



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

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

It has been great to connect with everyone after a fantastic first week back from Spring Break. Thank you to the students and staff for making the transition back to the classroom so positive and energetic.

April is shaping up to be a very full and exciting month. We are looking forward to celebrating with you at our upcoming spring sports competitions, awards nights, and performances. This is also a significant academic stretch as we head into AP exams, the SAT, and, of course, the big graduation events for the Class of 2026. Even with all the activity on the calendar, we hope these final months are filled with genuine celebrations of our students' achievements.

Standardized testing will take place throughout April. Your support and flexibility with these required state assessments are greatly appreciated, and we ask that you join us in wishing our students a successful testing period. We truly look forward to seeing the results of their hard work. I want to extend a sincere thanks to Assistant Principal Amber Cannizzaro for her hard work in developing a testing schedule that minimizes disruption to classroom time and supports our students' needs.

As we navigate this busy season, I want to emphasize the importance of consistent school attendance. While the end of the year brings many extracurricular distractions, being present in the classroom every day is vital for our students to stay engaged with their coursework and finish the semester strong. We ask for your continued partnership in encouraging your children to be here and to do their best so they can accurately show the growth and learning they've achieved this year.

In other exciting news, we are thrilled to announce that our new video board is now up and running in the gym. This is a wonderful addition to our facilities, and we are so excited for our students and fans to experience it. Please see below for more information regarding this project.

I hope you will join me in getting out to support our students in their extracurriculars this week. We have Boys Volleyball matches and a Track and Field meet this Saturday, and it would be wonderful to have a strong D'Evelyn crowd there to cheer them on. I also hope to see many of you at our Multicultural Night this Tuesday because it is always a highlight of the spring.

Finally, a reminder that our [Annual Gala](#) is right around the corner on April 11th at the Botanic Gardens at Chatfield Farms. I warmly invite you to attend this special evening of food, music, and games. Please keep in mind that this is an adults only event with an open bar, and we would love to see a great turnout from our parent community. If you cannot make it, you can still support [D'Evelyn by donating to our paddle raise](#). If you have questions, ideas, or would like to get involved, please contact DEF at fundraising.def@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued partnership, generosity, and commitment to our students and school community.



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.



Thank you to the following 30 for 30 video board contributors. Your generous donation made this amazing upgrade to the D'Evelyn gym possible.

- The Benninghoff Family
- Marco Bertolli
- The Bundy Family
- The Collard Family
- The Feighny Family
- The Freitag Family
- The Goeke Family
- Christopher & Lauren Haws
- Rick and Lesley Higgins
- The Ryan and Lexie Kerr Family
- Edward And Diane Rhodus and Family
- The Pachmayer Family
- The Schrade Family
- The Visweswaraiah Family
- The Zellmann Family
- Robert and Michelle Ziemian
- The Lampert Familyy
- The Reeb Family
- The Graper Family
- The Evers Family
- Kay D'Evelyn La Montagne



An additional thank you to the generosity of our Emerald Sponsors.

- Taft/Sherman & Howard
- Kulkarni Orthodontics
- Plante Moran
- Friday Wealth

APR 04 - APR 18

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

APRIL 2026

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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 9: ATHLETICS' SIGNING

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 7-10PM

APR 19: AFTER-PROM 10:30-2:30AM

APR 20: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

APR 21: DEF MEETING 6-8PM

APR 23: IMPROV SHOW 6:30-7:30PM

APR 24: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

APR 29: SENIOR HIGH AWARDS NIGHT 6-8PM

APR 30-MAY 1: JUNIOR HIGH PLAY 7-9PM

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Newcomb for winning April "Teacher of the Month." She was described by students as, "a great teacher" and "super nice." They also said she makes learning fun. Congratulations Ms. Newcomb. To nominate your favorite teacher, fill out the the form, "[Teacher of the Month](#)," or click the link found on the "Student Life" page on the D'Evelyn website.

April Testing

Please make sure you are aware of the various schedules for each grade level during testing. Pay attention to arrival and dismissal times as there will be **no** location available for students to wait for a ride before or after tests. We ask that students be picked up promptly to minimize disruption during other tests. On testing days, students should bring their chromebook, fully charged, and their charger. [Click HERE to see testing days by grade.](#)

Dress Code

As the weather begins to warm up, we would like to take a moment to remind our school community about the importance of adhering to the [school dress code guidelines](#). The school dress code is in place to promote a positive and professional atmosphere conducive to learning and respect for oneself and others. Please review the school dress code with your student and ensure they are familiar with the guidelines. Encourage them to make thoughtful and respectful choices when selecting their attire for school. Thank you for your cooperation in reinforcing the importance of following the school dress code. Together, we can ensure a positive learning environment for all students.

