



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

It was nice to return to school with the students, faculty, and staff, even though it was a short week. Classes are back in session, and I've had the good fortune of observing countless examples of productive teaching and learning throughout the school, both in and out of the classroom. I'm looking forward to this semester's events and activities.

We started our second-semester class meetings this week. Our message to all students is that while some days will be more challenging than others, it is very important to show up and finish strong. We also remind them that the benefits of the D'Evelyn liberal arts academic program will carry with them for the rest of their lives. I ask all D'Evelyn community members to join me in honoring the value of the learning experience and supporting our students in their effort to maximize learning over this school year and beyond.

We had another successful Prospective Student Information Night last Wednesday. There was a large turnout and we received a lot of positive feedback. A huge shout-out to Keith Beams and everyone who helped with the event.

Please review the [D'Evelyn Budget Process and Timeline for 2026-27](#) that was sent to you on December 8th. I will share a survey link on January 13th to gather your thoughts; your input will directly inform our Steering, Accountability, and leadership teams as we finalize our priorities for the coming year. The survey will remain open until January 27th, 2026.

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](#)



JAN 10 - FEB 28

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

JANUARY 2026

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JAN 12: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

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: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-6:30PM

JAN 20: DEF MEETING 6-8PM

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

FEB 2-6: WISH WEEK

FEB 9: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

FEB 10: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30PM

FEB 10: 2ND SC CANDIDATE TRAINING 7:30-8:30PM

FEB 13: NO SCHOOL

FEB 16: PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

FEB 17: DEF MEETING 6-8PM

FEB 19: PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:45-5:45PM

FEB 19: SPRING APORTS PARENT MEETING 6:30-7:30PM

FEB 20, 21, 26, 27, & 28: SPRING MUSICAL 7-9PM

FEB 23: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

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>

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. White for winning January "Teacher of the Month." He was described by students as, "supportive" and "really encouraging." "He is very hard working" juggling various choirs as well as the music part of the musical. Congratulations Mr. White. 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.

Upcoming Band Fundraiser

The band has an upcoming fundraiser:

Noodles & Co at 8555 W. Belview Ave. in Littleton on **January 13th 4-8pm**



Check you Students Fees

2nd semester fees are now available, so please check to see that you have paid your student fees. Log onto [Infinite Campus](#), click **More**, then **Jeffco Student Fee**

Payment. To see which fees you have paid, click the statement icon, found next to your student's name. Questions, email [Ashley Schilz](#).



Wish Week

Save the date for this year's **WISH WEEK**, which will be **February 2-6**. There are several ways that you can contribute to this cause leading up to the week.

Please help the D'Evelyn Student Council with our Wish Week Online Auction! If you have anything to donate (gift cards, certificates, trips, baskets, merchandises, etc.), please reach out to Heather Sprague at heather.sprague@jeffco.k12.co.us. Items must be delivered to D'Evelyn or emailed to Heather Sprague by January, 31st.

You can also donate by either writing a check to D'Evelyn High School with "Wish Week 2026" in the memo or through the online donation link: [HERE](#)

Additionally, please save the dates for these fundraising community events!

- **Dutch Bros Fundraiser: Saturday, 1/24, \$1 for every drink sold will be donated to Make-A-Wish Colorado!**
- **Workout for Wishes: Saturday, 1/31, from 8-9 AM**
- **Wish Week Talent Show: Tuesday, 2/3, from 5-7 PM [FLYER](#)**
 - **Talent Show Audition Form: [HERE](#)**



Speech and Debate

Congratulations to the Jaguar Speech & Debate team for winning the Jeffco League Championship just before Winter Break. Overall, the team scored more points than any other Jeffco school. Additionally, the team of Milda Kusiauskas and Aidan Hettich place 2nd in Public Forum Debate while Bishesh Pradhan placed 2nd in Informative Speaking. Ribbons for excellent performances were also awarded to Reese Ascione, Russell Castillo, Michael Morrissey, and Clara Grob in LD Debate, and the PF team of Trent Hardacre and Adrian Milbrandt. The League trophy is on display in the main office.



