



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

It has been a truly fantastic week on our campus. It warmed my heart to see our seniors embracing these final few weeks as they work diligently in their classes while finding joy in the camaraderie they have built over their years here. The energy on campus with so many events happening has been infectious.

I would like to begin this week by extending a heartfelt thank you to our incredible administrative professionals. We recently celebrated National Administrative Professionals Day, and it was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions of our secretaries, administrative assistants, and receptionists. You are truly the backbone of our school, and we simply could not function without your tireless support. Thank you for all you do each and every day to keep D'Evelyn running smoothly.

I also had the pleasure of participating in the High School Awards Night this past Wednesday to celebrate the achievements of our remarkable students. I want to give a special shout out to Assistant Principal Ryan Bazz and all the teachers and staff who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

Furthermore, I want to acknowledge the outstanding collaborative work of our Accountability Committee, the Steering Committee, and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation. This collective effort is a great example of how our participatory approach is essential to the success of our school. Great work to all these groups for your continued dedication.

I want to recognize the dedication and talent of all our students, coaches, staff, and families involved in athletics this past week. Our teams in Boys Volleyball, Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Track and Field, Boys Swim and Dive, Baseball, and Girls Soccer continue to represent our school with pride. Your hard work and sportsmanship make us all proud.

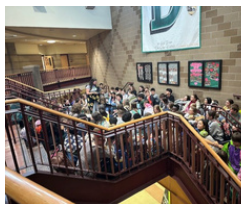
On a personal note, I really enjoyed watching this year's Shakespeare in the Parking Lot performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream yesterday with our English Department teachers and students.

Looking ahead, I am excited to see the Junior High play titled Alienated tonight and look forward to our music concerts coming up next week.

Go Jags!

Josh Shapiro, Principal

It is an honor to be your principal.



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- [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.



MAY 2 - MAY 16[Link to Master Calendar](#)**MAY 2026**

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MAY 4: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7:30
 MAY 4: BAND CONCERT (ALL LEVELS) 7PM
 MAY 5: SENIOR HIGH CHOIR CONCERT 7PM
 MAY 7: ORCHESTRA CONCERT (ALL LEVELS) 7PM
 MAY 7: MAP TESTING/SENIOR FINALS PERIODS 1-3
 MAY 8: MAP TESTING/SENIOR FINALS PERIODS 4-6
 MAY 8: SENIORS LAST DAY
 MAY 11: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-7:30
 MAY 12 : ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-6:30PM
 MAY 12: JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR CONCERT 7PM
 MAY 13: GRADUATION REHEARSAL 3-4:30PM
 MAY 13: SENIOR BANQUET 6:30-9:30PM
 MAY 14: JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS 6PM (BY INVITATION ONLY)
 MAY 16: GRADUATION CEREMONY 10-12PM
 MAY 19: DEF BOARD MEETING 6-8PM
 MAY 25: MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL
 MAY 27: FINALS PERIODS 1-3 (8:15AM-12:50PM)
 MAY 28: FINALS PERIODS 4-6 (8:15AM-12:50PM)
 MAY 28: STUDENTS LAST DAY

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. Ray for winning May "Teacher of the Month." He was described by students as, "really funny" and "a caring teacher who is not shellfish." He is "awesome" and tries his best to support students. He is the "G.O.A.T." Congratulations Mr. Ray. You will be missed!

May Testing Schedules

There are lots of testing done in May.

AP testing is only for students enrolled in and who have paid for the AP course. AP testing takes place daily from **May 4th - May 14th**. The AP schedule can be found [HERE](#).

Senior Finals and Map Testing will be on **May 7th and 8th**. All students will attend all day. The schedule for those two days can be found on the website [HERE](#).

Final Exams for the second semester will be **Wednesday, May 27th** and **Thursday, May 28th**.

Classes will run from 8:15am to 12:50pm. Breakfast will be available, but there will be no lunch during the Final Exam Days. Students are encouraged to have a snack during passing periods.

No Exams will be offered early. Students who miss an exam will need to arrange a makeup with their teacher(s).

Music Concerts

There are many exciting opportunities to hear our amazing music students

in the coming weeks. All band levels will have a concert on **Monday May 4th at 7pm**. The Senior High Choir Concert is on **Tuesday, May 5th at 7pm**. All Orchestras will perform on **Thursday, May 7th from 7pm**. The Junior High Choir Concert is on **Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm**. Come out and enjoy a free concert and support the D'Evelyn music program.