Multicultural Night

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

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



Scholars of the Month: March

SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH



Vinson Pacheco - 11th Grade

Vinson participated in All State Choir and played the character of Shrek in our musical all within a month. He completed both events with professionalism, artistry, and joy! - Mr. White (Music)



Miriam Gaytan - 12th Grade

Miriam has been a staple in the art department and is the complete definition of an "artist"!

Miriam is curious and kind, she asks many questions, has an incredible work ethic, and is willing to listen to constructive criticism and has grown so much because of her ability to take that feedback and learn from it. I am truly thankful for her hard work and dedication to the arts and all of the amazing work she has created - Mrs. Lawrence (Art)



Bryce Langie - 8th Grade

I would like to nominate Bryce Langie for Student of the Month for consistently demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and effort in PE. He is a great teammate who always encourages others and helps create a positive and supportive environment during class activities. He participates fully in all activities and approaches each class with a positive attitude. His willingness to include and support classmates makes him a great role model for others and a valuable member of our class. - Mrs. Battaglia (P.E.)



Elise Yang - 8th Grade

Not only does Elise have the highest grade in the class (over 101%), she is just an amazing polite, respectful, and kind student! She is an outstanding leader by example in her class. She goes above and beyond assignment expectations, and puts forth extra time on her work to make sure it is refined with amazing craftsmanship. I appreciate her attendance in 7th Hours to fulfill her artistic vision. She also always has thorough and thoughtful assignment reflections which exemplify her superior learning. Thank you Elise! - Mr. Anneberg (Art)

Heart of D'Evelyn

The Heart of D'Evelyn is awarded to students who exemplify the core values laid out in the Founding Document: **Cora Battagline, Lila Farwell, Elsie Sorkin, Michael Morrissey, Rory Gardner, Michael Morrissey, Nicki Bundy, Hannah Holmes, Olivia Erickson, Kaelyn Conaway, Gavin Stephenson, Anusha Sisodia, Grayson Neptune, Chase Fletcher, Stella DenOtter, Jessie Xiang, Eli Cressler, Dayne Martinez, Virgil Andrews, Addie Archard, Seamus Spreadbury, Jack Harp** responsibility, honesty, self-control, kindness, and fairness.



Congratulations to: for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.

Student Art Exhibit

Jefferson Center is hosting The Art of Hope – Student Art Exhibit, inviting students across the Denver metro area to submit original artwork centered on themes of hope, healing, and mental health. If you are interested, **fill out the Artist Submission Form by April 10th:** [LINK](#).

MathCounts

D'Evelyn's MathCounts team delivered an exceptional performance on Saturday at the Colorado State Competition and earned 1st place overall, outperforming 15 other top teams from around the state. Andrew Zhao placed 2nd overall and will represent Colorado at the MathCounts National Competition in Orlando, Florida this May. Among the 134 top competitors, David Dong earned 8th, Auste Kuciaukas earned 25th, Arynn Kwon earned 37th, Siyuan Feng earned 38th, and Griffin Lee earned 56th. This is a remarkable achievement demonstrates the students dedication.

Speech & Debate

Congratulations to the Jaguars speakers who were recognized at the National Qualifying Congress before Spring Break. Kalil Armstrong-Romero placed 8th in the Senate and is an alternate to the National Tournament. Michael Morrissey and Russell Castillo were also recognized.



Prom & After-Prom

Prom will be held on **Saturday, April 18th from 7 - 10pm** at Foothills Restaurant. After-Prom will be held, following prom, from **10:30pm – 2:30am** at The Ridge Recreation Center.

Juniors and Seniors - Get your Prom tickets on sale through [GoFan](#) starting today at 4pm. Prom tickets are \$40. After-Prom tickets are \$30 and will be available to purchase at lunch from April 14th-17th. **Tickets for neither event will not be sold at the door.**



Also, parents be sure to fill out the Prom and After-Prom waiver found [HERE](#). Waiver must be signed before After-Prom tickets can be purchased or by end of day on the 17th

Help Needed for After-Prom

The after-prom committee needs your help. Below are two sign up geniuses to either purchase items for after-prom, or to volunteer at the event on **April 18th**. Thank you for your help. Click the links to help out at this fun event. [Volunteer at Event](#) [Purchase Supplies](#)

Travel Opportunity

Interested in a fabulous 2027 trip to Japan and South Korea? There are still spots available for current 8th-12th graders. This 10-day trip will visit historical and cultural sights in Tokyo, Kyoto, Seoul, and Busan. Email Mrs. Newell with any questions.

