



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

My sincere gratitude goes out to everyone who contributed to the resounding success of last Saturday's Prom and After Prom! As D'Evelyn's principal, witnessing these wonderful events for the third time, I can honestly say they improve each year. I still vividly recall attending After Prom during my initial months here, observing the incredible effort dedicated to creating such a safe and enjoyable space for our students. What made this year particularly special was the deepened connection I now share with our students and the parent volunteers. Witnessing their kindness and respect firsthand was truly gratifying. Moreover, with each passing year, my appreciation grows for the immense dedication and hard work our parents invest in making these events so memorable for our students. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our incredible Student Prom Committee for their hard work and vision, to DEF for their generous funding support, to all the dedicated parent and family volunteers, our amazing Athletic Director, Adam Kelsey, and to our wonderful staff chaperones who ensured a safe and fun evening for everyone.

We also deeply appreciate the efforts of Summer Guerrina, Deb Pearce, our students, teachers, and staff in making this week's testing run smoothly, and we encourage students to continue putting forth their best effort during this assessment season.

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.

Go Jags!



ATTENDANCE INFO

Please use the new option on the Parent Portal or the Infinite Campus App to excuse student absences. Click [HERE](#) for directions as well as the attendance policy.

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USEFUL LINKS

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



APR 19- MAY 10

- APR 21: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7
- APR 23: HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT (BY INVITE ONLY)
- APR 25: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- APR 29 - 30: JUNIOR HIGH PLAY 7PM
- MAY 1: FAIRY TALE MEDLEY 7-8PM
- MAY 4: BACCALAUREATE 4-7PM
- MAY 5 - 16: AP TESTING
- MAY 5: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7PM
- MAY 5: 6TH - 8TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT 7-9PM
- MAY 6: 6TH - 12TH GRADE ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7-8PM
- MAY 7: 9TH - 12TH GRADE CHOIR CONCERT 7-8PM
- MAY 8: 6TH - 12TH GRADE BAND CONCERT 7-8PM
- MAY 8 - 9: MAP TESTING
- MAY 8 - 9: 12TH GRADE FINALS

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

APRIL 2025						
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D'EVELYN IS HIRING

We currently have several open positions at D'Evelyn, a D'Evelyn Counseling and Enrollment Secretary, an English Secondary Teacher Grades 7 & 8, and two Math Secondary Teacher positions. All positions will start in the fall of 2025.

Applicants must include all required items to be considered for a position.

Please share these opportunities with anyone who might be interested.

The main roles of the Counseling and Enrollment Secretary will be to enroll students grades 6-9, manage student records, assist students, and help manage the counseling office. Click [HERE](#) for the full job description and to apply using the **Job ID 32067**.

The main roles of the English Secondary Teacher Grades 7 & 8 will be to teach four sections of 8th grade English and one section of speech. Click [HERE](#) for the full job description and to apply using the **Job ID 32059**.

The main role of the Math Secondary Teacher positions will be to teach grades 7-12 math curriculum. Click [HERE](#) for the full job description and to apply using the **Job ID 32164**.

SCHOOL STORE

Next week, April 22nd and 24th, will be the last opportunities this school year to visit the school store until August. There will be a new web store available later in May to order from if you can not wait until fall to get your Jag Swag. We will share the new website via the D'Evelyn website and in a future Jag Tracks issue.

FINALS CARE PACKAGES

If you have already purchased a Finals Care package for your student(s), thank you! If not, there is still time to support this fundraiser. Packages may be purchased on Infinite Campus under Jeffco Student Fees. You'll find it listed under optional fees: OPT-25 Finals Pkg Allergy Kind for \$12.50. Please make your **purchase by April 23rd!**

JUNIOR HIGH PLAY

The junior high play rehearsals are in full swing! *The Day The Woods Came to Dunsinane* is a silly spoof on the classic Macbeth. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 29th and Wednesday, April 30th at 7 PM!** Tickets will be \$5 at the door. Thanks for your support!

