



D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I am thrilled to share that yesterday evening, D'Evelyn was recognized as a 2024-25 PSAT/SAT Mathematics High Growth School by the Board of Education! Math teacher Jason Ziegler joined me at the meeting to accept this recognition on behalf of the school. I am incredibly proud of the dedication our teachers and students demonstrate every day. As our Founding Document states: "Teachers have the power to inspire interest in learning." This achievement is a testament to that philosophy in action.

The Board also recognized our "super sophomore," Nithesh Karuppasamy, for his incredible achievement in winning the 4A Boys Tennis State Singles Championship this past fall. It was a wonderful night to see D'Evelyn's commitment to excellence, both in the classroom and on the court, celebrated at the district level.

Your perspective is vital in ensuring our decisions reflect the hopes and priorities of our community. Please take a few minutes to complete the [School Budget Reduction Blueprint Survey](#) to share what you value most for D'Evelyn.

Your input will directly inform our Steering Committee, Accountability Committee, and leadership team as we finalize budget priorities for the 2026-27 school year.

- **Deadline:** The survey is open until January 28th, 2026.
- **Impact:** Your participation helps us make thoughtful, student-centered decisions that maintain the strength of our school despite district-wide funding challenges.

I would like to extend a sincere "Shout Out" to the members of our Steering Committee, Accountability Committee, and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation (DEF). We are grateful for the immense effort they put into ensuring our school continues to thrive. The participatory approach we value at D'Evelyn is essential; as our Founding Document notes: "The participatory process has its goal of building up the capabilities of the people involved."

Please visit our website to explore ways you can get involved. I look forward to seeing many of you at next Tuesday's Accountability and DEF meetings.

As a reminder, there is no school this Monday, January 19th, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I hope everyone has a wonderful three-day weekend. I leave you with a famous quote from Dr. King to reflect upon: "The time is always right to do what is right."

And finally—Go Broncos!

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal

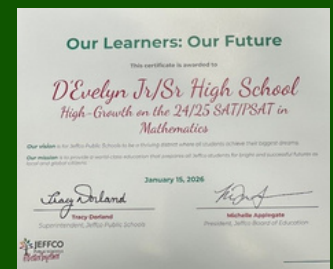
It is an honor to be your principal.

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 17 - MAR 07**[Link to Master Calendar](#)****JANUARY 2026**

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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 3: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30

FEB 7: SADIE HAWKINS DANCE 7-10PM

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

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 SPORTS 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

MAR 2: CHOIR CONCERT - HIGH SCHOOL 7-9PM

MAR 3: BAND CONCERT - ALL LEVELS 7-9PM

MAR 4: CHOIR CONCERT - LEVELS 1 & 2 7-9PM

MAR 5: ORCHESTRA CONCERT - ALL LEVELS 7-9PM

Wish Week

Meet our Wish kid **Charlotte**. She is 7 and would like a princess castle playhouse. Her favorite things include dancing, singing, and dressing up as Rapunzel. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. Thank you to those of you that have already donated.



Since 2017, D'Evelyn's Student Council has work with Make-A-Wish Colorado to grant the wishes of children with critical illnesses. In total, we have raised over \$130,000, granting 17 wishes. Thank you for your previous support.

WISH WEEK is February 2-6.

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](#)

Please share this information with your family and friends to further support this cause.

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 Click [HERE](#) to sign up.**
- **Wish Week Talent Show: Tuesday, 2/3, from 5-7 PM**

Jeffco Honor Band

Congratulations to the Junior High and High School band students who were selected to perform in Jeffco's Honor Bands. The junior high concert is on Friday, January 16th and the high school concert is on Friday, January 23rd. We are so proud of your hard work and dedication to music. Go Jags!



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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](#)



D'Evelyn Talent Show

The 2nd annual Wish Week talent show will be **Tuesday, February 3rd starting at 5pm**. This event is a great chance to see how amazing our Jags really are. The show is FREE, but donations are encouraged. We hope to see you at the show.

Sadies Dance

Cheerleading will be hosting the annual Sadies Dance on Saturday, February 3rd. This is an event for Senior High Students only. More information will be announced soon.

Musical

Save the date for this year's high school musical, *Shrek*. Performances will be on February 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th and 28th. All performances will be from 7-9pm. Tickets for your assigned seat will go on sale February 1st. Come out for what will surely be an exciting and fun night!



Last Minute Senior Travel Opportunity

Interested in having your high school student travel to the Netherlands, Belgium, Paris, and London this summer? We have two spots available for this fantastic opportunity. Here is the link for more information [HERE](#) OR email Deb Holland at

dkorteka@jeffcoschools.us



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](#). To register, visit the [Athletics Website](#), submit updated CHSAA physical evaluation form, ensure both the student and parent have signed and dated all necessary documents before uploading. **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.



Boy's Soccer Fundraiser

Jags Boys Soccer is excited to officially announce the revival of the special and annual tradition - D'Evelyn Jig Jag Futsal Tournament!

This is an co-ed indoor soccer tournament hosted at D'Evelyn on **February 21st, 2026**. All students welcome-including junior high! There is a \$36 minimum donation fee required at registration. Don't miss it—sign up, spread the word, and be part of the comeback! Scan the QR codes on the [FLYER](#) for more information and to to register for the event

Boys Basketball

After a difficult 2025 season, the Jag Boys basketball team has gotten off to an excellent start with a current record of 6-5. Led by the senior trio of Blake Colehour, Clint Kessey, and Denzel Bogyah, the team has reached new heights beating larger classification teams and winning multiple games by double digits. In their most recent game, the Jag defeated Colorado Academy by 36 points, avenging a difficult loss from last year. Colehour leads all of 4A in assists and Kessey is in the top 10 in



rebounds. The strength of the team is its deep bench and improved talent from last year after a very productive off-season program. Junior Ben Goman leads the team in scoring while fellow Junior Kai Burmeister contributes with his athletic ability and hustle. Key bench contributors include Brady Ziemian, Dom Lampert, Logan Alfonso, Kurt Fedorczyk and Ronny Jhamb. As the team enters league play in the next week, the coaching staff and players are confident they can make the playoffs and surprise some opponents. Expectations are high and we appreciate all the support from the school and the students. The team encourages all D'Evelyn Junior and Senior high students to continue to attend games and cheer on this group of hard working players.

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**. If you are interested in helping, there are some 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 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

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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 and the February meeting has moved to the 3rd**. The main focus for both meetings will be the budget. Hope to see you there.

Click [HERE](#) to see the January Accountability agenda.

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, January 26th 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 15th, 2025 Minutes](#)

January 12th Meeting Highlights:

- Curriculum Reviews : Algebra 1, AP Chemistry, American Literature
- Curriculum Development: AP Language & Composition
- Honors Designation: 10th & 12th Grade English
- Principal's Report
- Committee Updates
- CU-04 & HB-25-1192 Updates
- Teacher Recruitment Discussion
- Executive Sessions

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.

