



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

Our third annual Multicultural Night was even bigger and better than last year, and that is all thanks to you. We had an amazing turnout, great food, and fantastic performances. It was truly a night to remember.

I want to give a huge shout out to Student Voice, Brennan Gause, Erin Ranum, and Kelly Benninghoff for their incredible support. The booths, the delicious food, the stunning cultural attire, and the vibrant performances were all spectacular. Seeing so many of you share your cultures with such pride was truly heartwarming.

I also want to send a big thank you to everyone who has been lending a hand with our hiring committees. We are working hard to bring in some amazing new teachers and staff while keeping our Founding Document principles front and center.

This week, we also celebrated the inspiring NHS Induction Ceremony. It was a special evening made possible by Mrs. Bender, Mrs. Schott, and our dedicated students and families. Congratulations to our newest inductees.

Now, get ready for an exciting week ahead. We have Spirit Week, CMAS testing, the Pep Rally on Friday, and Prom and After Prom on Saturday. We anticipate a week filled with community and celebration.

Finally, please remember that our [Annual Gala](#) is right around the corner, tomorrow, 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.

Our "at home" gala experiences are now live. Please share these with your friends and family:

- [Explore our amazing SILENT AUCTION items and get bidding to support our school!](#)
- [Participate in fun teacher, school and parent EXPERIENCES throughout the year!](#)
- [Support us directly by giving in the PADDLE RAISE.](#)
- [Donate to specific causes on our WISH WALL](#)

Thank you for helping us reach our goal. 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.



**APR 04 - APR 18**[Link to Master Calendar](#)**APRIL 2026**

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

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

APR 14: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7:00PM

APR 14: STEERING CANDIDATE FORUM 7:00-8:00PM

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

MAY 4: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7:30

MAY 4: SENIOR HIGH CHOIR CONCERT 7PM

MAY 5: BAND CONCERT (ALL LEVELS) 7PM

MAY 7: ORCHESTRA CONCERT (ALL LEVELS) 7PM

MAY 7-8: SENIOR FINALS

MAY 8: SENIORS LAST DAY

## 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.

## School Store

It's the end of the year and the school store will be closing for the season on **May 6, 2026**. The school store will need a new volunteer manager the following school year. It is a fun volunteer position if you like selling merchandise, seeing and talking with kids, being involved with school and going to events. It's great if you have a few parent friends you would like to join you in the store. I will have the store ready and stocked for next season. If interested in taking it over, please contact volunteer coordinator with DEF. Thank you for putting up with me for the last 4 years. Emily Acosta- proud senior mom

## 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.

## Voices and Visions

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS! D'Evelyn's 2025-2026 Voices and Visions Anthology is here! Check out this book showcasing exceptional student work! Visit Mrs. Blair if interested in purchasing. [FLYER](#)

# Spirit Days April 13-17

## [Prom Week Flyer](#)

- Monday - **"I had nowhere else to wear this." Day**
  - Support - Varsity Girls Golf, Sophomore & C-Team Boys Volleyball
- Tuesday - **Twin Day**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Hour - Speed Dating (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Support - JV & Varsity Girls Tennis, Varsity Boys Baseball, Varsity Boys Volleyball
- Wednesday - **PJ Day**
  - Support - Varsity Track & Field, Varsity & JV Girls Tennis, Varsity Boys Volleyball
- Thursday - **Elphaba V. Glinda (Green V. Pink) Day**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Hour - Girls Soccer vs. Teachers
  - Support - Varsity Girls Tennis, Varsity Boys Baseball
- Friday - **Jag Spirit Day**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Hour - Pep Rally
  - Support - Varsity Girls Tennis, Varsity Boys Swim & Dive, Varsity Girls Soccer



## 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](#). 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



We're heading to Oz for After Prom this year! 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**. After Prom isn't just a celebration, it's a safe, supervised space for our kids to continue the night together and avoid unsafe situations. It's one of the most important events we host, and it only happens with parent support. We're looking for both volunteers and donations to bring this night to life. Donations of any kind...gift cards, supplies, or monetary support, make a huge impact. Parents of all grade levels can help, and we truly need you! Sign up links for volunteering and donations are included below. Please take a moment to see how you can help. Let's make this a safe, fun night they'll never forget! Click the links to help out at this fun event. [Purchase Supplies](#) [Volunteers Needed](#)

## Outdoor Lab Leaders Needed

Do you want to be a High School Leader at Outdoor Lab? Sign up today by using the QR code found on the posters in the halls. You must be a junior or a senior next year. We are going with our 6th graders, September 22nd-25th next fall. See Mr. Bazz for questions. [FLYER](#)

# 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](#)

## Boys Volleyball



Your HS Boys Jag Volleyball team is currently ranked 2nd in the state in 4A and 19th in all of Colorado! They are 7-2 and just had a great win against Bear Creek this weekend! We also have our strongest showing of MS boys playing this year as our MS program continues to grow! We have 2 MS boys teams! We have a string of away games this week, including a game in Vail, but we look forward to seeing everyone on April 15th in

our home gym at 4:30 for 2 matches that will feature both our middle school teams playing against Addenbrooke and then our varsity high school team will play after.

## Volleyball Fundraiser

Join the Boys' Volleyball team at Raising Cane's Lakewood, on **April 21 from 4-9pm!**

Mentioning the D'Evelyn Boys' Volleyball team at the register, or entering code RCFUND96 for online checkout, will give 15% of your purchase back to the program! See you there! [FLYER](#)

## Girls Tennis

One of our premier programs year after year, the Jaguars have continued their winning tradition under first-year head coach Bijan Heydari. With 57 athletes participating, the team utilizes multiple locations to ensure everyone has ample court time for practice and play. Our Varsity squad has navigated a grueling schedule against the state's top talent, currently holding an impressive 6-3 overall record. Meanwhile, our Varsity 2 team remains undefeated in league play. Looking ahead, Varsity competes for the 3A/4A Jeffco League Championship next week before aiming to defend their title as Regional Champions the following week.

## Aim Sports Camp

AIM Sports Camps: Community Discount for Dennison & D'Evelyn AIM Sports Camps is proud to offer a school-specific \$30 discount on tuition for the Dennison and D'Evelyn communities! These multi-sport camps are perfect for boys and girls in grades K-8 looking to stay active this summer. Programs are available in June at both the Littleton and Mullen locations.

See [FLYER](#) for more details

## Pickleball Tournament

1st Annual Jags Football Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser. **Sunday, April 12th at 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 - 11<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Tryouts are on **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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 29<sup>th</sup>. **Tickets for the banquet, at Baldoria on the Water, are \$36 each and payment should be given to the [financial secretary](#) by April 29th.**

# 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 5:30-7:00pm.**

There will be a **Steering Committee Candidate Forum** following the meeting from **7:00-8:00pm**. 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!

[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](mailto: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 20th from 4:30pm-7:30pm.** 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 16, 2026 Minutes](#)

### April 6th Meeting Highlights:

- Votes: ST-06-F4 Dance Form, ST-05-F5 Student Council Lettering
- Discussions: Civic Engagement, Security, Healthy Kids Survey, Title IX Violation
- ST-06-F3 Graduation Contract
- Principal's Report
  - Hiring, 26-27 CRs, AP Staff Survey, Jag Tracks Data
- Committee Updates
- Executive Session

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