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 - March



Penelopi Casas, a Junior on the Girls Soccer is our Student/Athlete of the Month for her competitive nature, strong performance as a goalkeeper, and consistently positive attitude. Penelopi brings great intensity and focus to every practice and game, demonstrating a strong desire to compete and improve. As the team's goalkeeper, she has made several impressive saves that have helped keep the team in key moments of matches. Beyond her performance on the field, Penelopi maintains a positive attitude and works hard to support and encourage her teammates. Her determination, work ethic, and team-first mindset make her a valuable part of the girls soccer program. Congrats Penelopi!

Jack Meiser is a senior baseball player. The past four years Jack has dedicated a lot of time and commitment in his personal baseball skills and becoming a valuable leader in our program. Jack has sacrificed playing his favorite position this year for several other positions to help his team. Jack is a three-year starter and all-conference player and is off to his best start of his high school career this year. Jack's first ever catching appearance was a huge success beating 5A Denver East as he also contributed hitting a grand slam that day. In Florida over spring break Jack came into pitching relief and received a save beating a big school from Pennsylvania. Jack is leading the team in runs batted in and doubles. We are proud of you Jack and Good luck the rest of the year



Pickleball Tournament

1st Annual Jags Football Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser. **Sunday, April 12th 1PM** (Check in by 12:50). Prizes awarded to 1st place in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. See attached flyer for more details. [FLYER](#) Sign up [HERE](#).

D'Evelyn Cheer

We want you on D'Evelyn Cheer. No experience necessary and all 8th - 11th graders are welcome. Tryouts are on **April 14th, 15th & 16th**. Email [Coach Lindsey Holmes](#) with any questions. [INTEREST FORM](#)

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

Hello, Seniors! Do you have post-graduate plans that include the military? If so, we want to honor you in your Graduation Program! Please visit your class's Google Classroom and complete the Google form so we can recognize you.

Senior Banquet

This year, for the first time, seniors will receive their awards from the Senior High Awards Night at the **Senior Banquet on May 13th at 6:30pm**. Remember this event is for the **senior student and their parents/step-parents only**. Senior students will therefore not need to attend the Senior High Awards Night on April 29th.

Tickets for the banquet, at Baldoria on the Water, are \$36 each and should be paid to the [financial secretary](#) by April 29th. [FLYER](#)

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 **April 14th from 5:30-7:30pm.**

There will be a **Steering Committee Candidate Forum** following the meeting from **7:30-8:30pm**. This is a chance to get to know and ask questions of the candidates.

Can't join us for the gala?
Join us remotely!

SILENT
AUCTION



PURCHASE AN
EXPERIENCE



FULFILL OUR
WISH WALL



RAISE YOUR
PADDLE FROM
HOME



ITEMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADDED TO THE
AUCTION, EXPERIENCES AND WISH WALL. CHECK
BACK DAILY TO SEE HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE!

Gala Volunteers Needed!

Help us run the gala. Check out all of the
ways you can help the day of the gala!

Sign Up for a volunteer slot TODAY!



[DEF Membership Link](#)

Relax
and
Enjoy

Teacher Appreciation Corner

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May. We need your help to show the staff "It's time to RELAX, RECHARGE, and RENEW!" Below is a link to donate items for the week. Please select to have items delivered to Sarah McBride at checkout so we can easily collect and prepare all donations. [Wishlist](#)

If you want to help in other ways throughout the week, you can go to the Sign Up Genius below to find a variety of opportunities.

[Sign Up Genius](#). If you have any questions please reach out to Sarah McBride at teacherappreciation.def@gmail.com

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, April 6th 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 March 9, 2026 Minutes](#)

March 16th Meeting Highlights:

- ST-06-F4 Dance Form
- Votes: APUSH CR, DEF Board Candidates
- Principal's Report
 - Budget, Hiring, 26-27 CRs, Tardy Data
- ST-05-F5
- Political Activism
- CU-08-R3
- Committee Updates
- Jeffco's violation of Title IX

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about becoming a member of the Steering Committee board as well as contact information for the board.