



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I want to thank our students, staff, families, and community members for a successful first week of school. It was inspiring to see our new 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders attending orientation, getting familiar with the D'Evelyn way, meeting their teachers, and making new friends. I was so impressed by how warm and welcoming our entire staff was toward students, families, and each other that day. This same level of respect and school pride continued throughout the week.

I'm also incredibly excited to share the news that D'Evelyn has been ranked #1 in the state! This is a huge accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire community. We also recently received the 2024 John Irwin School of Excellence Award and had the highest SAT scores in the state! To celebrate, we are planning a brief pep rally on Wednesday, August 27th, in the morning. We are thrilled to announce that Superintendent Tracy Dorland will be joining us to speak and celebrate this outstanding achievement. The pep rally will be emceed by D'Evelyn alum and the voice of the Rockies, Reed Saunders. To further commemorate this amazing accomplishment, we are getting t-shirts for all students and staff.

This will be a great opportunity to build school spirit and celebrate our students' achievements, including their impressive adherence to the new cell phone policy. Due to limited space, this celebration is for students and staff only. I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has been working hard to organize this special event.

I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 27th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is an important opportunity for parents and guardians to meet teachers, learn more about the curriculum, and understand specific expectations for each class. Please have a copy or access to your student's class schedule via Infinite Campus. As a reminder, this event is for parents and guardians only.

I'm also looking forward to seeing everyone at our Junior High BBQ at Clement Park today from 5-7 PM!

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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USEFUL LINKS

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



[Link to Master Calendar](#)

AUG 23 - OCT 4

AUGUST 2025

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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 6-7PM

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

SEP 20: BAND MATTRESS SALE 10AM-5PM

SEP 22: SC MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

SEP 29-3: SPIRIT WEEK

OCT 2: JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR CONCERT

OCT 3: HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME 4-7PM

OCT 4: HOMECOMING DANCE 7-10PM (HS ONLY)

Picture Day

Picture day is on **Monday, August 25th**. Students will be sent down for pictures during their History class. Picture makeups will be on Thursday, September 4th before/after school, during lunch, and during 7th hour.



Early Release

Please mark you calendars, **Friday August 29th** is an Early Release day. All stunts are released at 2:15. The west parking lot needs to be cleared by 2:30pm to accommodate the buses and vehicles for the DASH track meet.

D'Evelyn is #1

D'Evelyn has been ranked the #1 High School in the state by U.S. News and World Report. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the criteria as well as other statistics.

D'Evelyn also received the highest SAT scores in the state.

Lastly, we were a recipient of the John Irwin School of Excellence Award. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this honor.

Student Fees

Please take time to review and pay your student fees. Note, the class fee includes a planner and a student ID and you do not have to pay for the OPT fees. Click [HERE](#) to log into Infinite Campus, or contact the financial secretary, Ashley Schilz, with any questions ashley.schilz@jeffco.k12.co.us.

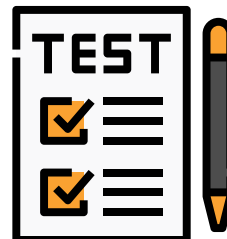


Announcements

If you are interested in having the daily announcements sent to you, click on “Announcements” from the home page then click on the following icon,  which can be found on the right near the top of the page, then fill out the subscription.

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.

Senior Parent Meeting

The fall Senior Parent Meeting will be on **September 3rd 6-7pm**. This meeting will contain a lot of information including deadlines for the year, how to order caps and gowns, and what other items you and your student should be working on. All senior parents are encouraged to attend.

Good day everyone. As the 2025-26 school year begins, this is a friendly reminder about the issues we typically see with respect to the intersection of S. Kipling and W. Nassau. As our enrollment at D'Evelyn has continued to increase, so has the volume of traffic. This has led to major congestion and backups. It is imperative that those using this intersection when leaving the school understand the importance of negotiating the right turn onto S. Kipling properly and legally.

