



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

What a truly fantastic week it has been here at D'Evelyn! It warmed my heart to see our seniors embracing these final few weeks, working diligently in their academics while also finding joy in the camaraderie they've built over their years here. The energy on campus with so many events happening was simply infectious. I had the distinct pleasure of attending the D'Evelyn Junior High School Theatre's production of *The Day The Woods Came to Dunsinane* and Ms. Ford's Intro to Theatre class's performance of *Fairy Tale Medley*, and both were absolutely delightful. A massive thank you and congratulations are in order for Jen Harper, Traci Powers, Jennifer Ford, all the incredibly talented students involved, and everyone behind the scenes who dedicated their time and effort to make these productions such resounding successes! Finally, I continue to be immensely proud of all our students representing D'Evelyn in our various athletics and activities programs.

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.



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USEFUL LINKS

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

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.



10359 W. NASSAU AVE. DENVER, CO 80235

OFFICE: 303-982-2600

ATTENDANCE LINE: 303-982-5771



MAY 3 - MAY 24

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

MAY 9: LAST IMPROV SHOW

MAY 13: JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS NIGHT 6-8PM (BY INVITE ONLY)

MAY 13: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30PM

MAY 17: GRADUATION 9-11AM

MAY 19: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7PM

MAY 20: DEF MEETING 6-7PM

MAY 21: FINALS PERIODS 6-4 8:15AM-12:50PM

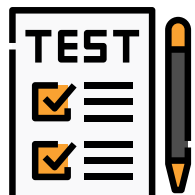
MAY 22: FINALS PERIODS 3-1 8:15AM-12:50PM

MAY 22: STUDENTS LAST DAY

MAY 23: FINALS MAKE-UP DAY

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

MAY 2025						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31



MAY TESTING

There will be MAP testing, AP testing, and Final Exams in May.

MAP testing is used, by D'Evelyn teachers, to identify student growth from the start of the year. This test does not affect student grades, but is used to inform instruction. MAP testing will correspond with **Senior Finals** on **May 8th and 9th**. Not all students participate in MAP.

Who participates in MAP test as well as the schedule can be found on the website [HERE](#).

AP testing is only for students enrolled in the AP course. AP testing takes place daily from **May 5th - May 16th**. The AP schedule can be found on the website [HERE](#).

Final Exams for the second semester will be **Wednesday, May 21st** and **Thursday, May 22nd**.

Classes will run from 8:15am to 12:50pm, Breakfast will be available, but there will be no lunch during the Final Exam Days. Students are encouraged to have a snack during passing periods.

No Exams will be offered early. Students who miss an exam will need to arrange a makeup with their teacher(s).

STUDENT FEES

The school year is winding down and it is important to be sure you have paid all the student fees for the year. All optional fees have been removed, so any remaining fees are your responsibility. **No student will receive a yearbook if their account shows any fees or if they have an overdue library book.** Click [HERE](#) to log into Infinite Campus to pay any fees, or contact the financial secretary, Ashley Schilz, with any questions ashley.schilz@jeffco.k12.co.us.



SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH: MAY



Everett Brooks - 6th

Everett Brooks is a dedicated and hardworking student who consistently puts forth his best effort in everything he does. He approaches his studies with a strong sense of responsibility and integrity, always striving to do what is right, even when no one is watching. His work ethic is evident in the quality of his assignments. In addition to his academic strengths, he is kind, respectful, and always ready to lend a helping hand to his peers. Overall, he sets a strong example for others through his actions, character, and commitment to excellence.

Ms. Panchenko - 6th Grade



Aurelia Nickum - 6th

Aurelia Nickum is a kind and thoughtful student. She puts care and effort into all that she does. She has a keen desire to learn, and she's always willing to accept feedback in order to improve her work. She is a bright light in the classroom.

Ms. McDonough - 6th Grade



Emilia Burciaga - 6th

Emilia Burciaga is hard-working, organized, kind, and knowledgeable.

She always does her best on assignments, and she also has demonstrated an outstanding amount of integrity throughout the school year. In addition to being a superb student, she is kind and supportive to her classmates. She truly embodies the values of D'Evelyn.

Ms. Whitty - 6th grade



Ford Stratton - 6th

Ford Stratton is such a solid presence in the classroom. His work ethic is exemplary, and his demeanor is cheerful and upbeat. He is the first one to arrive in class, gets work done in an efficient and high-quality manner, and is always respectful and kind. In short, Ford is the type of student that helps make D'Evelyn the special place it is.

Ms. Zgabay - 6th Grade

SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH

CELEBRATING *National Library Month*

CURRENT CHECKOUTS

We're currently enjoying **460** books out in the community; however, as the end of the school year approaches, we kindly ask for your help in returning them so we can properly inventory and prepare for next year. Please note the due dates:

Senior Books: This Friday, May 2nd
Grades 6-11 Books: Friday, May 16th

Your timely return is especially important as we wrap up the year. Thank you so much for your help!

REQUIRED READING

Remember those required reading books from previous years (or even this one)?

