



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

It has been so good to be back in the building this week. After the whirlwind of the last several days, walking back through the front doors on Monday truly felt like coming home.

I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for the outpouring of support I received. Whether it was a quick email, a kind word in the hallway, or just the way everyone stepped up while I was away, it meant the world to me and my family. It's one thing to talk about the "D'Evelyn community," but it's another thing entirely to experience that level of care firsthand during a tough time.

Many of you have asked about my father, and I'm happy to share that he is currently getting the care he needs. We are taking things one day at a time, but he's in good hands.

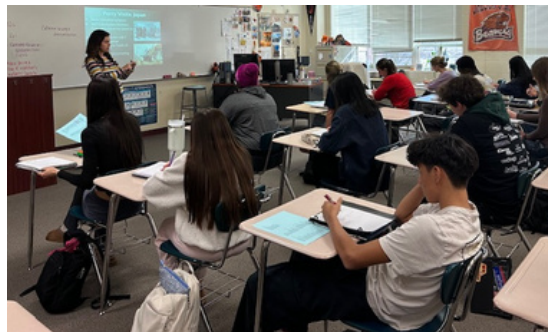
On the school front, we kicked the week off with a very productive Steering Committee meeting on Monday. I am so proud of the work we are doing together. I am also really looking forward to all of our Wish Week activities coming up. It's always such an inspiring week for our school, and I can't wait to see our students and staff come together for such a great cause.

I've missed the daily energy of our school and I'm so happy to be back with everyone.

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.



Kari Newell's Class

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](#)



[Link to Master Calendar](#)

FEBRUARY 2026

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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: 1ST & 2ND SC CANDIDATE TRAINING 6:30-8:30PM

FEB 12: SPRING SPORTS PARENT MEETING 6:45

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

FEB 21: SPRING MUSICAL 1-3PM

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

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

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

MAR 11: NEW INCOMING 6 GRADE STUDENT MEETING 6-8PM

MAR 12: NEW INCOMING 7-9 GRADE STUDENT MEETING 6-8PM

E-Bike Notice From Our SRO

Due to a growing statewide concern with the misuse of e-bikes, and in accordance with current law, electric motorcycles and electric low-power scooters are not permitted on school grounds. If one is brought to school, a parent or guardian will be required to come retrieve it.

I've included a bulletin that was shared with multiple police departments that clearly outlines which e-bikes are allowed on school property. Please note that only Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are permitted on school grounds. [LINK to Bulletin](#)

I understand this may be an inconvenience for some families, and I truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Our goal is simply to keep everyone safe and to help students avoid any unnecessary trouble. Thank you for your support. - Deputy Weber

Heart of D'Evelyn - January

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: **Lana Trader, Sophia Morris, Safwana Ali, Madelyn Guerrero, Josh Nguyen, Eve Goeke, Elizabeth Houston, Alexis Williams, Kalil Armstrong-Romero, Jamilia Rosales-Garcia, Barrett Geiger, Nelson Hughen, Wren Ives, Tessa Belmonte, Jacquelyn Morris, Finn Northrup** for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.



Scholars of the Month: January



Daniel Sias - 12th Grade

Daniel is an exceptional student that exemplifies what a D'Evelyn student should be. He is hardworking, kind, inclusive, and generous. He works hard to understand material no matter how difficult, and works with others to make sure they understand too. He has an incredible sense of responsibility and can be counted help everyone around him be a better person. -Mr. Duncan (Science)



Leanne Ziv - 10th Grade

Leanne is not only an exceptional student who works hard and pushes herself, she is also a positive presence in class. She asks insightful questions, engages fully with the material, and always has a smile on her face while doing it. She is a wonderful example of our incredible D'Evelyn students. - Mr. Duncan (Science)



Colette Marquez Conley - 7th Grade

Colette has been nominated for Science Scholar of the Month due to her excellent work ethic, positive attitude, and perseverance. Colette brings a brightness with her into the science classroom with her smile and willingness to work with her classmates during daily classroom activities. She does a wonderful job at using class time efficiently to complete her class work, work on homework, and asks clarifying questions when she needs to; she is fantastic at advocating for herself! Colette's dedication to her studies both in and out of the classroom is evident to see, which is why she is very deserving of this recognition! - Mrs. Otterstetter (Science)



Marco Dovganik - 8th Grade

Marco has keen insight in science. He is always excited to engage in the topics and eager to participate in discussions and he asks great questions. It's a pleasure to have him in class contributing to our daily learnings and discussions. - Mr. Powers (Science)

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.

