



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

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I want to extend a sincere thank you to our students, staff, families, and community members for another fantastic week.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Cannizzaro, our teachers, and everyone who assisted with MAP testing this week. Most of all, I want to commend our students for their hard work and focus throughout the testing process.

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of attending the Junior High BBQ at Clement Park. It was a fantastic event with an incredible turnout; please see below for a few photos and recap details!

Yesterday evening's Back to School Night was another wonderful event. I loved seeing so many of our families connecting with our staff. A huge shout out goes to our teachers and staff for making the evening so welcoming, as well as Josh Hause (Steering Committee), Case Collard (Accountability Committee), Rusty Evers (D'Evelyn Education Foundation), and Jessie and Stephanie from our Safety Subcommittee for representing our community leadership and highlighting ways for parents to get involved. We also owe a special thanks to our Drumline for an energized kickoff performance, and to our cheer team for helping guide parents through the halls throughout the evening.

Finally, our 27th Annual D'Evelyn Dash brought high school cross country teams from across the state to our campus today. I want to extend my deep gratitude to Erik and Lisa Bell, alongside all of our staff and parent volunteers, for their tremendous effort in continuing this proud athletic tradition.

I am looking forward to cheering on our football team as they take on Prospect Ridge Academy tomorrow!

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend!

One Pack. One Purpose. 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 \(DEF\)](#)
- [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.

10359 W. NASSAU AVE.
DENVER, CO 80235

MAIN OFFICE:
303-982-2600

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

AUG 29 - OCT 10

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Junior High Only Events



High School Only Events



JH and HS Events

SEP 3: PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

SEP 7: NO SCHOOL

SEP 9: COLLEGE NIGHT 6-8PM

SEP 14: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

SEP 14-18: HOMECOMING WEEK

SEP 18: NO SCHOOL

SEP 18: [HOMECOMING DANCE 7-10PM](#)

SEP 21: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

SEP 22-25: [6TH GRADE TO OUTDOOR LAB](#)

SEP 23: PICTURE RETAKE

OCT 1: [JUNIOR HIGH BAND CONCERT 7PM](#)

OCT 5: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

OCT 5: [HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT 7PM](#)

OCT 6: ORCHESTRA CONCERT: ALL LEVELS 7PM

OCT 7: HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

OCT 7: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:45-6:15PM

OCT 7: [JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR CONCERT 7PM](#)

OCT 8: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 5-7:30PM

OCT 9: ACADEMIC LETTERING AWARDS CEREMONY 2:15PM

Student Fees

Please take time to review and pay your student fees. Click [HERE](#) to log into Infinite Campus, or contact the financial secretary, Ashley Schilz, with any questions ashley.schilz@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Calendar

Looking for another way to stay informed, just click the icon on the Calendar page on the D'Evelyn website to have the D'Evelyn calendar added to your Google calendar automatically.

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Dress Code

With the start of another school year, 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.

Follett Online Book eFair

You have until **September 9th** to order required reading books through the Follett eFair. After that time, books will no longer be available for purchase. Please use the code: **K516X** when ordering. Books from this round will be delivered to the school in late September. Click [HERE](#).

