Families gather and celebrate a new year in the Lunar Calendar, and parents and older ancestors give the younger children red envelopes filled with money.



SEL PANORAMA STUDENT SURVEY

Students will take the second survey for SEL in February. They previously took the same survey in the fall. Please read the linked letter for more information regarding the survey. [LETTER](#)

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Our 2nd annual Multicultural Night will be on April 2, 2025! We invite you to join us on this tour. [Click here for more details and to:](#)

- Sign up for a booth or bring food
- Sign up for the fashion show
- Sign up to perform
- Contribute to our D'Evelyn Cookbook



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH 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](#).

ONLINE AUCTION

Even if you could not attend the gala, you can still participate in the online auction. There are a variety of items that are available to **bid on right now** through Handbid. There are trips, experiences, and baskets as well as wish wall items asked for by teachers. Click [HERE](#) to register for a paddle and put in your bids. All proceeds to DEF and support D'Evelyn students. Bidding closes at 11pm tonight so bid early and bid often.

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**.

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

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



See you at the Gala tomorrow!

Next Accountability meeting:

Feb 11, 2025, 5:30-7:30pm

Review and approve Rules of Operation

Budget Presentation

Focus on middle school

DHS Library

In person only: group discussions

Virtual link: [updates/speakers](#)



Communication between parents, students, administrators and community

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE