



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

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

What an absolutely incredible week it has been! I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the talent, dedication, and community spirit that was on full display throughout our school.

First and foremost, thank you. Thank you for your unwavering support of our music department. The concerts this week were nothing short of spectacular. From the harmonious voices of our choirs to the captivating melodies of our orchestra and the powerful performances of our bands, it was a true testament to the hard work of our students and the exceptional guidance of our music teachers.

I also want to send a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who made each event run so smoothly. Your contributions are invaluable.

The success continued off campus as well. Our Advanced Orchestra attended the Regional Colorado American String Teachers Association Competition on Tuesday and received the highest rating, a Superior, for their performance. Incredibly, two of the three judges gave them a perfect score, which is a massive accomplishment at such a competitive event. Congratulations to Mrs. Miller and to all our students who represented D'Evelyn with such distinction.

Additionally, our Symphonic Band performed today at the Colorado Bandmasters Association festival. It was a resounding success, and I am proud to share that they received an Excellent rating for their performance. I was so glad I had the opportunity to see them in person and witness the incredible talent we have here. Congratulations to Mr. Morrisette and our students for a job well done.

Our Mock Trial teams have also demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication over the past few weeks. Our A team took 2nd place and is officially heading to the State competition! Beyond the win, they were also honored with the Professionalism Award, which speaks volumes about the character of our students. Please see the section below for more detailed information on their achievements.

We also have wonderful news from our Speech and Debate Team, who won several awards at the CHSAA 4A Speech Tournament in Pueblo last weekend. Please see the section below for more detailed information on their achievements.

Save the Date: DEF Gala and 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.

Looking ahead to next week, I am very much looking forward to our Steering Committee meeting, Accountability Committee meeting, and our New Student Nights. These evenings are a wonderful opportunity to welcome our incoming students and their families to the D'Evelyn community. We are excited to share all that makes D'Evelyn such a unique and rewarding place to learn and grow.

As always, I am deeply grateful for the support of our parents, teachers, and community members. Your dedication to our students' success is what makes D'Evelyn such a special place.



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](#)
- [ACCOUNTABILITY](#)



MAR 7 - APR 18**[Link to Master Calendar](#)****MARCH 2026**

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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, & 11

APR 8: NO SCHOOL GRADES 9, 10, & 12

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

APR 13: CMAS GRDE 8, ALL OTHER GRADES REGULAR CLASSES

APR 14: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:30PM

APR 14: STEERING CANDIDATE FORUM 7:30-8:30PM

APR 15: CMAS 6TH-8TH, PSAT/SAT 9TH-11TH, NO SCHOOL 12TH

APR 18: PROM 8-11PM

APR 19: AFTER-PROM 12-2:30AM

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Lawrence for winning March "Teacher of the Month." She was described by students as, "a kind soul" whose "passion for art is clear." Students also said she give them the opportunity to be creative and complete really fun projects. Congratulations Ms. Lawrence. 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.

Principal Survey

Please note that the annual principal survey will be open from **Friday, March 6th through Friday, March 20th**. The link to the online survey will be sent to the D'Evelyn community soon via School Messenger. Per agreement with the district, the Steering Committee collaborates with the District's Achievement Director on the principal evaluation. Your input on this survey is one valuable component of the multi-faceted evaluation process. The survey questions have been assembled based on D'Evelyn's Founding Documents and School Philosophy. All survey responses are anonymous. On behalf of the D'Evelyn 2025-2026 Steering Committee, thank you in advance for your time and feedback and please be on the look-out for the coming link via School Messenger.

Multicultural Night

Save the Date for D'Evelyn's Multicultural Night on **April 7th at 6:00pm**.

Look for more details, including opportunities to participate [HERE](#).

Thank you to Student Voice, Kelly Benninghoff, and Erin Ranum.



JH Speech & Debate

Congratulations to Anna Regmi, who took first place in Program Oral Interpretation and in Impromptu at the RidgeOnline Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament. Anna and Shray Wagle competed with students from California, Texas, and Colorado. Our next junior high tournament will be at the end of April. It's not too late to join the team!