SPRING SPORTS

Be sure to support our student-athletes this spring!
Click the sport below for more information.

[Baseball](#), [Track & Field](#), [Girls Soccer](#), [Girls Tennis](#), [Girls Golf](#),
[Boys Swim & Dive](#), [Boys Volleyball](#)

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



D'Evelyn Boys Volleyball is doing amazing this season! We are currently ranked #2 in the state with a 12-1 record. Here is a pic of your team after a win against local rival Bear Creek. Please come out and support your boys as they try to win a state title this season! We have senior night on April 21st with 10 seniors we want to honor. We hope you can join us in celebrating their years with us.

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS VOLLEYBALL

We have a great group of boys that are playing JH boys volleyball every Wednesday night at Gold Crown! I'm so proud of this inaugural group. D'Evelyn is paving the way and forging a new path in boys volleyball and someday we will look back at this group of boys and realize they were the pioneers! This is the first time Gold Crown has offered boys volleyball and they did it because we are working hard to grow the sport for our high school program and they saw our vision and offered to help. Spread the word in our community and help Coach Powers grow the sport of boys volleyball in the Denver Area! These boys are going to be future champs! This picture was taken last week as some of our high school boys, Tarin Cavanaugh and Keith Dale, volunteered their time to help coach the younger ones!



SIGNING DAY

We are thrilled to celebrate a significant achievement for four of our exceptional Jaguar student-athletes. Signing Day was Tuesday and we want to honor those students' commitment to taking their academic and athletic talents to the collegiate level. Congratulations to our honorees: Ryan Kim - Occidental College - Baseball, Ellie McMann - Luther College - Women's Basketball, Tess Miller - Northern State University - Softball, and Katie Pierce - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Women's Swimming



ATHLETICS



TRI-M COFFEE JAM

The Tri-M coffee jam will be next **Thursday April 24th**! All performers, writers, and artists of any kind are welcome to share their work and everyone is welcome to join us and support D'Evelyn's artists over coffee and treats. The coffee jam will be in the cafeteria from 3:15 to 5:15. Use the [FLYER](#) to Sign Up.

ART SHOW

The Jefferson Foundation Middle School Art Show had its Artist Celebration on Thursday, but you can still see the work of these amazing students which will be on display at the Lakewood Cultural Center until May 5th. Congratulations to our Jaguar artists: Kaylee Begay, Will Higgins, Annabel Bui, Bjorn Borstad, Elise Yang, Layla Leatualeva, Nola Knaus, Gigi Stephens, Abby Hyder, Linden Williams, Maura Schmidt - Honorable mention in Sculpture, and Kathryn Sherrill. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the exhibition and gallery hours.

JUNIOR HIGH EVENT WRAP-UP

The Junior High Event at Slick City was a great success with 140 students attending. Thank you to Susan Aberle and all the parents who helped make this event possible.



SPIRIT WEEK WRAP-UP

Shout out to Ms. Sprague and Student Council for organizing and executing three amazing Spirit Weeks and Pep Rallies this year! Jaguar School Spirit is at an all time high thanks to your leadership



MR. DHS WRAP-UP

This year's Mr. DHS was an incredible celebration of talent, humor, and school spirit! Fourteen amazing young men took the stage, each putting in countless hours of extra work and practice to make the night unforgettable. From choreographed dances to creative Dr. Seuss rap Battles, their dedication and enthusiasm truly shone. A huge thank you to Mr. Gause, our charismatic MC, who not only kept the energy high all night, but also helped with practices and even joined the contestants in a crowd-favorite Backstreet Boys performance! We're so grateful to our panel of teacher judges, the many staff members and coaches who showed up to support the event, and, of course, our fantastic student and parent audience whose cheers and excitement made the night even more special.

I couldn't be prouder of the hard work these young men put into making Mr. DHS such a wonderful success. Congrats to this year's Mr. DHS, James Vigil aka Mr. Giggle Goblin!