Scholars of the Month: April



Rielynn Thomas - 6th Grade

Rielynn is a hard-working and conscientious student. She completes her homework consistently and with great care. She shows up for class each day prepared, with a positive attitude, and ready to learn. Her behavior provides a role-model for other students to follow. Each day when she leaves class, she takes a moment to say, "thank you". Rielynn is an excellent student and demonstrates impressive maturity for her age. - Mr Davis (6th Grade)



Jack Harp - 6th Grade

Jack has produced high quality work throughout the year. Whether on daily assignments or assessments, he is motivated to do his best. In class, he is engaged in the lesson and actively participates to get the most out his learning. His work shows careful and thoughtful deliberation. He is so responsible that even when he had a multiple day absence, he returned to school with the missed lessons completed. Jack exemplifies the qualities of a scholar. - Ms. Goldsborough (6th Grade)



Emrik Olson - 6th Grade

Emrik is a student who stands out due to his hard work, love of learning, and positive influence in the classroom. The work that is completed by Emrik is always high quality. One can see that he takes pride in his work. He strives to fully understand concepts and materials, rather than simply completing an assignment. This is evident in his willingness to ask questions, clarify expectations, and pursue new ideas. Emrik also contributes to the classroom through his enjoyment of learning as well as his respect for and kindness to others. - Mrs. Vander Ploeg (6th Grade)



Kalyssa Marquez - 6th Grade

Kalyssa Marquez is reflective and deeply thoughtful. She takes great care in everything she does and constantly strives to improve. She is an engaged, curious learner, an insightful writer, and a kind human being. - Mrs. McDonough (6th Grade)

Heart of D'Evelyn - April

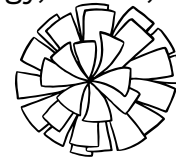
The Heart of D'Evelyn is awarded to students who exemplify the core values laid out in the Founding Document: responsibility, honesty, self-control, kindness, and fairness. Congratulations to: **Mahira Suborno, Shray Wagle, Chelsea Truong, Katelyn Pittock, Simeon Sheshatskyi, Kaycee Campos Galvan, Ivydee Hays, Natalie Alvarado, Rielynn Thomas, Audrey Arink, Cameron McLetchie, Charlotte Collard, Anh-Minh Nguyen, Cooper Gagnard, Dani Davis, Ava Harbeck, Tatum Hinze, Grayson Hartgerink, Emilia Torres, Preston Benker, Vanessa Lu, Catrina Huang, Brielle Abernathy, and Nava Basquez** for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.



New Poms Program

If you're interested in being part of our NEW Poms Program for the 2026 season, now's your chance! We're excited to get things rolling and can't wait to see the energy, talent, and school spirit you'll bring.

- Parent Info Meeting - Monday, May 4th at 5pm in the cafeteria
- Tryout Prep Session - Monday, May 11th at 3:45pm in the cafeteria
- Team Tryout - Tuesday, May 12th at 3:45pm in the cafeteria



Come learn, prepare, and show us what you've got! Let's build something special together.

!! SENIORS! End-of-Year Device Collection & Data Backup

Secure Your Data - Before your account is archived, please use Google Takeout to export and save your files! Click [HERE](#) for full directions.

General Device Collection - If you do not have AP exams, please bring your device and charger to the Library on Friday, May 8th, following your last exam. *Please remove stickers and bundle your charger neatly.

AP Exam Students - Standard Exams: Keep your device for your testing. Return it and your charger to the Library after your final AP exam is complete.

Bluebook: The app will be available in your app tray for all digital testing.

Specialty Exams: If you are taking AP French, Spanish, or Music Theory, we have specially configured devices ready for your use!

Computer Science Dept.

D'Evelyn Programmers Secure Podium Finish at Colorado School of Mines

Kudos to Anton Gorskin, Shubhang Vyas, Nithesh Karuppasamy, Matthew Morrissey, Alice Cuttita, Doan Lau, and Enerel Gankhuyag for representing D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School at the 9th Annual High School Programming Competition sponsored by the Computer Science Department at the Colorado School of Mines held on Saturday, April 25th.

Students had four hours to design, code, troubleshoot and debug solutions to various problems earning points for not only a correct solution but also completing each in the shortest period of time. A special shout out to the team of Anton Gorskin and Shubhang Vyas for being recognized as the first team to solve three different problems and earning a 3rd place finish. Great Job Jags!



HOW TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER READING!

Jefferson County Public Library visited your child's class today to invite them to join in the fun and adventure of our annual Summer Reading. The whole family can register starting **May 1!**

1

Visit jeffcolibrary.org
and click on
Summer Reading
link or scan the
QR code below.



2

Click on the
Register
button.

