



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

There is a lot of important information in this issue of Jag Tracks. I would encourage everyone to please read this issue in its entirety.

A huge Shout Out to Noah Otterstetter, Darren Ray, Kristen Monzel, Will White, Kari Newell, Sandra Goldsborough, Olivia Schott, Amber Cannizzaro, Ryan Bazz, Adam Kelsey, Nick Colangelo, Jan Skelton, Doug Reeb, Case Collard, David Belmonte, Kay D'Evelyn LaMontagne, the NHS students, and the students who presented during the Student Life session for helping to make yesterday's Prospective Student Information Night Showcase successful. We had a great turnout and received a lot of positive feedback.

I also want to give a Shout Out to the Mentoring Club for holding an amazing Cookie Decorating Party today!

We have entered the season of choice enrollment in Jeffco Schools. The 1st Round Choice Enrollment window will run from December 2nd, 2025 - January 9th, 2026. This is a critical window for all families, but particularly those interested in enrolling their students at D'Evelyn for 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in 2026-2027. I would appreciate current D'Evelyn families sharing this important information with their neighbors, friends, and acquaintances who may have interest in D'Evelyn for their student(s). Please [click here for information on enrollment](#). We also have additional information on enrollment in this issue.



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](#)



DEC 6 - JAN 24

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

DECEMBER 2025

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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 #2/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
 DEC 12: TRI-M WINTER BALL 7:30-10PM (D'EVELYN HS ONLY)
 DEC 15: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM
 DEC 17: FINALS 1ST - 3RD 8:15AM-12:50PM
 DEC 18: FINALS 4TH - 6TH 8:15AM-12:50PM
 DEC 19: FINALS MAKE-UP ALL OTHER STUDENTS NO SCHOOL
 JAN 7: STUDENTS RETURN / START OF 2ND SEMEMSTER
 JAN 7: PROSPECTIVE STUDENT NIGHT #3 7-8PM
 JAN 12: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM
 JAN 13: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-6:30PM

Prospective Student Information Nights

For families interested in learning more about the D'Evelyn program please attend one of our upcoming Prospective Student Information Nights. Attendance at one of our information nights is **required** for all new families interested in attending D'Evelyn.

We will host these events on: **December 9th at 7pm, and January 7th at 7pm.**

All prospective students must be entered into the D'Evelyn lottery in EnrollJeffco if they wish to seek enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. This includes the younger siblings of current D'Evelyn students, children of D'Evelyn staff, and students currently attending Dennison Elementary School. We enroll new students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Finals Schedule

Wednesday, December 17th

8:15 - 9:40 1st Period
 9:50 - 11:15 2nd Period
 11:25 - 12:50 3rd Period

Thursday, December 18th

8:15 - 9:40 4th Period
 9:50 - 11:15 5th Period
 11:25 - 12:50 6th Period



There will be no lunch period during the Final Exam days, so students are encouraged to have snacks available during passing periods and as appropriate once testing is complete in a class.

Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria from 7:30 - 8:10 am on both days.

We do not offer early Finals Exams. In the event that a student leaves early for vacation or is sick and misses Final Exams, make-up exams may be scheduled with the teacher(s) on **Friday December 19th** or will be taken after Winter Break.

Winter Break for students begins at the conclusion of the final exams on Thursday at 12:50pm

The Spring semester will begin for students on **Tuesday, January 7, 2026.**

Speech and Debate

Congratulations to Tyler Feighny and Aidan Hettich who won the D'Evelyn Invitational Speech and Debate tournament held before Thanksgiving. Way to go!



Scholars of the Month: November



MacKenzie Koon - 8th Grade

MacKenzie joined the D'Evelyn community a couple of weeks into the school year. When she came on her first day, she had already completed most of the work from what she had missed and she completed the rest with alacrity. She has showed the same diligence, focus, and hard work ever since. She asks for support in order to grow in her school work and she is faithful to her assigned work. She works with a smile on her face and I love seeing how she is settling into D'Evelyn, both academically and with a strong friend network. I love having her at the school! - Mr. Beams (Social Studies)



Padraig Murphy - 12th Grade

Padraig Murphy is an excellent student and human being. During his time in AP U.S. History, I had the opportunity to watch Padraig grow as a historical thinker, writer, and public speaker, and I wish all of my students tackled the challenges of a rigorous liberal arts education with the same humility, dedication to personal growth, and curiosity as he does. Eager to improve his academic skills, Padraig actively seeks out feedback from teachers in situations where his peers would remain passive. During his junior year, his natural intelligence shone through in myriad class discussions and primary source activities. Padraig's love of learning and optimistic disposition are infectious and invigorating -- I would love to have a classroom full of Padraigs every day for the rest of my teaching career.