Bravo to everyone involved! -Miss Choun

Click [HERE](#) for photos from the Mr. DHS night.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELORS

Click [HERE](#) for the Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

We are excited to share highlights from the year and things we have been working on. We are proud of the work we do with students and we really appreciate the opportunity to partner with all of you to accomplish these things. We are a part of a great community of students, parents and teachers who all work hard to accomplish great things and we are honored to work beside you! [LINK to End of Year Report](#).



SENIOR INFO

Caps and Gowns will be handed out at the graduation rehearsal **Tuesday, May 13th from 1:30-3pm** in the D'Evelyn Auditorium. Attendance required for all Seniors!

The **Senior Banquet** is for all senior families to come together one last time. It will be on **Wednesday, May 14th from 6-8** at Baldoria on the Water, 146 Van Gordon St., Lakewood, 80228. The DEF Scholarships and our students entering the military are presented. Please RSVP by Friday, May 2nd.

The **Senior Picnic** is for Senior students only. It will be on **Thursday May 15th from 10am-4pm** at Applewood Park, 1840 Alkire Ct., Golden, 80401. Click [HERE](#) to volunteer for this event.

Graduation is on **May 17th from 9-11am** at Ellie Caulkins Opera House. Seniors arrive at 8am.

Make sure all **school fees** have been paid on Campus before the graduation rehearsal.

COLLEGE VISITS

There are no more college visits planned for this school year. Thank you to all the reps for who shared information for their various organizations. We look forward to college visits starting again in the fall.

TEACHER APPRECIATION CORNER

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9

The schedule for “Tales of a BookWorm” week is set and the SignUpGenius is live. Please go to the link below to see if there is anything you would like to help out with from donating food items for meals to helping set up days for the staff. If putting together gift bags is more your style there is a need for help with that as well. Thanks for anything you can do to help out.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FABAB2CA1FEC52-56231379-teacher>

Some **new items were put on the wishlist** for raffle prizes and books to help start a “Little Library” for the staff to share their favorite books. If you would prefer to stay local, you can also give a \$10-\$25 gift card to your favorite bookstore or cafe and give it to the office in an envelope with “Teacher Appreciation” written on it.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UGNA3B4544MN?ref=wl_share

If you have any questions or ideas please email Sarah McBride at teacherappreciation.def@gmail.com

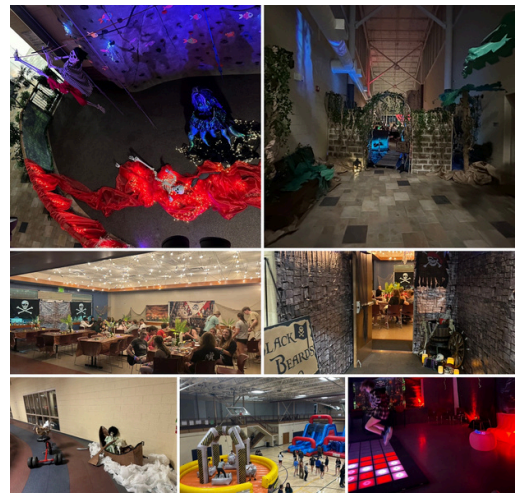
AFTER PROM WRAP-UP

A huge shout out to all the 85+ volunteers that helped create a fun and memorable After Prom for our students! Many hands made lighter work to transform The Ridge into the Pirates of the Caribbean theme. Volunteers also staffed activities, prepped and served food, checked in students, stored student belongings and helped clean up the event in record time.

Extra special thanks goes out to those who planned the event; Design Leads: Emily Acosta, Jennifer Bountry, Lisa Colehour, Melanie Erdmann, Tana Lane, Cindy Perlman, Kara Pharis, Leanne Pekarek and Jennifer Zedalis. Food Leads: Tena Harris & Yana Kim. Montage Coordinator: Julie Vanek and Raffle Coordinator: Kristi Gulley. It couldn't have been done without them!