Consider donating them to the library! Our required reading section, with hundreds of donated books, is a go-to for students who need a spare when they forget or don't have one.

Your donation can be a real lifesaver! Please think of us during locker clean-out! All conditions accepted.

SENIOR INFORMATION

Backup your Google work! Your jeffcoschools.us account will be archived in July. Use **Google Takeout!** It's easy! Need help?

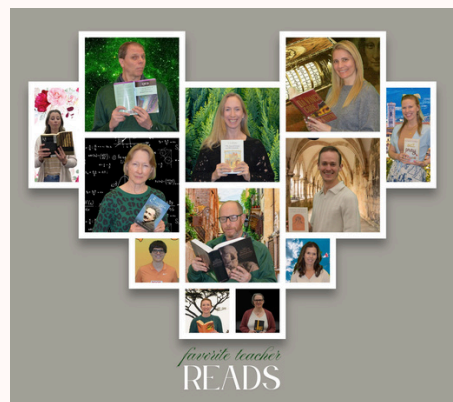
Come to the library or use our **Tech Tip!**

As a part of Jeffco Public Schools 1:1 technology initiative, all seniors received a district issued and owned Chromebook.

As graduation nears, you will be responsible for returning your Jeffco owned Chromebook, along with the charger after finals or last AP test!

FAVORITE TEACHER READS

Have you noticed some new posters around the school featuring our wonderful teachers? We've asked some familiar faces to share the books that have inspired them, brought them joy or simply captured their imagination. It's a fantastic way to learn a little more about the people who guide our children every day!



SUMMER READING

Register for **JCPL Summer Reading** & Help Our School Win!

- Register: Include your school!
- Read: Every book counts!

•Engage: Complete activities School Challenge: Beat last year's finishers for a shot at a trophy & \$800 library prize!



D'EVELYN LIBRARY

August 2024 - April 2025

AVERAGE STUDENT VISITS/DAY

Students using the library space to read, research, study, learn, think, reflect and work before school, during lunches, 7th hour and after school.



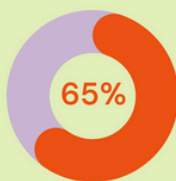
CLASS INSTRUCTION

- Research collaboration:
- Eastern Civilizations
 - Library Orientation
 - Life Science
 - Western Civilization
 - World Geography



CIRCULATION STATISTICS

TOTAL CHECKOUTS = 4236



Books checked out in junior high (6-8)



Fiction (2336)
Nonfiction (1166)
eContent (459)



Books checked out in high school (9-12)

COLLABORATION

Genre Collections | Carousels (6th)

Speed Dating with a Book w/ JCPL (8th)

Research, Databases & Citation Tools (7th, 9th, 10th)

TOTAL COLLECTION

9620

WEEDED TITLES

490

NEW TITLES

200

TECH SUPPORT

Accessibility
Digital Tools
Extensions
Password Reset
Printing Support
Repairs = 192
Vivacity Tickets = 90
Part Orders = 135
Resetting Devices

Hours Open: 41.5 hours/week

Library Support = 35.5 hours/week

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/>



GIRLS TENNIS

Our Girls Tennis team has done it again, proving they are a true powerhouse in the state by clinching yet another Regional Championship! Our entire varsity line-up has qualified for State. They're heading to Colorado Springs May 8-10 to battle it out for individual glory and prove themselves as the best tennis players Colorado! Let's send them off with a huge wave of support!

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Boys Volleyball continues to achieve significant milestones in what is becoming a historic season. They completed league play with a perfect 12-0 record, securing their second league championship in program history. The team finished the regular season ranked #2 overall in 4A with a 20-3 record. They will be a CHSAA 4A regional tournament host this Saturday, offering them an opportunity to qualify for the 4A State Championships scheduled for May 8-10 in Colorado Springs. Come out to watch them compete against #23 DSST Conservatory Green at 2pm on Saturday and #15 Kipp Collegiate at 5:30pm!



GIRLS SOCCER

Girls Soccer has set the pitch on fire the last few weeks! Their impressive run started with a tie with rival and #2 State ranked Green Mountain and ignited the switch that saw them win four of their next five games to push their state ranking to #20 overall. At 7-6-1 overall, the 4A post-season will start next week and our Jags have positioned themselves for a fun playoff run!



ATHLETICS

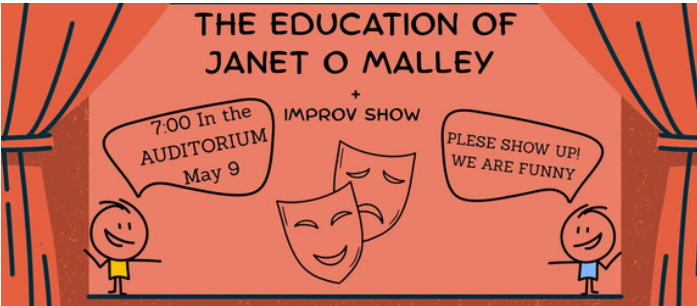
D'EVELYN MUSIC CONCERTS

The D'Evelyn Auditorium will be filled with the sounds of music next week.