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. [FLYER](#)

Jeffcon

Jeffcon is an annual, one-day student technology conference that allows students to learn about various IT roles from experienced industry professionals, and explore various career paths in the field of IT. As always, our mission is to help students foster a passion for IT and to have a lot of fun while we're doing it. The day is filled with speakers, sessions, prizes, an eSports competition, and a FREE lunch! For more information, check out www.jeffcon.net

This year's event will take place on **Friday, February 6th, 2026** at Bear Creek High School. Here's a recap of last year's event; let's take a look!

Downloadable Video Link: <https://www.youtubeeducation.com/watch?v=hzejy4Sa9Fg>

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](#)

Spring Sports Registration Open

Registration for High School spring sports is **open NOW** until February 20th.

D'Evelyn offers: [Baseball](#), [Track & Field](#), Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, [Boys Swim & Dive](#), and Boys Volleyball.

How to Register:

1. Visit the [Athletics Website](#)
2. Updated Physicals: Per state requirements, you must use the new CHSAA physical evaluation form.
3. Signatures Required: Ensure both the student and parent have signed and dated all necessary documents before uploading.

Note: Students will not be permitted to participate in tryouts on 2/23 unless all registration steps and physicals are completed and approved.

The spring sport parent meeting will be on **Thursday February 19th at 6:30pm.**

For more information on registering and all D'Evelyn sports click [HERE](#).

Junior High sports are supported through [Lakewood Recreation](#). Please head to their website to register your student.

Girls Tennis Interest Meeting

Thursday, January 15th 2:30pm Cafeteria - Any Jaguars interested in joining the Girls Tennis Program this Spring should attend for important updates including uniform order information.



Basketball

Girls Basketball is currently 7-1 overall on the season and will host Bear Creek **TONIGHT at 7pm** as part of the Kipling Classic Tournament!

Boys Basketball is currently 5-5 overall on the season and will host Colorado Academy at 7pm next Tuesday in a great neighborhood match up!



Girls Swim and Dive

Girls Swim and Dive continues to impress after the winter break, finishing 2nd overall among 3A teams in the Jeffco Relays meet last week. The girls now face back-to-back meets with a league match up tonight and then on to the Smoky Hill Invite tomorrow morning! Wow - Good Luck Jags!



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.

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.

College Visits

Hosting [college rep visits](#) gives students a chance to learn firsthand about schools, ask questions, and make personal connections with admissions officers. These visits during 7th Hour, help students discover new opportunities and make more informed college decisions. Students in Grades 9-12 are welcome to attend and must sign up in advance through Naviance.



DEC PTA Scholarship

The Dennison Eagle Community PTA annually gives two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who attended Dennison. Click [HERE](#) to find the application. All applications are due to Dennison by **April 1st**.

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

DEF Annual Gala

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Gala will be at The Botanical Gardens At Chatfield Farms on **April 11th**. We are so excited to start building a beautiful event! Please join us on **Friday, January 9th at 7pm** if you can make it to gather, snack, sip and talk about all things Gala-planning. Committee spots available:

- Co- Chair
- Ticketing
- Gala Games Committee
- Decor Committee
- Club and Teacher Relations Committee
- Experience Parties
- Food and Beverage Committee
- Communications and Marketing
- Auction Committee

If you can't make it but still want to participate in gala planning, contact fundraising.def@gmail.com.

DEF Scholarships Live



The DEF scholarships are LIVE. 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.

Accountability Committee's Mission

The Accountability Committees mission, in D'Evelyn, is to serve in an advisory role to the principal and the Steering Committee. They are tasked with facilitating community engagement and supporting the school's continuous improvement efforts through the School Improvement Plan.

All community members are encouraged and welcome to attend the meeting.

The next meeting has been moved to **January 20th from 5:30-6:30**. The main focus of this meeting will be the budget. Hope to see you there.

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, January 12th 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 December 1st, 2025 Minutes](#)

December 15th Meeting Highlights:

- Curriculum Review : American Literature,
- Curriculum development: AP Language & Composition
- Principal's Report
- Consent Vote: Physics CR, CU-07, CU-07-R
- CU-04 Update
- Committee Updates
- HB-25-1192 Discussion
- 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.

