



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

Greetings and welcome back to all D'Evelyn students, faculty, staff, and families! As I step into my third year as your principal and we continue to build upon over 30 years of excellence, I am eagerly anticipating welcoming back our students and families for what promises to be an outstanding 2025-2026 school year. I believe strongly in the work we do here, and I am always proud to say that my two children attend our school. We will be welcoming new staff members this year, and I know that we will come together as a school community to continue D'Evelyn's rich history of student achievement.

Our school's philosophy, as articulated in our Founding Document, is "based on the belief that all students, not just an elite group, should be held to rigorous academic and behavioral standards, and that all students can achieve in a challenging program." This educational environment emphasizes independent, analytical reasoning, mastery of basic academic subjects, and the development of the "whole student," encouraging qualities like courtesy, respect, and self-control. Central to our success is maintaining good discipline and order to cultivate an atmosphere truly conducive to effective teaching and learning.

To uphold these foundational principles and significantly enhance our learning environment, we are implementing a comprehensive "**Away for the Day**" no cell phone policy. You should have also received a [SchoolMessenger](#) notification today at 3:00 PM with more detailed information about this new policy.

Again, welcome back. I look forward to a year of continued excellence at D'Evelyn Junior-Senior High.

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.



ATTENDANCE INFO

Please use Infinite Campus Parent Portal to update your students attendance This can be done through the [website](#) or the App. Click [HERE](#) for directions as well as the attendance policy.

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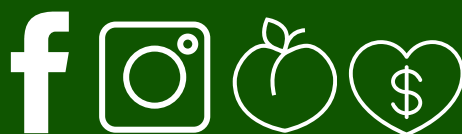
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USEFUL LINKS

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



AUGUST 2025

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AUG 18: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

AUG 18: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4-8PM

AUG 19: FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS 8:15AM-3:15PM

AUG 21: 6TH GRADE PARENT OUTDOOR LAB MEETING 6-7PM

AUG 22: JUNIOR HIGH BBQ AT CLEMENT PARK 5-7PM

AUG 25: PICTURE DAY

AUG 25: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

AUG 27-28: MAP TESING

AUG 27: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6-8PM

AUG 29: EARLY RELEASE 2:15 - XC DASH

SEP 1: NO SCHOOL

SEP 3: SENIOR PARENT MEETING

SEP 8: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

SEP 9: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30PM

SEP 15-18: 6TH GRADE TO OUTDOOR LAB

SEP 19: NO SCHOOL

SEP 19: 6TH GRADE SCHEDLUED CONFERENCES

New Staff

This year, we are lucky to welcome several new staff members to our team.

- Ryan Bazz - AP Junior High (L-Z) / Activities Director
- Nick Colangelo - AP Junior High (A-K)
- Odie Tucker - Resource Officer
- Kristi Jost - Post-Graduate Secretary
- Cindy Cannon - Math
- Emily Smith - Math
- Mary Lynn Vander Ploeg - 6th Grade
- Kirstin Miller - Music
- Melanie Zgabay - English
- 2 new Campus Supervisors



New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation is on **Monday, August 18th . 8:45am - 12:30pm**, is for new 6th and 7th graders, and **10am-12:30pm**, is for new for 8th and 9th graders. This is for new 6th and 7th grade students. Students will need a printed copy of their schedule and a pencil. This will be a chance for students to find their classes and talk to some teachers. Pizza will be provided, however, students are welcome to bring a sack lunch.

A water bottle is recommended.

Student Fees



Please take time to review and pay your student fees. Click [HERE](#) to log into Infinite Campus, or contact the financial secretary, Ashley Schilz, with any questions ashley.schilz@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Junior High Social

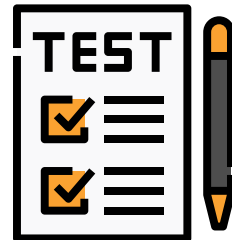


The Junior High Social Committee would like to invite all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade families to the annual Summer BBQ on **Friday, August 22nd from 5-7pm** at Clement Park, 306 W. Bowles Avenue, Littleton, Pavilion O.

