



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I am incredibly proud of the exceptional work our students, teachers, and staff do every day. Their dedication to excellence is evident in everything we do. I am also deeply grateful for the strong partnership we have with our parents and families, which contributes significantly to our success.

Shout Outs & Notable Achievements

- Speech and Debate Team: A huge Shout Out to the members of the Speech and Debate Team who won awards at the Chatfield Chill Speech Tournament on December 6th!
- Jag Cheer Team: Another huge shout out to the Jag Cheer team for their outstanding State Championship Finals performance last night at the Denver Coliseum!
- Music Concerts: The Junior High and Senior High Instrumental and Choral Music Concerts were just spectacular! A huge Shout Out to Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morrisette, Mr. White, and all of the students for the outstanding performances last Monday and Wednesday. It was a huge honor for me to be able to play guitar with the Level 2 Concert Band!

Community Engagement

- Accountability Committee Meeting: I would like to give another huge Shout Out to everyone who attended last Tuesday's Accountability Committee meeting. I was really impressed with the meaningful conversations we had.
- Prospective Student Information Night: We had another successful Prospective Student Information Night last Tuesday. There was a large turnout, and we received a lot of positive feedback. A huge Shout Out to Keith Beams, David Belmonte, and everyone who helped with the event.

Important: Choice Enrollment Window is Open

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 the 2026-2027 school year.

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 13 - JAN 31

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

DECEMBER 2025

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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DEC 15: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

DEC 16: DEF MEETING 6-8PM

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 SEMESTER

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

JAN 15: EF JH TRAVEL MEETING 6:30-7:30PM (CURRENT 6TH & 7TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY)

JAN 19: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - NO SCHOOL

JAN 20: DEF MEETING 6-8PM

JAN 26: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM



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 **Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**

Click [HERE](#) for a suggested Fall Finals Study Plan.

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. Morrisette for winning December "Teacher of the Month." He was described, by students, as so kind, very fun, and an effective teacher. He is "AMAZING" and the "BEST." Congratulations Mr. Morrisette.

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.

Attendance Reminder

Please ensure you report your student's attendance via the [Parent Portal](#) early in the morning. Logging in just a few minutes before you need your student may not reach the office staff due to system delays. Once reported, remind your student to pick up their pass from the Attendance Office. They must exit through the front door and show their pass to the security officer. Students should not exit without a pass. This applies to all grade levels, 6th through 12th. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the attendance policies.



Dazzling Jags

Congratulations to **Iman Mustapha** for being named the “D’Evelyn Winner” of the Sertoma Club’s annual 8th grade essay contest! Students were challenged to write a succinct essay (200-300 words) about “What Freedom Means to Me.” As our school winner, Iman’s name will be etched onto D’Evelyn’s Freedom Week plaque, and she will be celebrated at a Sertoma luncheon, along with other Jeffco winners, in February. To read her award-winning essay, click on [this link](#).

Congratulations to the band students who performed at the 9 News Parade of Lights on

Saturday. They represented our school well. If you missed it, you can watch it on YouTube [HERE](#).



Upcoming Band Fundraiser

The band has upcoming fundraiser:

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

\$7 Admission & \$5 Skate Rental

Yearbooks Make A Great Holiday Gift!

Have you purchased a yearbook for your student(s)? Yearbooks were NOT sold at registration this year, so please don't miss out on your opportunity to order one. So far, we have only sold 350 yearbooks, which makes us think that folks may be expecting a yearbook they did not reserve. Don't miss out on the 2025-2026 Paw Prints Yearbook. If you have questions, please direct them to [Kristen Monzel](#). Happy Holidays! Click the [HERE](#) to order, school code **55011**.

Speech and Debate

Congratulations to the members of the Speech and Debate Team who won awards at the Chatfield Chill Speech Tournament on December 6. Three of our Lincoln-Douglas



debaters made it to finals: Nathan Ziv, Michael Morrissey, and Reese Ascione. Nathan received a gold medal for going undefeated, while Michael and Reese won silver medals. Great job! Pictured: Nathan, Michael and Reese standing on the dais waiting for the announcement of award winners.

Prospective Student Information Nights

For families interested in learning more about the D’Evelyn program there is one more Prospective Student Night on **January 7th at 7pm**. Attendance at one of our information nights is **required** for all new families interested in attending D’Evelyn.

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.

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](#)

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!

Boys Volleyball

We are looking for the next group of State Qualifying High School Boys Volleyball Players. We placed 5th at State last year and are planning on getting back to the Big Show again this year!

We take boys with no experience and shape them into state contenders.

Sign up today if you are interested in being a part of our competitive future with a great culture! We have all of our coaches returning plus we have added 2 more! Your athlete will have great fun and get great coaching.

Sign up at this link if you are interested in trying out for boys volleyball.

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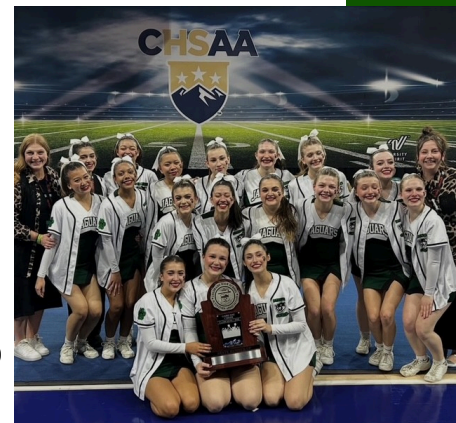
We have five open gyms coming up in the next two months.

Preliminary times/dates are below: (subject to change) Saturday, December 13th from 1-3, Saturday December 20th from 10-2, Saturday, January 10th from 3:30-5:30, Saturday, January 17th from 4:30-6:30, Saturday, February 7th from 3:30-6, and tryouts on February 16th.

Cheer

DHS Cheer is back-to-back CHSAA State Runner Up in the 2A/3A Game Day division!

After finding ourselves in 9th place overall after prelims, our Jags put on an amazing comeback performance in the Finals making up an 11 point deficit to earn 2nd place overall in the competition. A testament to the never quit attitude and positive team culture of this group! This marks our second year in a row as State Runner up to an amazing Arrupe Jesuit team.



Baseball Fundraiser

Please bring gently worn, used and new shoes to the drop-off boxes in front of the office or by the lunch room from **now through February 27th**. Thank you.

ATHLETICS

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



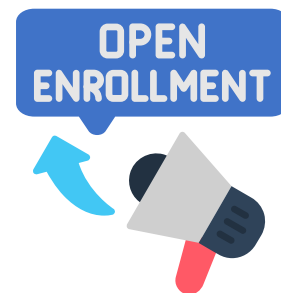
If you are seeking private tutoring resources, click to see the recommended [outside tutors list](#).

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**



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

Finals Care Packages

Missed out on buying a finals care package? You may pick one up in the financial office for \$15 on the first day of finals. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 15 scholarships to D'Evelyn students. Click [HERE](#) to visit the DEF scholarship page to find more information. **All applications are due to the Counseling office by 2/28.**

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](#). The exchange will be on **December 16th**.

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.