3

Sign in to an existing account
(if you participate in 1000 Books
Before Kindergarten, 500
Books Before Middle School or
you've registered for Summer
Reading in the past)
or create a new account.

Track minutes read in Beanstack (online or in the app)
STARTING JUNE 1. Keep on reading even
after you log 8 hours — feed that
beautiful brain all summer long!

EARN AWESOME PRIZES!



And
more!

Click [HERE](#) to find your
required summer
reading!



Jefferson County
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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 - April



Arianna Griffin - Grade 10

Arianna Griffin is having an incredible season, shattering our 7-year-old 200m record as well as our 10-year-old 400m record. Now ranked for the State Championships in four events, she has officially solidified her spot as one of Colorado's elite sprinters.

Beyond the clock, she is a model of humility and a dedicated teammate. We are incredibly proud of her talent, her work ethic, and the supportive spirit she brings to our track program! Congratulations Arianna!



Keith Dale - Grade 12

Keith Dale brings tremendous energy to the court! He lifts us all up to a new benchmark of hype! On the court he has been doing fantastic and has been setting personal records for hitting efficiency. He has already been awarded player of the match on MaxPreps. He towers over the opponents as he flies through the air to get a kill. Keith has worked hard to establish himself as a dominating middle in our classification and I'm proud of all the growth he has made.

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

Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to our Boys Volleyball Team! They finished their regular season ranked 1st in the state, and got 1st in their conference. They head into regionals on Saturday May 2nd playing at D'Evelyn at 11 and 3. Come support your Jags as they try to earn their right to play at State!



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

Graduation

Class of 2026 Graduation: D'Evelyn Jr./Sr. High School

Event: **May 16, 2026 @ Ellie Caulkins Opera House, 10am**

****NEW**** Cords will only be approved and purchased by the main office. The criteria for students to wear cords or stoles is being a member of the following Honor Societies + Seal of Biliteracy. These groups hold a high standard of academic focus and rigor: Student Council, Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society, Latin Honor Society, National Honor Society, Tri M, Mu Alpha Theta, and Seal of Biliteracy.

Graduation rehearsal is on **May 13th, 3pm** in the D'Evelyn Auditorium. This is a mandatory rehearsal. Student who have returned all library books and paid all their fees will receive their cap and gown at that time.



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 payment should be given to the [financial secretary](#) by May 1st.**

For more information about upcoming college visits and counseling activities, follow us [@devcounseling](#) or visit [Counseling's website](#).

COUNSELING

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 last Accountability Meeting of the year will be on **Tuesday, May 12th from 5:30-6:30pm.**

Finals Care Packages

11th-6th grade care packages can be purchased on Infinite Campus under optional student fees (OPT-26 Finals Pkg Allergy Kind) for \$12.50. If you purchased this in the fall, your student will already receive a package. All proceeds support the fundraising efforts for Prom. All orders **due by May 11th!** We're also looking for volunteers to help assemble finals care packages on **Tuesday, May 26th from at 1:45 in the library conference room.**

Sign up [HERE](#). Email [Velvet Kuesel](#) at with any questions.

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



— ANNUAL —

GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY | 29 MAY 2026
FOOTHILLS GOLF COURSE

FIND YOUR FOURSOME!
OPEN TO ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

REGISTER TODAY!



DEF Gala

For those who couldn't make it:

[OUR EXPERIENCE PARTIES](#)
[ARE STILL LIVE!](#)

Thank you for your support!

By participating in the gala, you helped us raise

\$112,392



After Prom



After Prom was such an incredible night, and it truly wouldn't have come together without the generosity, time, and energy from all of you who volunteered and donated money, items, and support. THANK YOU, we're so grateful for everything you did to make the night special for the kids, it truly was an enchanting evening in Oz!

If you're interested in being part of the planning for 2027, we would really love your help. Several of our key volunteers are leaving D'Evelyn this year, so we're looking for new people to step in and help keep this tradition going strong. If you'd like to get involved, please email us at DEFAfterProm@gmail.com. We'll start early planning soon! Thank you again for all your help! - DEF After Prom Committee



[DEF Membership Link](#)

Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, May 4th 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 April 6, 2026 Minutes](#)

April 20th Meeting Highlights:

- Votes: ST-05-F5 Student Council Lettering, ST-06-F3 Graduation Contract, Erin Carter new DEF Board member, Curtis Laabs and Josh Hause SC parent members
- Presentation: School Safety Subcommittee
- Discussions: ST-06-R4, Health Kids Survey, CR policies
- Principal's Report
 - Hiring, SRO/Campus Sup., 26-27 CRs, DEF Gala
- 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.