There will be grilled items available and each family is asked to contribute a side and volunteer. This is a great chance to connect with other D'Evelyn families. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP and [HERE](#) to sign-up.

Map Testing

Students will complete MAP testing in subjects ELA and Math this coming week. This District assessment helps measure student growth in reading, writing and math for students in grades 6-10. We will be on a block schedule to ensure students complete the MAP assessments on both days: students will attend periods 1-3 on **Wednesday, August 27th**; and 4-6 on **Thursday, August 28th**. Contact Assistant Principal Amber Cannizzaro with questions (amber.cannizzaro@jeffco.k12.co.us).



Back to School Night

We are excited to invite you to Back to School Night on **August 27th**. This event provides parents the opportunity to meet teachers and administration, receive an overview of content and classroom expectations, and determine best methods for communicating directly with teachers. This year's Back to School Night will be held at D'Evelyn following the schedule below.

- 6:00 PM - All parent meeting - Main Gym
- 6:30 - 8:00 PM - Parents rotate to 6 classes following student schedules

Parents will have the chance to hear opening remarks from D'Evelyn's principal, Josh Shapiro, and follow their student's class schedule to meet their teachers. Class periods will be carried out in 10-minute increments with 5-minute passing periods. Over the course of the evening, you are encouraged to visit each of your child's classes in accordance with the bell schedule.

Due to limited classroom spacing, this event is for parents only and we ask that students not attend. Additionally, please have access to your student's class schedule, which you can access through the Infinite Campus.

Back to School Night is an important opportunity to build strong relationships within our community. We look forward to seeing our families as we set out on the 2025 - 2026 school year.



Drop-Off and Pick-Up

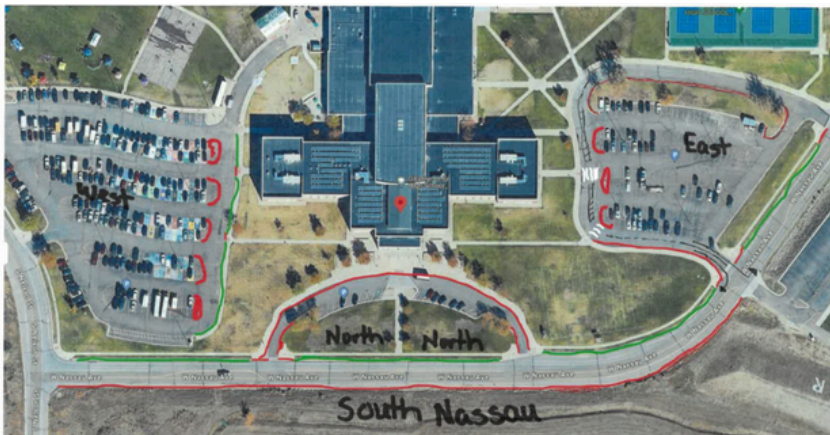
In an effort to keep everyone safe, we need our entire community to help us with following the rules and procedures around our student drop-off and pick-up (see photos for more details). Please allow time so you are not rushed, avoid u-turns, and be mindful of staff and students in the crosswalks.

Thank you for your help!



NO PARKING
TICKETING AREA
South Side
Nassau
NO U-TURNS ON
NASSAU

Maintain 2 lanes
No Parking in Red area on maps



No Parking in red areas. South side of Nassau is an area you can be ticketed.

Green is for pick up after school

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Fall Sports



Be sure to support our student-athletes this fall!

Click the sport below for more information.

[Football](#), [Softball](#), [Boys Soccer](#), [Boys Tennis](#), [Boys Golf](#),
[Cheer](#), [Cross Country \(XC\)](#), [Girls Volleyball](#)

Cross Country (XC)



This summer, the D'Evelyn Cross Country team, led by our dedicated seniors, had an amazing summer of training. Our seniors organized runs at diverse locations across Jefferson County—from Waterton Canyon to Clear Creek—giving runners a variety of fun places to run.

