



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I am still beaming after seeing our production of Shrek The Musical. The talent on that stage was simply unreal. Throughout the night, I had parents and former students approaching me to share their amazement; "professional" is exactly the right word for what these students achieved.

To Will, Kirstin, Jen, and Adam: thank you for the insane amount of work you poured into this production. Seeing our students shine like that is exactly why we do what we do. They looked like they were having the time of their lives, and seeing them so happy and proud of their hard work was a true highlight of the year.

I also want to give a huge nod to the students for their performances, and to Ryan Bazz for his vital contributions behind the scenes.

Mock Trial: We are Headed to State!

Our Mock Trial students did a fabulous job competing in Regionals over the past two weeks at the Jefferson County Courthouse. Both teams represented D'Evelyn with distinction, with our A-Team taking second place overall.

In addition to winning the Professionalism Award, I am thrilled to announce that we are officially headed to the State competitions! Please join me in congratulating these students on their hard work and sharp legal minds.

Save the Date: DEF Gala & Auction

Finally, the D'Evelyn Education Foundation (DEF) would like to invite you to our Gala and Auction Garden Party on Saturday, April 11th at the Chatfield Botanical Gardens.

This is a wonderful adults-only night of music, food, and an open bar. It's a perfect opportunity to mingle with old friends and meet new ones while supporting our school. [Please buy your tickets here](#) and join us for a beautiful evening in the gardens.

I am very much looking forward to our concerts next week!

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.



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USEFUL LINKS

- [D'EVELYN WEBSITE](#)
- [MASTER CALENDAR](#)
- [STEERING COMMITTEE](#)
- [D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION](#)
- [ACCOUNTABILITY](#)

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.



FEB 28 - APR 4

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

MARCH 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30*	31				

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 18: SENIOR PARENT MEETING 6-7PM

MAR 23-27: SPRING BREAK

MAR 30: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

APR 1, 7, & 9: MATH PLACEMENT TEST 5PM

APR 3: SENIOR MONTAGES DUE TO COUNSELING

APR 6: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

APR 7: MULTICULTURAL NIGHT 6-8PM

APR 8: CMAS GRADES 6-8 AND 11

APR 8: NO SCHOOL 9TH, 10TH, AND 12TH GRADE

APR 11: DEF GALA & SILENT AUCTION 6-9PM

Heart of D'Evelyn - February

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: **Henry Dezort, Aleazia Negrete, Henry Lee, Veronika Derkacz, Josie Freedman, Alex Rhode, Rory Gardner, Adam Osborne,**



Aastik Marahatta, Felicity Loyd, Clem Nitschke, Adam Osbourne, Precious Kiptoo, Amelia Ramos, Isabella Meyer, Angelica Anderson, and Rory Gardner for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.

Student Safety

There have been several instances when the chains in front of the school have been broken and therefore needed to be replaced. These bright yellow chains are pulled out around 2pm and are there throughout pick-up until about 3:45pm. The school began blocking off the front, during parent pick-up, after receiving a warning from the fire department when they were delayed by parent cars during an emergency. We ask families to understand the reason for blocking off the front of the school during pick-up and to be more cautious.

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.



Congratulations NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR FINALISTS

These academically talented high school seniors scored in the top 1% of PSAT/NMSQT test-takers in Colorado in April 2025.



**Claudia
Creel**



**Monica
Foster**



**Sarah
Gee**



**Summer
Jacobs**



**Evelyn
Johnsen**



**Cael
Parker**



**Daniel
Sias**



**Rylee
Smith**

Scholars of the Month: February



Elizabeth Fudge - 8th Grade

Ellie consistently demonstrate kindness, responsibility and commitment to her academics but beyond that, she is respectful, supportive and considerate towards both her peers and teachers. She is always willing to help others. Her attitude set a positive example for those around her. I am so proud of her and she is very deserving of this recognition. Excelente!
- Sra. Torbay (World Language)



Nicolas Bellini - 8th Grade

I love Nicolas's curiosity and enthusiasm! He is excited to learn and to grow every day. His interest in history and culture, in addition to grammar and syntax rules, is inspiring for me as his Latin teacher. His big-picture perspective, accompanied by remarkable skills in logical analysis and critical thinking, make Nicolas a fantastic Latin scholar and an academic force to be reckoned with. Well done Nicolas and thank you! - Ms. Bowman (World Language)



Bjorn Borstad - 9th Grade

Bjorn is a responsible and hard working student who always tries his best in class. He comes prepared, complete his work, and stays focused during lessons. He treats others with respect and is kind and honest. He sets a great example and is a pleasure to have in class. Excelente! - Sra. Torbay (World Language)



Miles Justice-Eck - 11th Grade

Miles has a gift of language and a beautiful curiosity of the world. She is inquisitive, pushes her language learning to the next step, and always does so with respect to others and their culture. I truly appreciate having Miles in class- she brightens the room every day! Gracias Miles! - Ms. Bender (World Language)

Travel Opportunity

Only a few spots left for the 2027 Japan and South Korea trip of a lifetime. If you have a current 8th-12th grader, reach out to Mrs. Newell for enrollment information, or use this link: eftours.com/2906986AD to register. Enroll by **March 6th** to receive a \$200 early enrollment discount.



Upcoming Concerts

The music department is excited for students to demonstrate all they are learning at the March concerts. These concerts are spread out over four days, so please read carefully to see which performance you would like to attend. Students only need to attend their performance night/s. Come out and support these amazing students.