We're also fortunate to have the support of families and businesses that donated to our free raffle, food, decorations, games, prizes and more! We couldn't have done this without your donations!

- [Dennis Sullivan, State Farm](#)
- [Iwayama Sushi](#)
- [Dr. Justin Petracek at Standley Shores Dental Group](#)
- [The Vanek Family @ Green Mountain Dental](#)
- [Class 101 College Planning - Denver West](#)
- [Gulley Metal Services](#)
- [Monty Nuss Photography](#)
- [Vision Photography](#)



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!

D'EVELYN JR/SR
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
Next meeting May 13, 2025



Thank you to those who attended the April Accountability meeting! As always, please check our Accountability [webpage](#) for the latest updates and announcements.

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to the 2025/26 School Improvement Plan presentation. The draft will be posted soon. A special thanks to all Accountability members who contributed their time and effort to this plan; it is comprehensive, well-structured, and thoughtful. The recommendations presented were detailed and carefully considered. The plan was unanimously approved by all members present at the April 8, 2025, meeting.

If you missed the meeting, we encourage all parents to attend the upcoming Steering Committee Meeting on Monday, April 21 at approximately 5:15 p.m., where the presentation will be repeated.

We were also fortunate to have a large group of new teachers join us. Also, a thank you to Mr. Beams for being so helpful and supportive of our committee this year! Mr. Beams and Elise Weber are the new instructional coaches and we think this will be a great benefit to the school. Thank you to teachers present and for giving me a great opportunity to put my interview skills to work. Wendy Doyle who teaches Pre-Algebra and Algebra/Geometry 2 has been teaching for 18 years and is an adjunct professor with the University of Colorado Denver. Alex Brigham who teaches Art, talked about her art installations, art techniques, and amazing artwork her students do in class. John Crossley teaches American Literature and 9th Grade Literature and Composition, shared his favorite books and love of teaching. Izzy Torbay Matias, is a Spanish teacher from Caracas Venezuela; we discussed how involved the Spanish dept at D'Evelyn is. Tracy Powers teaches seventh grade English, gave us a lot of great feedback and stayed for the SIP presentation. She also shared her experiences teaching in both private and public schools. Jason Ziegler teaches Pre-Calculus and Algebra 1; a Colorado native with 18 years of teaching experience. He generously attended two of our meetings and shared his reflections on his first year at D'Evelyn.

I hope more parents and teachers will attend future Accountability meetings as it's a wonderful opportunity to build community and stay informed!

Accountability is also where you'll hear updates from various committees and our principal. At the April meeting, we heard from :Steering Committee updates, D'Evelyn Education Foundation updates as well as principal Josh Shapiro's updates. Highlights of updates as follows; the Steering Committee candidate forum that took place on April 8, curriculum and principal reviews. The DEF is working on obtaining a video board and looking into funding options, ideas and sponsors. Principal Josh Shapiro's updates included hiring updates, survey updates, prom and sports. For complete April minutes, please visit the Accountability webpage.

Thank you so much and we hope to see you at the next meeting for our end of year celebration!

Magdalena Arbat-Pennington
Chair Accountability Committee

D'Evelyn Jr/Sr HS

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ACCOUNTABILITY

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. Our next meeting is on **Monday, April 21st, at 4:30pm**. We adhere to all state of Colorado and Jefferson County School District transparency and open meeting laws.

The meeting agenda includes time for public commentary so we can hear from our community. If you have questions, please visit our [website](#) to learn more about the unique role the Steering Committee plays at D'Evelyn Junior & Senior High School.

[Approved March 24, 2024 Minutes](#)

April 7th Meeting Highlights:

- Consent vote for SF-01-F3
- Updates from several school committees
- Discussed curricular reviews in process: British Literature and French II
- Principal's Report discussions
- Potential policy changes to CU-08-R3
- Discussed procedure for gathering and sharing SC correspondence
- Executive Session to discuss Principal Evaluation