You can 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!

Workout For Wishes

Work out for Wishes is on **Saturday, January 31 from 8-9am**. There is a weight class, a yoga class, and a POP pilates class offered. Click [HERE](#) to find the flyer with the QR codes to sign up.

Classes are \$10. Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck will also be here!

Spirit Days

- Monday - **Jersey Day**
 - Restaurant Night - **Cane's** (4-10pm)
- Tuesday - **Decades Day**
 - Restaurant - **Boba Zone** (All Day)
- Wednesday - **Disney Day**
 - Restaurant Night - **Chick-fil-a** (4-8pm)
- Thursday - **Jag Spirit / Welcome to the Jungle**
 - Restaurant - **Tuk Tuk Thai** (All Day), **Kona Ice Truck** at school (3-4:30pm)
- Friday- **Wish Week / Purple Out Day**
 - Restaurant - **Gunther Toodys**



[Restaurant Fundraiser Flyer](#)

[Wish Week Flyer](#)

Wish Week Swag

Student Council will be selling Wish Week bundles and shirts next week during lunch. Bundles are \$20 and shirts are \$15. All proceeds go to our Wish kid Charlotte.

Tri-M Serenades

Tri-M will be selling serenades next week during wish week in support of our wish kid! Buy a serenade for \$2 Monday through Friday of next week, and send a fun valentines gift to someone special! All funds will be a contribution to our wish kid Charlotte.

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.

WISH WEEK



Sadies Dance

Cheerleading will be hosting the annual Sadies Dance on **Saturday, February 7th from 7-10pm**. This years theme is Y2K. This is an event for Senior High Students only. Tickets are \$15 + \$1.75 fee and can be purchased [HERE](#).



National Honor Society

National Honor Society eligibility letters will be sent on January 30th both to students' home addresses and their student email accounts. All current 10th and 11th graders with a rolling, weighted cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher as of the fall 2025 semester are eligible to apply. While we strive to contact each eligible student, there are times when an eligible student does not receive a letter. They are still invited to apply! Please have students reach out to Mrs. Bender if they think they meet the GPA requirements and have questions. All eligible students received in their invitation letter a google classroom code to join the NHS Applicant Google Classroom where all necessary documents and the required application can be submitted. There will be an optional interest meeting for students on Thursday, Feb. 19th in Mrs. Bender's 7th hour for those with questions. The deadline to apply to NHS is Monday, March 2nd at 11:59pm. No late applications will be accepted. If you have any questions, please email megan.seaselybender@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information.

Sweetheart Shop

National Honor Society will be hosting the Sweetheart Shop from February 9th - 12th during lunch. There will be bags of candy for \$2, teddy bears for \$3, and a combo of both for \$4.



Spring Musical

Save the date for this year's high school musical, *Shrek*. Performances will be on **February 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th and 28th**. There is one matinee performance on the 21st at 1pm, all other performances will start at 7pm. Check the D'Evelyn website slideshow starting February 1st for the links to buy tickets. Come out for what will surely be an exciting and fun night!



Multicultural Night

Save the Date for D'Evelyn's Multicultural Night on **April 7th at 6:00 pm**. Look for more details, including opportunities to participate [HERE](#). Thank you to Student Voice, Kelly Benninghoff, and Erin Ranum.



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](#)

Athletes of the Month - January



Cal Janakus - 11th Grade

Cal Janakus is Athlete of the Month due to his outstanding leadership and selfless commitment to the Jaguar Basketball program. Cal consistently leads the JV team by example, putting the needs of the team first and doing what is right for the program both on and off the court. His positive attitude, work ethic, and willingness to support teammates have made a meaningful impact on team culture. Recently, he was asked to swing up to Varsity due to injuries and was unexpectedly pressed into action. He stepped up and performed well under pressure. Beyond basketball, Cal demonstrated his character through his efforts at a recent volunteer event with Jeffco Adaptive Athletics, where he gave his time and energy to serve others in the community. Cal's actions reflect the values of our athletic program, and he is a well-deserving recipient of this recognition.



