



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

What an amazing week we've had at D'Evelyn! Things kicked off with a truly awesome Trick or Treat Street on Saturday. We had a huge crowd with over 700 kids, and everyone had a great time! A big Shout Out goes to Megan Bender and all the students, staff, and clubs who made it a success. Right after, D'Evelyn Disguise put on a fantastic improv show—thanks for the entertainment!

I also enjoyed watching our volleyball team play on Wednesday, and it was fun to see everyone show off their spirit today by dressing up for Halloween. I'm especially excited to watch our football team play their Senior Game—the last one of the season!

We also have spectacular news about our Marching Band! I went to the State Championship in Grand Junction on Monday, and they were incredible. A massive Congratulations to Matthew Morrisette and the band for their dedication and for bringing home 2nd place in the State!

It's wonderful to see our students doing so well in all areas—in the arts, on the fields, and in the classroom. Thank you for your continued support of D'Evelyn!

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](#)



NOV 1 - DEC 13[Link to Master Calendar](#)**NOVEMBER 2025**

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NOV 3: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

NOV 11: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7PM

NOV 11: VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY 2:15-3:15PM

NOV 13: WINTER SPORTS PARENT MEETING 6:30-7:30

NOV 17: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

NOV 18: D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING 6-8PM

NOV 19: 8TH GRADE PARENT/STUDENT NIGHT 7-8PM

NOV 24-28: THANKSGIVING BREAK

DEC 1: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

DEC 2: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-6:30PM

DEC 4: D'EVELYN OPEN HOUSE 6-8PM

DEC 5: JUNIOR HIGH DANCE 6-8PM

DEC 8: JH BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERT 6-7:30PM

DEC 8: SH BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7:45-9:15PM

DEC 9: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-6:30PM

DEC 9: PROSPECTIVE STUDENT/DENNISON NIGHT 7-8PM

DEC 10: SH CHOIR/BAND/ORCHESTRA CONCERT 6-7:30PM

DEC 10: JH BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7:45-9:15PM

Junior High Dance

We're thrilled to announce the first-ever Junior High Winter Dance (theme TBD) happening on **Friday, December 5th from 6:00–8:00 PM!**

This exciting event is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Tickets will be \$5 per student, sold online. We're are looking for volunteers for setup, clean-up, and chaperoning. Come enjoy music, food, games, and a chance to make new friends while celebrating the season! Mark your calendars now – this is one event you won't want to miss! **The links for ticket purchase and volunteering will be sent out soon.**

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Torbay for winning November "Teacher of the Month." She was described, by students, as a very good Spanish teacher. She makes class fun and "deserves a promotion."

Congratulations Ms. Torbay. 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.

Winter Sports

Attention all parents of students participating in Winter Sports, DHS Athletics will host our preseason information night on **Thursday, November 13th at 6:30pm**. Our Athletic Director, Adam Kelsey, will share general information and expectations for the season.

Registration will close on **Friday, November 14th** so get this done ASAP. If you have questions please reach out to Mrs Raczynski, beth.raczynski@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Remember you will have a short time to register for for these sports, no exceptions!



Scholars of the Month: October



Safwana Ali - Grade 11

Safwana has been proactive in her learning all year. I have had the joy of watching her struggle through difficult problems truly desiring to understand and grow her knowledge of mathematics. Safwana has seen every test grade rise as a result of her own hard work. She deepens her understanding of the content and advocates for herself everyday building a skill set that will take her any direction she wants to go in her bright future.

- Mr. Otterstetter



John Famariss - Grade 12

An exceptional student and a quiet leader, John Famariss possesses a combination of intellectual rigor and genuine modesty. His dedication to learning translates directly to results; he has maintained a nearly flawless assessment record, missing just a single question across the first four tests. John is equally valuable as a resource for the entire classroom, consistently working hard and helping his peers gain clarity on the most challenging material.

- Ms. Weber



Vihaan Jones - Grade 8

Vihaan is scholar of the month because he is hard working and models everything students should do to be successful at D'Evelyn. He always works hard to stay ahead of his work and asks great questions. He does a great job staying on top of his studies and we are lucky to have him here!

- Ms. Courtney



Avery Pila - Grade 7

Avery excels as a 7th grade in Algebra 2, while participating in cross country and track. Avery has an excellent attitude and is a role model to her peers.