Speech & Debate

Congratulations to the Jaguar Speech and Debate Team for winning awards at the CHSAA 4A Speech Tournament last weekend in Pueblo. Leading the team, Russell Castillo was in the top 8 of LD Debate and the team of Adrian Milbrandt & Trent Hardacre were in the top 8 of PF Debate. Nathan Ziv was in the top 16 of LD debate and the team of Aidan Hettich and Tyler Feighny was in the top 16 of PF debate. Andrew Garcia placed 12th in International Extemporaneous Speaking. The team was named a Debate School of Excellence. Way to go!



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.

NHS Blood Drive

National Honor Society will be hosting their annual Blood Drive on

Wednesday, 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.

Mock Trial

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 2nd place and headed to the State competition! In addition, they were honored with the Professionalism Award, which is a tremendous recognition of their integrity, preparation, and respect for the process.

The team was also awarded with several individual awards including Emerson Heuer, Henry Creel and Will Ressel (Golden HS) winning top attorney awards. Chloe Smith won a top witness award and Anton Gorskin was recognized as the top witness in the entire competition!

Please join me in congratulating these students on their hard work and sharp legal minds.



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](#)

JH Boys Volleyball

Junior High Boys Volleyball tryouts are **Tuesday, March 10th** for our Gold Crown League. We have full squads for 6th and 8th grade but we need more 7th grade boys to sign up.

[INTEREST FORM](#)

Baseball Fundraiser

Baseball will be hosting a fundraiser on **Saturday, March 14th starting at 5pm** at the Lakewood Link Rec Center, 1295 S. Reed St., Lakewood 80232, in the Emory Room. RSVP by March 8th [HERE](#). Contact [D'Evelyn Baseball](#) for more information on this fun fundraising event.

Boys Basketball Fundraiser

Come support the Boys Basketball team for a fundraiser at Chipotle on **Wednesday, March 11th from 4-8pm**. 3170 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood (near Kohls between Hampden and Yale on Wadsworth). Go Jags!! [FLYER](#)

Girls Basketball

As the #6 seed in the 4A CHSAA Girls Basketball Tournament, we will serve as one of the eight Regional hosts this weekend. Based on seeding, Peak to Peak, Manitou Springs, and The Classical Academy will be the other participating schools with all games being hosted here at D'Evelyn. Please come by and support our Jaguars on Friday and Saturday and cheer them on to the Great 8 at the Denver Coliseum next week!

- Friday - 5:00pm 1st Round - #27 Peak to Peak vs #6 D'Evelyn
- 6:30pm 1st Round - #12 Manitou Springs vs #11 The Classical Academy
- Saturday - 1:00pm Sweet 16 - Winners from Friday night

D'Evelyn Cheer

We want you on D'Evelyn Cheer. No experience necessary and all 8th - 11th graders are welcome. Email [Coach Lindsey Holmes](#) with any questions. [INTEREST FORM](#)

- Open Gyms: March 5th & March 19th
- Tryouts: April 14th, 15th & 16th

Track and Field

Congratulations to Varsity Track and Field team for an amazing performance at the 14 team Ralston Valley Invitational. The Boys took third place overall with first places earned by Austin Anderson in the Discus, Conor Sharp in the Pole Vault and the 4 x 200 relay team. On the girls side, despite having only 6 runners, they finished 4th overall led by a victorious 4 x 200 relay team. Great job jags!

Congratulations to the JV track team for an outstanding first meet of the season at a tri meet with Columbine and Littleton High Schools. Eye opening performances by newcomers and many PR's by veterans occurred in every single event. It was a fantastic debut for many of our athletes.

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.**

D'Evelyn Education Foundation
Annual Fundraising Gala

Garden Party

EAT. DRINK. GIVE BACK.

11th April | **SATURDAY** | At 6PM

Botanic Gardens at Chatfield Farms

Enjoy an evening of chef-curated grazing tables, heavy hors d'oeuvres stations, and an open bar all night long. Bid in our silent and live auctions, join the fundraising games, and stay for music, dancing, and a lively celebration in support of our cause.

Tickets \$100/person

Register by March 20

[DEF Newsletter](#)



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.