Miriam Gaytan - 12th Grade

Senior cheerleader Miriam Gaytan has been named Athlete of the Month for her dedication, motivation, and leadership both on and off the mat. She consistently takes initiative, addressing challenges before they arise and setting a strong example for her teammates. A true student-athlete, Miriam prioritizes academics while balancing the demands of cheer, and her commitment has helped lead her team to multiple wins this season and an impressive 2nd place finish at State this year. Great work, Miriam!

Boy's Basketball Fundraiser

2-4/Wednesday: Vs Golden 2-6 /Friday Vs Green Mountain

Please come to cheer on the boy's basketball team and compete in the super fun Chuck-A-Duck Fundraiser. Purchase a cute little duck and get involved in halftime with your friends and family. \$2 per duck \$8 for 5 and \$15 for 10. Cash or Venmo! Spread the word!

Spring Sports Registration Open

Registration for High School spring sports is **open NOW until February 20th**. To register, visit the [Athletics Website](#). All requirements must be met prior to February 23rd for students to participate in tryouts. Contact [Beth Raczynski](#) with any questions.

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

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.



Seniors

Senior Montages due in Counseling by **Friday, April 3, 2026**

- The Senior Montage is a way to honor your student, celebrate and reminisce on special moments of their life thus far. A montage is simply a photo collage of highlights from your senior's life. Please start gathering some favorite photos of your senior to create this showcase of special memories. Click [here](#) for additional instructions & sizing parameters.

Digital Slideshow Pictures are due **Friday, April 3rd, 2026**

- A digital slideshow is being created which will be shown at the Senior Banquet (& shared post graduation). We need your help! Please submit pictures of your senior [here](#). We request the following pictures:
 - One (1) picture of student in kindergarten
 - One (1) senior picture
 - Two (2) pictures maximum from school events either alone or with friends/groups (band, musicals, sports, activities, honor society, clubs, prom/dances, etc.). These can be from preschool, elementary, middle and/or high school.
 - Please **DO NOT INCLUDE** family trips, family events, individual trips/accoladesIf you have any questions, please reach out to kristi.jost@jeffco.k12.co.us.

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

DEF Board Member Spotlight: Cynthia Sheldon

Cynthia Sheldon brings a lifelong commitment to education to her role as the Scholarship Committee Chair, a position she has held during her six years on the DEF Board. A retired teacher and member of PEO International, Cynthia is driven by a passion for helping students secure the funding they need to pursue collegiate or trade school dreams. Under her leadership, the DEF scholarship application process has been streamlined into a quick, user-friendly online system, offering 18 different scholarships across all academic areas. The Sheldon family is a "DEF family" through and through. Cynthia's son (Class of 2023) and two daughters (Class of 2027 and Class of 2029) have all benefited from DEF-funded initiatives—from the Swim and Dive facilities and athletic equipment for volleyball and basketball to essential classroom tools like TI-Nspire calculators and small class sizes. When she isn't advocating for student funding, you'll find Cynthia enjoying the DEF Gala or cheering on the After-Prom crew. In fact, her husband has become a community staple at the After-Prom blackjack tables (a role she "volun-told" him to take years ago!). Cynthia is currently looking forward to the installation of the new video boards this spring, eager to see how this new technology will enhance the experience for our student-athletes and the entire D'Evelyn community.

DEF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION UNTIL FEB. 28

Donate Now



As professionals, parents, and busy-schedule individuals, we all have the same goal: Help make the D'Evelyn School and Community the very best it can be! You too can help...whether a small donation of time or money, business sponsorships, or by joining various committees (or even the DEF Board) we can always use YOUR talents, donations, and your gifts of time! Join us today!

Volunteer Now!



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 **February 3rd at 5:30pm**. The main focus of the meeting will be the budget. Hope to see you there. The Steering Committee Training #2 will still be on February 10th.

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, February 9th 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 January 12th, 2026 Minutes](#)

January 26th Meeting Highlights:

- Curriculum Reviews: Honors U.S. History, AP U.S. History
- Textbook Review: Choir
- Discussion Student Contracts, AI Policy
- Discussion Course Planning Guide
- Principal's Report
- Votes: Honors Designation for 10th & 12th Grade English, Algebra 1 CR, AP Chemistry CR, American Literature CR, AP Language CD
- Committee Updates
- HB-25-1192 Updates
- Teacher Recruitment Discussion

If you are interested in joining Steering next year and missed the mandatory first training in November, there is **make-up SC training #1 on February 10th at 6:30pm, followed by the SC training #2 at 7:30pm.**

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.