- Ms. Doyle

Voices and Visions

Attention Senior High Students!

Do you love writing and art? Come be apart of the Voices and Visions editing team! You'll help design this year's portfolio, showcasing D'Evelyn Students' exceptional creative work. Come to the interest meeting next Tuesday, November 4th, in Mrs. Blairs room w212 during 7th Hour. Don't miss your chance to be apart of D'Evelyn's Literary and Arts community

D'Evelyn Artists

If you who are interested in seeing some of the great work that our Visual Arts students are creating, including Inktober, follow us at, https://www.instagram.com/develyn_artists/



Marching Band

Congratulations for the Marching Band who finished in 2nd place at State on Monday. They worked hard all season and should be immensely proud. Yay Band!



ACTIVITIES



Veteran's Day Assembly

Please join us as D'Evelyn honors our nation's heroes with our annual Veterans Day Presentation on **Tuesday, November 11**. We warmly invite you to bring family members and friends who are **current or former military veterans** to attend guests. Please arrive at **1:45 PM** to sign in and relax before the event begins; we will provide cupcakes, coffee, and water. Veterans and their families will be asked to proceed to the gymnasium around **2:20 PM**. We look forward to honoring the men and women who have served our country.

Trick or Treat Street Update

A big shout out to everyone who made Trick or Treat Street a success! We had a great turnout and set a new record **raising \$1,000** for the Jeffco Action Center. Thank you Jags!



Athletes of the Month - October



As a freshman in Cross Country, Emily Gradwohl immediately stepped up, earning a varsity spot for the entire season through unwavering hard work. She's not just a dedicated athlete, but an amazing student, demonstrating an impressive ability to balance rigorous academics with athletic performance. On the course, Emily was our team's top runner at the League Championships. Beyond the clock, her positive attitude and strong work ethic have been a constant source of inspiration to the team.

Congratulations Emily!

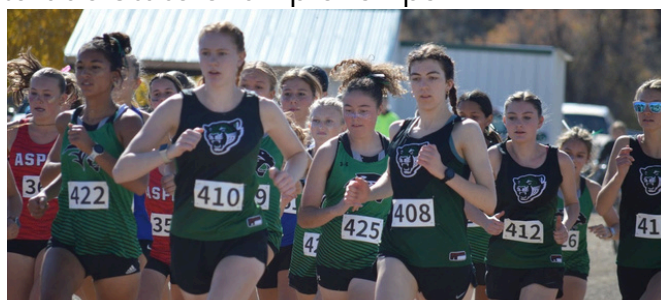
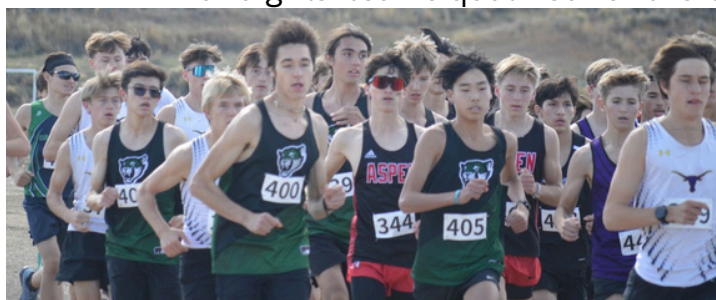
A Senior on the Boys Soccer team, John Famariss is one of our team captains and starting center back, AKA "Lock Down John." John is the anchor of our defense! He plays the entire match without coming off the field, holding the back line with remarkable discipline, focus, and poise. He's even scored two goals so far this season, which is impressive for a defensive center back and a reflection of his drive to help the team in every way possible. His calm demeanor under pressure, and his leadership both on and off the field helps the entire team and embodies what it means to be a true Jaguar athlete. Beyond his athletic excellence, John demonstrates outstanding character. He approaches every practice and game with commitment to be his best and help all of his teammates do the same. He encourages others, leads by example, and maintains the right temperament no matter the circumstance. John's consistency, leadership, and integrity make him an invaluable part of our program and a true example of what it means to represent D'Evelyn with pride.



Cross Country

DHS XC State Bound! Cross Country Success in Craig

The D'Evelyn Cross Country team is celebrating a successful regional meet after both the boys' and girls' teams qualified for the Colorado State Championships!



