



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

Happy early Valentine's Day! As we head into the weekend, I want to take a moment to reflect on the principles that guide us. Our founding document emphasizes the importance of "respecting the individual for decision-making abilities and fostering trust among students, teachers, parents, and administrative staff" through "open communication."

In that spirit of transparency and partnership, I have a few important updates to share. Please remember that there is no school tomorrow, Friday, February 13, nor this coming Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day. Looking ahead to next week, we are hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 19, from 3:45–5:45 PM. I highly encourage you to read the rest of this Jag Tracks issue for more detailed information on conference logistics and other important happenings around the school.

It has been a joy to see our community come together recently, starting with the Sadie Hawkins dance on February 7. I want to give a huge shout-out to our Cheerleading team and everyone involved in making it such a successful and fun night for our students. I was also incredibly impressed by the effort and dedication shown by our boys and girls basketball teams, as well as our Girls Swim & Dive team, in last week's competitions.

That momentum continues next week with our upcoming musical! Our students have poured so much heart into this production, and I hope to see you there to support them. Thank you for your continued engagement and for making D'Evelyn such an exceptional place to learn.

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](#)
- [DEF Newsletter](#)
- [ACCOUNTABILITY](#)



FEB 14 - APR 3[Link to Master Calendar](#)**FEBRUARY 2026**

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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 7PM

MAR 3: BAND CONCERT - ALL LEVELS 7PM

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

MAR 5: ORCHESTRA CONCERT - ALL LEVELS 7PM

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

MAR 16: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

MAR 17: DEF MEETING 6-8PM

MAR 19: SENIOR PARENT MEETING 6-7PM

MAR 23-27: SPRING BREAK

MAR 30: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Spring parent / teacher conferences will be **Thursday, February 19th from 3:45-5:45pm**. These drop-in conferences are optional and are primarily for students who are earning D's or F's and are struggling. Teachers will be organized by departments: Science, Social Studies, and English in the cafeteria, Counseling, Math, World Languages, Electives, and 6th Grade in the small gym.

Using Securely Home

Securely Home gives parents control over their child's school device when it goes home, including web filtering, site restrictions, and monitoring screen time.

Installing App and Logging In

- [Installing the Securly Home App](#)

Securely Home Basics

- [How to Use](#)
- [Basic Guide to the App](#)
- [Getting Started Video](#)
- [How to create an Offline Schedule](#)
- [Securely Home App Support](#)



Wish Week Recap

Thanks to everyone who helped support our Make-A-Wish fundraiser by buying a t-shirt, donating through our online link, participating in our online auction, or participating in our community events. The Student Council group worked really hard to raise money to make wishes like Charlotte's come true. We are still finalizing numbers, but we have exceeded our goal of \$20,000! Thanks again to our amazing D'Evelyn community!

Spring Musical

D'Evelyn Theatre is proud to present Shrek The Musical. Based on the Oscar-winning film, Shrek The Musical is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears. Performances are [2/20 @ 7pm](#), [2/21 @ 1pm](#), [2/21 @ 7pm](#), [2/26 @ 7pm](#), [2/27 @ 7pm](#), [2/28 @ 7pm](#).

Tickets can be purchased on D'Evelyn High School's GoFan.co page. All seating is reserved. Get your tickets today, and support some amazing and talented Jags!



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.



Youth Celebrates Diversity

Black History Month - Famous African-Americans

THURGOOD MARSHALL

- ◆ Lived 1908-1993
- ◆ First African-American Supreme Court Justice
- ◆ Was a Civil Rights Lawyer and worked for the NAACP
- ◆ He was the lawyer who argued the Brown vs Board of Education case in 1954 which rejected separate but equal and declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional.



To shine a light on Black History Month, Youth Celebrates Diversity, a club that celebrates and promotes different cultures at D'Evelyn, made signs to go around the school to celebrate different African-American achievements throughout United States history. Thanks Jags!

Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate ceremony is a rich piece of D'Evelyn's graduation festivities—a student-led, non-denominational service happening before graduation. Interested in leading this effort with assistance from Elizabeth Smith? Event would be **Sunday, May 3**, if there is interest in leading.

Questions, contact Elizabeth Smith at denesmith@ecentral.com.

New Travel Opportunity



Big news D'Evelyn students, you have the opportunity to travel through Japan & South Korea on an epic experience with your friends and classmates in 2027! This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip for students currently in 8th-12th grade. Use the link,

<https://bit.ly/3MiAKWX>, or scan the QR code on flyers around the school, to register for the **ONLINE** informational meeting. You must register to attend the meeting & receive follow-up info! Questions, contact [Kari Newell](#). Click [HERE](#) to see all current travel opportunities.

Upcoming Concerts

The first week of March offers four chances to hear our amazing music students. **Monday, the 2nd at 7pm** will be the High School Choirs' concert, **Tuesday, the 3rd at 7pm** will a band concert for all levels, **Wednesday, the 4th at 7pm** there will be a concert for level 1 and 2 choirs, and on **Thursday, the 5th at 7pm** there will be an orchestra concert for all levels. Please come out and support our students.

Band Fundraiser

Marching Band has another opportunity to support the program. Come to Panda Express at 7850 W. Quincy Ave. on **Wednesday, February 18th from 9am-9pm**. [FLYER](#)



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**. 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.

HS Girls Swim & Dive

Our HS Girls Swim & Dive team is having a great season despite losing a strong senior class last year. What was expected to be a rebuilding year has turned into our best one yet, with 41 athletes on the roster, 10 individual State qualifiers, and a runner-up finish by just a few points at the 3A Jeffco League Championships. D'Evelyn was awarded 3A Swimmer of the Year (Izzie Dietzler), 3A Coach of the Year (Head Coach Linh Carpenter), and the Paul Davis Sportsmanship award. League event champions include Izzie Dietzler (100 FL), Quinn Brewster (200 IM), 200 Free Relay (Julia Clark, Sophia Bellini, Genna Ziemian, Quinn Brewster), and 400 Free Relay (Natalie Dahl, Izzie Dietzler, Julia Clark, Quinn Brewster).

We have our Lucky 13 headed into 3A State this weekend with the most individual-qualifying events in over 10 years. Prelims action starts Friday the 13th (February), 9:30am @ Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center in Thornton. Good luck to State qualifiers Izzie Dietzler, Sophia Nguyen, Addie Volz, Sophia Bellini, Phoebe Petrash, Loxley Featherman, Julia Clark, Lilyana Kimball, Quinn Brewster, Natalie Dahl, Genna Ziemian, Ava Kutis, and Victoria Hsu!



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

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](#).

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 is on **March 10th from 5:30-6:30pm.**

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, February 23rd 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 26th, 2026 Minutes](#)

February 09th Meeting Highlights:

- Curriculum Reviews: Honors U.S. History, AP U.S. History
- Discussion Course Planning Guide
- Discussion Safety Subcommittee
- Textbook Reviews: Choir, French, AP Stats
- Principal's Report
- CU-04 Updates
- Votes: Honors Designation for 10th & 12th Grade English, Algebra 1 CR, AP Chemistry CR, American Literature CR, AP Language CD, Choir TR, Honors US History
- Committee Updates

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.