Highlights included a run at Crown Hill Park followed by ice cream from Em's, a Slurpee run at Stone House, and a run at Bear Creek Lake Park with sticky popsicles. The team even did a night run with headlamps and glow sticks!

Despite the challenges of summer schedules, participation grew from just a few runners to over a dozen at our final sessions. A huge thank you to our seniors for organizing such a successful program!

Marching Band

The D'Evelyn Marching Band will have their first performance on Saturday **September 13th** at the JeffCo Marching Festival. The festival is at Jeffco Stadium at 6th and Kipling. Come out and support the band as they go for their 13th State Championship.

To further support the Marching Band, come to the one-day **Mattress Sale Fundraiser** on **September 20th** from 10am-5pm. There will be adjustable bases, mattresses, protectors, and pillows available. This is an opportunity to not only get an unbeatable deal, but support a great cause. Click [HERE](#) for more information and a coupon.

Check for upcoming events on our [Athletics Calendar](#).
Follow our athletics Instagram page [@develynathletics](#)
for updates and celebrations!

News From the Junior High Counselors

Click [HERE](#) for the Newsletter



News from the High School Counselors

Click [HERE](#) for the Newsletter

News from the Social Emotional Learning Specialist

Kelli Benninghoff, D'Evelyn's SEL, is excited to welcome everyone back to school next Tuesday. Click [HERE](#) to see some tips for returning to school after summer break.

Scheduling

All scheduling changes need to be requested by August 22nd. Contact your counselor by then for any requests. To see the rules and policy regarding schedule changes, click [HERE](#).

Parent Mentoring

New Parents: Welcome to D'Evelyn! If you are interested in having a parent mentor help you throughout the school year, please sign up at this link.

<https://forms.gle/s8SuwKP4r96EMEXN6>

Returning Parents: Welcome Back! If you are interested in becoming a mentor for a new family, please sign up at this link. <https://forms.gle/3h8pwTtCZbZNUXW16>

Mentoring might be grabbing a cup of coffee or just answering questions by email. It can be whatever you decide.

College Night

Save the Date, College Night will be on September 24th at 7pm. We are so excited to welcome Jeffrey Selingo, a New York Times best selling author, as our speaker. Tickets will be \$10, look for more information on how to purchase them soon.



Mentoring

Become a Mentor - **Calling all 10th, 11th and 12th graders**, if you would like to be a mentor please fill out the enrollment form found [HERE](#). It's a great way to take a leadership role and make a difference in a younger student's life.

Become a Mentee - **6th and 7th graders** if you would like to join the mentoring program please fill out the enrollment form found [HERE](#).

All Forms are due by August 29th along with a \$10 fee.



WHAT? D'EVELYN JUNIOR/SENIOR HS ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

WHO? Parents, students, teachers and admins



WHEN? Sept 9 , 2025 5:30pm-7:30pm

WHY? Meet other parents and staff
Work on the School Improvement Plan
School updates.
Parent Q&A

HOW? Show up!
or Please Sign up:
DHS Library

WHERE? Virtual tbd



Communication between parents, students, administrators and community

*Sponsored by the D'Evelyn Accountability committee

The D'Evelyn Steering Committee is excited to begin another school year and welcome back the community. Our mission is to govern the school, to protect the liberal arts philosophy, and to assure that the direction of the school is maintained. We are excited to work with all stakeholders and we welcome everyone to attend our meetings and learn our role in the school.

Last week, we hosted our annual welcome-back breakfast for all staff which included a speech by former science teacher Bryant McKellips, and returning math teacher Cindy Cannon. Our founders Carolyn DeRaad and Kathi Pitzer were also in attendance and shared the importance of using 'ABC' Communication and why the founders emphasized this model. Click [HERE](#) to read an article by founder Les Burch, about this communication model, which was formerly printed in the March 1996 Jag Tracks.

We would like to thank exiting committee members Melinda Bochner, Ariaahn Knoedler, and Lori Aguiar for their time and commitment to D'Evelyn.

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, August 18th from 4pm - 8pm followed by Monday, August 25th from 4:30pm-6:30pm.**

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 that 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.