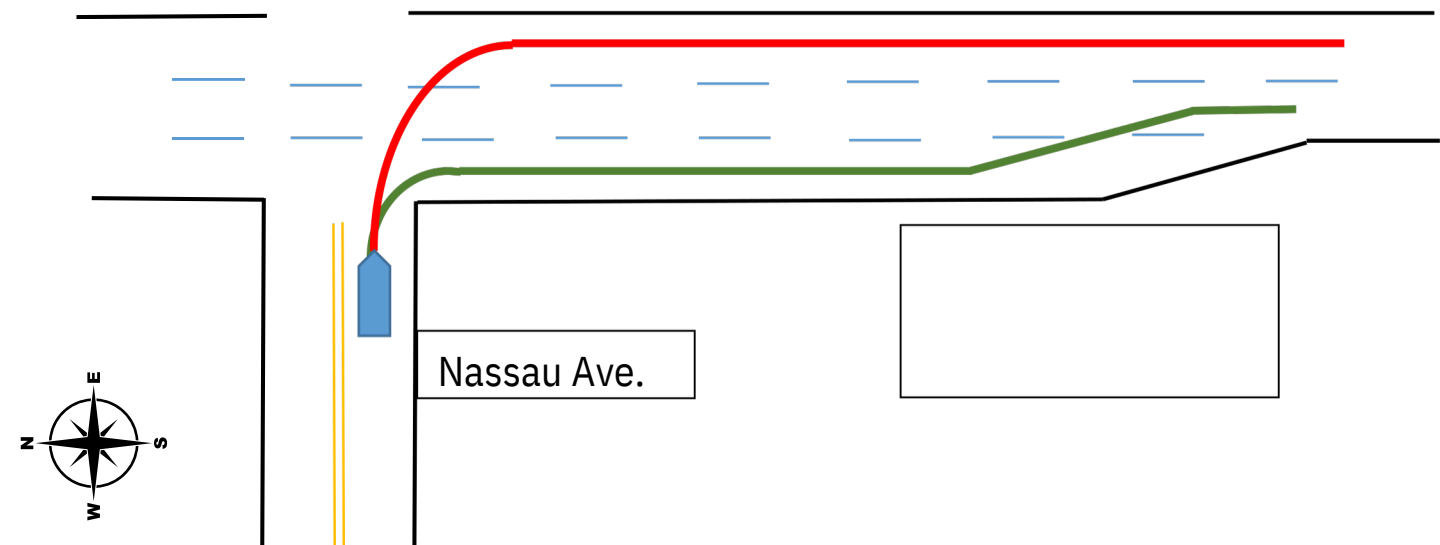
The primary cause of the congestion problem at the intersection is drivers making illegal right-hand turns to get onto S. Kipling St. What many people are doing is sitting at the stop sign and waiting for a break in southbound Kipling traffic so they can then shoot across all traffic lanes in order to get into the far left lane to make a U-turn at Quincy to go northbound on Kipling. This is illegal as well as very frustrating for other drivers who are stuck in line waiting to make that right turn correctly to proceed southbound on Kipling.

The goal is to correct the situation through education and then enforcement (if necessary). It is the sincere hope that the education part of the equation will correct the problem. If not, there will be enforcement activities and issuing of citations to violators.

The two traffic violations often observed are people making an illegal right-hand turn and obstruction of traffic flow. Per the Colorado Traffic Code, a right-hand turn must be made as close to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway as practicable. The right lane continues long enough to allow you to accelerate and then merge safely into traffic going south on Kipling. The other violation is obstructing traffic. If a driver loiters at the stop sign for the purpose of waiting for a break in southbound traffic to make the turn illegally, that falls under obstruction of traffic flow. These violations carry a 3-point penalty assessment each and total fines of up to \$160, if cited.

Below, is a diagram to illustrate the proper way to negotiate the right turn from Nassau onto Kipling. It also illustrates what constitutes a violation.

Correct path: 
Violation: 



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](#)

D'Evelyn Youth Basketball

ATTENTION 6th, 7th, and 8th graders interested in playing basketball this winter, team placement is **Sunday, Sept 7**. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer which contains the times and how to register. See you in the gym!



Girls Softball



Congratulations to our Varsity and JV Softball teams for their dominating wins yesterday against Mountain Vista. Varsity run ruled them in the 3rd inning and opened up their season with a great victory. Shout out to Junior Myla Seda for her grand slam!

The Jags have their league opener tomorrow at Bear Creek. Good luck ladies!

Marching Band

The D'Evelyn Marching Band will have their first performance on Saturday **September 13th starting at 4:45pm** at the JeffCo Marching Festival. The festival is at Jeffco Stadium, at 6th and Kipling, and will contain performances from several Jeffco high schools. Click [HERE](#) for tickets. 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

Kelly 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.

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 DEF will be having their first volunteer meeting on Aug 28th in the school library from 5:30-6:30pm. We will discuss opportunities for volunteering for fundraising and social events throughout the year that support our students and school community. We also have a video option for those who can't make it in person.

DEF Member Meeting

Thursday, August 28 · 5:30 – 6:30pm

Time zone: America/Denver

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ims-zgxn-xsa>

Please confirm your attendance here:

<https://calendar.app.google/bkGVwuxf6e661GVs5>

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **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.

[Approved May 19, 2025 Minutes](#)

August 18th Meeting Highlights:

- Principal's Report
- Policy training from two of D'Evelyn's founders
- Discussion of our summer reading book "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt
- Updates from admin on Personal Technology Policy, and consent vote of said policy
- Consent votes for new DEF board members and SIP
- Further discussion of possible amendments to SF-01-R3