Ethan Brill delivered a powerhouse performance, finishing 4th overall with a time of 16:46.7, followed by Dom Lampert (8th) and Arlo Wilson (10th) setting a strong pace for the team's 3rd place finish. Emily Gradwohl led the girls' effort, placing 14th overall with a time of 21:17:65, followed by Claudia Creel (15th) and Chloe Ainslie (19th) helping propel the team to their 4th place qualification.

We are incredibly proud of these dedicated athletes. Join us in cheering on the Jaguars at the State Cross Country Championships this **Saturday, November 1st**, at the Penrose Equestrian Center in Colorado Springs! Go Jags!



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

Click [HERE](#) for the Newsletter

Seeking Private Tutoring Resources

Counseling is hoping to create an updated private tutoring list for families in search of outside resources. We are hoping for tutoring resources who are familiar with working with D'Evelyn students. If you can recommend a private tutoring resource, please complete the following Google Form, [Recommended Private Tutors](#), so we can include your recommendation in our updated list.

Thank you so much for your help.

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.

Using Securly Home

When school devices leave district property, our wifi restrictions do not go with them. If you want to make sure your child's device is only being used for school purposes you may want to check out **Securly Home**.

Securly Home gives parents control over their child's school device when it goes home, including web filtering, site restrictions, and monitored screen time.

Installing App and Logging In

- [Installing the Securly Home App](#)

Securly Home Basics

- [How to Use](#)
- [Basic Guide to the App](#)
- [Getting Started Video](#)
- [How to Create an Offline Schedule](#)
- [Securly Home App Support](#)



WHAT?

D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Accountability

WHO?

Parents, students, teachers and admins



WHEN?

November 11, 2025 5:30-7:30

WHY?

School Improvement Plan
Learn about D'Evelyn.
Share ideas, concerns & experiences.
Volunteer opportunities.

HOW?

Show up!
Please Sign up:

WHERE?

DHS Library
or by Virtual link



ACCOUNTABILITY

Communication between parents, students, administrators and community

*Sponsored by the D'Evelyn Accountability committee

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 time, items, or money toward any of the following events. If you have any questions or want to help outside of the options provided below please email Sarah McBride at teacherappreciation.def@gmail.com



Click [HERE](#) for the full Newsletter containing a variety of chances to support teachers.

Fun Run & Fall Fest Update

Thank you to all who were involved in planning, running, and fundraising for the FUN RUN and helping bring the fun to our first FALL FEST!

We raised \$18,945 and had over 180 runners participate.

Special kudos to our fundraising leader:

Bennett Vogel and runner up Avery Schmitt

Our race winners were:

- 6th Grade - Torrin Larson and Ruby Crabtree
- 7th Grade - Alex Zieman and Avery Pila
- 8th grade: Izzy Bailey and Kellen B
- High School winners were Ethan Brill and Charlotte Collard and Maria Kienitz



D'Evelyn Sponsor

DEF is currently seeking business sponsors for the 2025-26 academic year. If you are interested, please email fundraising.def@gmail.com

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the 3 package options. [FLYER](#)

To learn more about what DEF is working on, click [HERE](#) for the prospectus.

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, November 3rd 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 October 6th, 2025 Minutes](#)

October 20th Meeting Highlights:

- Public Commentary
- Discussion and Vote - CU-06-R and ST-01-R
- Principal's Report
- Discussion PED Policy ST-06-R4
- Discussion and Vote - UIP
- Discussion of Budget Reduction Blueprint
- Discussion Colorado Healthy Kids Survey
- Committee Updates
- Discussion of CO School of Mines pilot

Click [HERE](#) if you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Steering Committee board as well as contact information for the board.

Healthy Kids Survey

D'Evelyn High School students only, will participate in the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Colorado Healthy Kids Survey. The survey will be given on **November 17th during 7th hour.** Please take the time to look at the survey questions and opt-out if you choose to. Students are not required to take the survey and D'Evelyn does not use any of the data collected from the survey. The links for the survey as well as the opt-out form are below. More information about this will be sent out through messenger next week.

[High School Survey](#)

[Opt-Out Form](#)

Scan the QR code if you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at D'Evelyn.