- Mr. Carson (Social Studies)



Van Willis - 7th Grade

It is a true pleasure to have Van in my World Geography classroom. He enters every day with kindness, a sense of humor, and a desire to not only be a successful learner himself but to see others around him succeed. He holds himself to the highest of standards in academics while still seeing the value in mistakes. Van, I am very grateful you are a part of our D'Evelyn community! - Mr. Gause (Social Studies)



Adelyn Volz - 12th Grade

Adelyn Volz is the quintessential D'Evelyn student, who is taking in everything that our rigorous program has to offer, via academics and sports, and is leveraging it in becoming exactly the kind of person our Founders desired and envisioned producing. She has an endearing work ethic that is inspiring and contagious. She is ever so kind and thoughtful, with an enormous heart. And she will for certain make D'Evelyn proud as a future alumni, making the world a better place around her. And speaking for my entire Social Studies department, she was unanimously chosen, as every teacher spoke ever so highly of her. Thanks, Addie, for your contribution to D'Evelyn! You are indeed a Rock Star!

- Mr. Daly (Social Studies)

Heart of D'Evelyn

The Heart of D'Evelyn is awarded to students who exemplify the core values laid out in the Founding Document: responsibility, honesty, self-control, kindness, and fairness. Congratulations to: **Noah Rael, Elijah Mott, Adelina Daley Spires, Lexie Johnson, Anna Wagner, Robert Rettig, Mila Kessler, Brooks Fleener, Jack Harp, Sophie Morris, Bailey Pedross, Clinton Kessey, and Ruby Kilgore** for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.



Music Concerts

Come hear from our amazing music students on **Monday, December 8th or Wednesday, December 10th**. Both concerts will feature the same performances, just in alternating order.



On Monday, the Junior High bands, choir and orchestra will perform from 6-7:30 followed by the High School band, choirs, and orchestra from 7:45-9:15. On Wednesday, the order is reversed with High School students performing from 6-7:30 and Junior High students from 7:45-9:15. We hope you can join us on one of the two nights.

Youth Celebrates Diversity

Youth Celebrates Diversity is selling Candy'O'Grams for \$2, with one dollar going to the Human Rights Campaign and the other going to support Youth Celebrates Diversity so we can continue to promote cultures and diversity at D'Evelyn.

Stop by the table in front of the cafeteria during lunch from **Monday, December 8th through Friday, December 12th**, write a card for your friends, and they will be delivered during 7th hour on Tuesday December 16th by Youth Celebrates Diversity club members. People can buy more than 1 candy cane to help support the Human Rights Campaign and Youth Celebrates Diversity.

Tri-M Winter Ball

Tri-M is excited to host their winter ball on **Friday, December 12th from 7:30-10pm**.

The theme this year is, "White Christmas." Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased through the link [HERE](#). This event is for D'Evelyn High School students only.



Upcoming Band Fundraiser

The band has several upcoming fundraisers, more information will be available soon:



Skate City Littleton on **Thursday, December 18th 6-8pm**

\$7 Admission & \$5 Skate Rental

Junior High Travel Opportunities



Interested in having your child travel to visit important historical cities in the United States over Spring Break? We will be holding an important meeting on **Thursday, January 15, 2026** in the D'Evelyn Library at 6:30pm. We will discuss our upcoming trips to Washington, DC in March of 2027 and to New York City and Boston in March of 2028. **NOTE:** These trips will only be available to students in the Junior High when the trip happens. Don't miss your chance to hear about these amazing trips.

Reserve your spot today by going to this website: <https://rsvp.efexploreamerica.com/z4sxrcy>

Voices and Visions

6th-12th graders, do you have exceptional poetry, prose, 2D or 3D art you would like to showcase in D'Evelyn's literary and art anthology? Submit to Voices and Visions. Info flyers are around the school or fill out the link in your grade's Google Classroom. **Submissions close January 31st.**

Winter Sports

Be sure to support our student-athletes this winter!

Click the sport below for more information.

[Boys Basketball](#), [Girls Basketball](#), [Girls Swim & Dive](#)

Girls Basketball

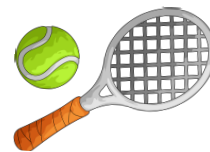
Girls Basketball has once again started the season undefeated in their opening games. They opened the season on the road at St. Mary's Academy and notched an easy war up win 62-12. Staying on the road (literally for hours), the girls took on the field at the Skyline Tournament in Longmont, opening with a 56-36 over Greeley West on Wednesday. Last night they won in thrilling fashion, notching a 52-50 victory over Thompson Valley. Tomorrow, **December 6th**, they will complete the tournament vs. Canon City at 9:30am. Go Jags!



Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball kicked off the season on Monday with a convincing opening win over Stargate by a score of 62-46. The boys fell short on Wednesday to a talent rich Denver West team by a score of 57-48. Next up at Lakewood tomorrow, **December 6th**, at 1pm for a fun Jeffco neighborhood match up!

Girl's Tennis Interest Meeting



Any high school girls interested in joining the girl's tennis team this spring, please come to the cafeteria during 7th hour on **December 8th at 2:30pm**. Coach Jamari Heydari will host a meeting to meet the team and share plans for the Spring 2026 season.



Baseball Fundraiser

Baseball fundraiser collecting shoes. Please bring gently worn, used and new shoes. Drop off boxes in front of school and by the lunch room Dec.7th - Feb 27th.

Winter Break Sports Camp Program for Grades 2-8

DHS Athletics is excited to announce a new partnership with **AIM Sports Camps** to bring a **multi-sport program** to D'Evelyn during upcoming school days off!

- **Who:** Boys & Girls in Grades 1-6
- **When:** January 5th & 6th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- **Led By:** DHS Coaches and Varsity Student-Athletes!



Not only will your young athlete have a blast, but **ALL proceeds directly support D'Evelyn High School Athletics!**

Check out the [FLYER](#) for details and registration!

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

Private Tutoring Resources



If you are seeking private tutoring resources, click to see the recommended [outside tutors list](#).

Counseling is still seeking additional 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.

Enroll Jeffco

Completing enrollment is important because it helps our school plan ahead and helps our district prepare for staffing, budget, student resources and more. Even if you are enrolled this year, we need every family to enroll for the new school year.

Round one of enrollment for the 2026-27 school year opened on **Tuesday, December 2nd**. Visit our enrollment page, <https://develyn.jeffcopublicschools.org/enroll>, to learn more about how to complete your enrollment in EnrollJeffco. **Round 1 ends Friday, January 9th**. **Results will be sent to families on January 20th**



COUNSELING

For more information about upcoming college visits and counseling activities, follow us [@devcounseling](#) or visit [Counseling's website](#).

Finals Care Packages

Volunteers needed to help fill finals care packages! Please join us in room L200C of the library on Tuesday, December 16th from 1:45pm to 3:15pm. Sign up using this link [HERE](#).



DEF Giving

The D'Evelyn Education Foundation is the 501(c)(3) fundraising organization for our school. They annually raise money to support scholarships, each sports program, each music program, as well as individual teacher and department requests. All donations received from the three yearly asks support all D'Evelyn students. It is that time of year to open your hearts and your wallets and donate as little or as much as you can to support D'Evelyn. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) for all the ways to support D'Evelyn throughout the year.

DEF Scholarships Going Live

The DEF scholarships will be going live December 19th. DEF annually gives over 20 scholarships to D'Evelyn students. Click [HERE](#) to visit the DEF scholarship page to find more information.

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

Adopt A Teachers' Treats Day

We want to make sure our teachers feel appreciated throughout the year so we are going to do something special for them each month. If you want to help with this endeavor you can adopt the teachers for a month through the link below [HERE](#).

Amazon Wishlist for Teacher Appreciation

The Amazon Wishlist [HERE](#), has items on it for events and gifts throughout the year so we aren't scrambling at the last minute to get donations. Please check out this wish list throughout the year to see what items you can purchase to help with Monthly Teachers' Treats, Holiday gifts, and Teacher Appreciation week. It will be updated throughout the year as the needs change. When checking out please select to send the item to Sarah McBride so she can collect all the items to package for the Teachers.

Cookie Exchange for Staff

We are also doing a cookie exchange for the staff. Families bring in their favorite holiday treat to share with the staff. If you want to bring in a treat to share please sign up on the Sign Up Genius [HERE](#).

ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

D'EVELYN JR/SR HS



ACCOUNTABILITY

Next meetings:

December 9, 2025, 5:30-7:30pm

January 13, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm

School updates, Principal Report
School groups and committees
School Improvement Plan



DHS Library

In person: 5:30-7:30pm

Virtual link:

<https://dorsey.zoom.us/j/95106219675?pwd=Bi7s3lmhJLohGNo7nWTNWt7VNPXF54.1>

Communication between parents, students, administrators and community

*Sponsored by the D'Evelyn Accountability committee

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, December 15th 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 November 17th, 2025 Minutes](#)

December 1st Meeting Highlights:

- Curriculum Review : Physics
- Vote to Approve Physics CR
- Principal's Report
- Upcoming Events
- Committee Updates
- Vote to Approve amendments to CU-07 and CU-07-R
- Executive Session

We are still looking for one more interested parent to join Steering starting next year. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about becoming a member of the Steering Committee board as well as contact information for the board.

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