- **March 2nd:** 9th-12th Grade Choir Concert 7pm
- **March 3rd:** 6th-12th Grade Band Concert 7pm
- **March 4th:** 6th-8th Grade Choir Concert 7pm
- **March 5th:** 6th-12th Grade Orchestra Concert 7



Speech & Debate

Congratulations to Kalil Armstrong-Romero, who made it to finals in Congressional Debate and placed 8th overall at last weekend's Overland Speech Tournament. He was also elected Presiding Officer in the final round.

NHS Blood Drive

National Honor Society will be hosting their annual Blood Drive on **March 11th from 9:30am-2pm**. Anyone 16 and up are welcome to sign up, but spaces are limited (16 and 17 year olds need parental consent [FORM](#) signed). Please use the sign-up genius linked [HERE](#) to secure your spot.

The Blood Drive will be held in the teacher's lounge, please remember to enter the building through the front and sign-in prior to your time slot.

Junior High Play

We are excited to announce the Junior High spring play, "Alienated." This is a play about a group of wise-cracking students who gather to solve the mystery of a bright light and identify who among them might be an alien. Auditions for this play will be on **Monday, March 9th** after school in the auditorium, and are open to all junior high students. There is a crew member interest meeting on **Monday, March 16th** after school in the auditorium.

Spring Musical

D'Evelyn Theatre is proud to present Shrek The Musical. 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 [2/27 @ 7pm](#), [2/28 @ 7pm](#). Purchased tickets on D'Evelyn High School's GoFan.com page. All seating is reserved. Get your tickets today, and support some amazing and talented Jags!



JH Boys Volleyball

Junior High Boys Volleyball tryouts are **March 10th** for our Gold Crown League. Start preparing for your future on the #2 State Ranked D'Evelyn Men's Volleyball team. [INTEREST FORM](#)

Spring Sports

Be sure to support our student-athletes this winter!

Click the sport below for more information.

[Baseball](#), [Track & Field](#), [Girls Soccer](#), [Girls Tennis](#), [Girls Golf](#),
[Boys Swim & Dive](#), [Boys Volleyball](#)

Athletes of the Month - February

Izzie Dietzler - 12th Grade

Mama Izz (the affectionate title her carpool of “kids” call her) is at every practice early to help set-up, at every JV meet to assist, picks-up/drops-off all of the “kids” at practices/meets/home even if she is not attending, and has handled every challenge this year with poise and enthusiasm. Proud doesn’t quite encompass how we feel about Izzie’s personal growth over the last 4 years. We are in awe of her hard-earned transformation.

She is truly learning to be the best version of herself.

Izzie earned 3A Jeffco Swimmer of the Year as well as our Team’s Athlete of the Year and Team of the Year awards. She is an 8-time Jeffco League Finalist, 4-year State Finalist, All-League 1st team, All-State Honorable Mention, Academic All-State First Team, Jeffco Athletic Honor Roll, and Academic All-American.



Adam Sias - 9th Grade



Adam is a Freshman on the Pomona Wrestling team. He began wrestling ten years ago with the Pomona Elite feeder program, choosing the most competitive environment in the state to sharpen his skills alongside the coaches and teammates who helped him grow. This commitment paid off with two fourth-place finishes at the Colorado youth state tournament, setting a high bar before even entering a high school hallway.

This year, Adam has made his mark by competing against and defeating the top wrestlers in Jeffco Public Schools. Despite his age, he dominated the veteran field this season to post an incredible 21-4 record. His hard work culminated on January 30th when he captured the Jeffco 5A league championship at 106 pounds, a stellar performance that earned him 1st Team All-League honors. Coach Federico praises Adam as a tireless worker whose contributions were vital to the team’s recent 5A state championship victory. While Adam has already reached the pinnacle of high school sports as a freshman state champion, he remains focused on the future, already back in the gym working to evolve his skills for next season. Congrats Adam!

Basketball Update

Boys Basketball: After a very challenging 1-22 season last year, our Jaguars made incredible progress improving to a 10-13 overall record this season. This turnaround is a direct result of the dedication of our players and coaches who spent many hours together during the off season. Although disappointing to narrowly miss the 4A State Tournament, with many key players returning, our outlook for next season is even brighter!

Girls Basketball: Once again, our Lady Jags have established themselves as one of the top teams in the State. We are currently ranked #5 overall in 4A, finishing the regular season with a 20-3 record. On **March 6th and 7th**, we will be a Regional host for the 1st and 2nd rounds of the 4A State Tournament. Look for upcoming details on those games and come out to support our team on our home court for yet another exciting playoff run!

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.**

Calling Our Community...

Save the Date & Donate!

D'Evelyn Education Foundation Garden Party Fundraiser

EAT. DRINK. GIVE BACK.

11th
April

SATURDAY

At
6PM

**Grow Your Community.
Harvest Student Resources.
Contribute to DEF.**

We are looking for businesses or
individuals interested in donating!

Host a Class or Party
Give a Business Service/Item
Donate Your Tickets
Auction Your Vacation Home

***DEF is a 501(c)(3), so your
donations are tax deductible!**

[DEF Newsletter](#)



D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, March 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 February 9th, 2026 Minutes](#)

February 23rd Meeting Highlights:

- Curriculum Review AP U.S. History
- Budget Blueprint
- Principal's Report
- Principal's Evaluation Schedule
- Votes: CU-04, US History Honors, Choir Textbook, Student Contracts
- Committee Updates
- Political Activism
- NHS Lettering

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.