Monday at 7pm: 6th - 8th Grade Choir Concert
Tuesday at 7pm : 6th - 12th Grade Orchestra Concert
Wednesday at 7pm: 9th - 12th grade Choir Concert
Thursday at 7pm: 6th - 12th Grade Band Concert

Come support these amazing musicians.

LAST IMPROV SHOW



The last improv show of the year will be on Friday, May 9th at 7pm. Come see the improv troop melodrama, *The Education of Janet O'Malley* and improv show. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

JUNIOR HIGH PLAY

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Junior High play on a very successful run! These 6th-8th graders took a rather difficult Shakespearean spoof and made it entertaining and fun for everyone. Special thanks to our High School leaders who were amazing directors and mentors and made this an unforgettable experience for our Junior Highers. Thanks to everyone who joined us for the shows. We'll see you next year!



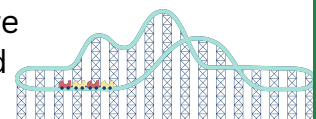
HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Chamber and Philharmonia Orchestras performed at the Colorado West Music Festival in Grand Junction on Thursday, April 24. Our musicians competed at Palisade High School and represented D'Evelyn in fine fashion. Along with our superior rating, our Chamber Orchestra was selected as outstanding class 4A String Orchestra! Way to go!



DENNISON'S LAKESIDE NIGHT

Dennison's Lakeside Night will be on May 14th from 5:30-10pm. Tickets are \$20. Use the [LINK](#) to purchase a ticket and then pick it up at a designated D'Evelyn table the night of the event. Hope to see you there. [FLYER](#)



NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR HIGH COUNSELORS

Click [HERE](#) for
the Newsletter

SENIOR INFO

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Click [HERE](#) for
the Newsletter

COUNSELLING NEWS

Baccalaureate will be on **Sunday, May 4th from 4-7pm** in the D'Evelyn Auditorium. Email Katie Arbuthnot with questions or to volunteer katiejasn@yahoo.com

Senior Finals Thursday, May 8th and Friday, May 9th.

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**. We will have a Tuscan style self-served buffet. This includes: Lightly Breaded Chicken Breast Topped with Lemon Chardonnay Sauce, Smoked Fontina Mashed Potatoes, Classic Beef Lasagna with Ricotta and Fresh Parmesan, Grilled Tuscan Style Veggies, Toasted Garlic Bread Let us know if you have allergy or gluten free accommodations. [Email Ashley.schilz@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:Email.Ashley.schilz@jeffco.k12.co.us).

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**. Seniors need to be dropped off at the Stage Door at 1345 Champa Street by 8:00am. Guests may enter through the main lobby. Garage parking available in the Denver Performing Arts Complex located on both 13th Street and Arapahoe Street. ([Link for Directions](#))

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



FINALS CARE PACKAGES

Volunteers are needed to pack and distribute finals care packages on May 20th from 1:00pm to 3:15pm. Please use the following link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054EAFAC2DA31-56423459-finals>

TEACHER APPRECIATION IS NEXT WEEK

May 5th - 9th



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. **We still need multiple food items for lunch on Monday and desserts on Thursday.** Thanks for anything you can do to help make it a special week for the staff.

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

Thanks for all the generosity we have a few raffle prizes and books left on the list. If you would prefer to share a favorite spot, 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

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 JUNIOR/SENIOR HS ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE



Some 2024/25 Achievements:

- **D'Evelyn School Improvement Plan 2025-26 School Year**

- **Hosted the following guests:**

D'Evelyn parents with active participation.

Adam Kelsey, Athletic Director and course offerings.

Dennison PTA co-Chairs.

Student Voice, Student Council, National Honor Society, Sources of Strength.

Counseling department, English Department, other committees (SC, DEF).

Multiple teachers, including new D'Evelyn teachers.

- **Community and D'Evelyn Relations:**

Officers attended the Dennison PTA meeting.

Sent official document to the Superintendent requesting additional campus supervisors.

Participated in Back to School Night, New Parent Orientation and Multicultural Night.

Weekly Jagtracks communication, eye-catching flyers.

Emailed back parent questions and answers.

- **Within the committee:**

Created and adopted Norms and Rules of Operation documents.

Kept an updated and striking website.

Accountability Committee Chair User Manual,

School Improvement Plan Dates and Guidelines,

Sample documents for new officers to use: agenda, meeting Jagtracks articles, flyers,

- **Presentations:**

School Improvement Plan, , Communications and public messaging,

Data – Why it's needed and where does it come from? School Performance (UIP)

SEL presentation, Steering Committee presentation, Budget Review,

Jr Counselor presentation, Multicultural Night organizers.

Next meeting: May 13, 2025, 5:30-7:30m

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, May 5th, 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 April 7, 2024 Minutes](#)

April 21st Meeting Highlights:

- Approval vote for British Literature Curricular Review
- Updates from several school committees
- Principal's Report discussions
- Accountability Committee School Improvement Plan Presentation
- Executive Session to discuss Principal Evaluation