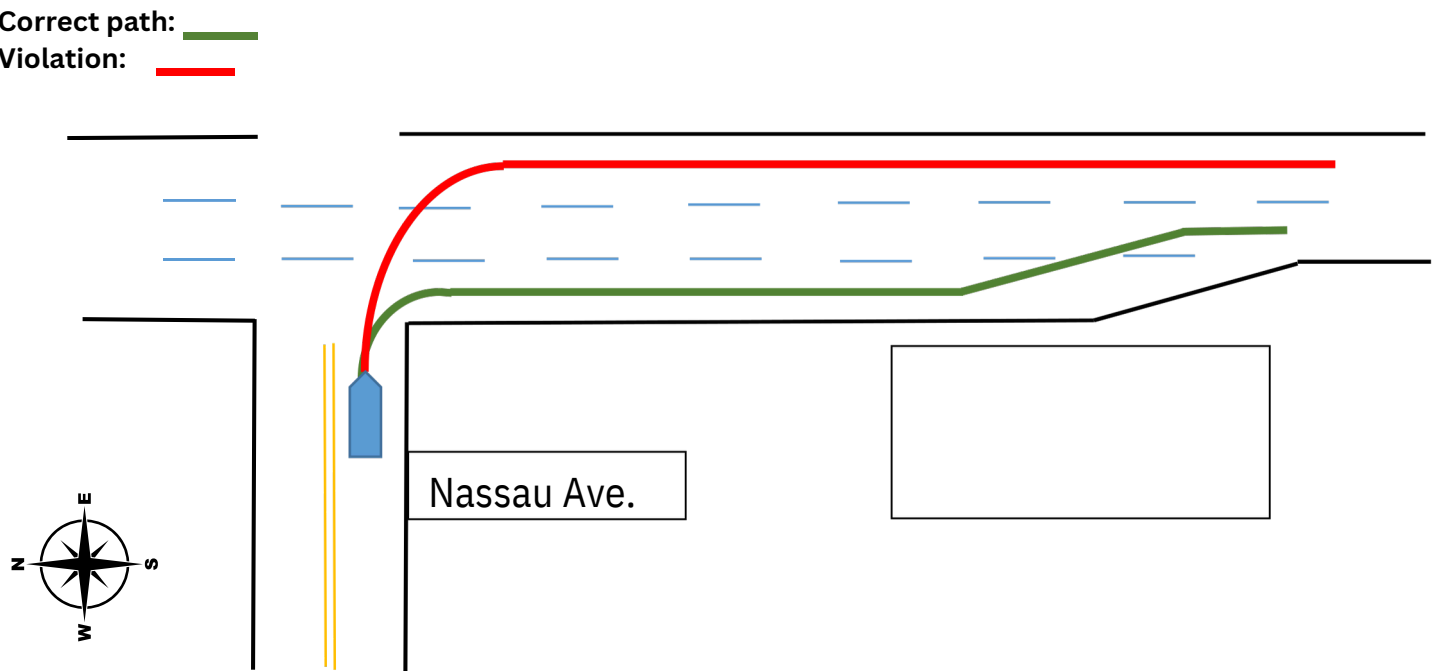
Good day everyone. As the 2025-26 school year begins, this is a friendly reminder about the issues we typically see with respect to the intersection of S. Kipling and W. Nassau. As our enrollment at D'Evelyn has continued to increase, so has the volume of traffic. This has led to major congestion and backups. It is imperative that those using this intersection when leaving the school understand the importance of negotiating the right turn onto S. Kipling properly and legally.

The primary cause of the congestion problem at the intersection is drivers making illegal right-hand turns to get onto S. Kipling St. What many people are doing is sitting at the stop sign and waiting for a break in southbound Kipling traffic so they can then shoot across all traffic lanes in order to get into the far left lane to make a U-turn at Quincy to go northbound on Kipling. This is illegal as well as very frustrating for other drivers who are stuck in line waiting to make that right turn correctly to proceed southbound on Kipling.

The goal is to correct the situation through education and then enforcement (if necessary). It is the sincere hope that the education part of the equation will correct the problem. If not, there will be enforcement activities and issuing of citations to violators.

The two traffic violations often observed are people making an illegal right-hand turn and obstruction of traffic flow. Per the Colorado Traffic Code, a right-hand turn must be made as close to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway as practicable. The right lane continues long enough to allow you to accelerate and then merge safely into traffic going south on Kipling. The other violation is obstructing traffic. If a driver loiters at the stop sign for the purpose of waiting for a break in southbound traffic to make the turn illegally, that falls under obstruction of traffic flow. These violations carry a 3-point penalty assessment each and total fines of up to \$160, if cited.

Below, is a diagram to illustrate the proper way to negotiate the right turn from Nassau onto Kipling. It also illustrates what constitutes a violation.





Junior High BBQ

The Junior High BBQ, last Friday, was a great success. A big thank you to Kara Fielder and the DEF Junior High Social Committee for their work on this event and a thank you to all the parents who volunteered. Community events like this would not be possible without your help.



Ballroom Dance Club

Back by popular demand, Ballroom Dance Club! If you enjoy moving to music, want to learn social dance moves or just gain confidence for dance events, sign up on Friday club day during 7th hour with Mr. Anneberg. This is for 7th-12th grade students and it will meet in the cafeteria.

Spring Break EF Trip to Washington, DC

Junior High students, we're going to Washington, D.C. in Spring 2027 and already have 10 students enrolled, we'd love for your student to join us!

We're excited to tell you more about the trip we're planning with EF Explore America, our educational travel partner. Please be sure to register for the info session on **Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:45pm in the library** to be considered for this opportunity: <https://rsvp.efexploreamerica.com/6jbpn7p>

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to see your student join us on this adventure.

In this info session, we'll talk about:

- How this experience will benefit your child
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this tour
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)



There are limited spots on this trip, and those at the meeting will have first access.

I hope to see you there and look forward to sharing how this trip can be a powerful and unforgettable chapter in your child's life! - Sandra Goldsborough

Fall Sports

Be sure to support our student-athletes this fall!

Click the sport below for more information.



[Football](#), [Softball](#), [Boys Soccer](#), [Boys Tennis](#), [Boys Golf](#), [Cheer](#), [Cross Country \(XC\)](#), [Girls Volleyball](#)

Ways to Support D'Evelyn Athletics

If you are interested in attending any D'Evelyn sporting events, tickets can be purchased through [GoFan](#).

If you would like to stream events live, check out the [NFHS Network](#).

Looking for rankings and stats, click [HERE](#) for Max Preps.

Softball

Congratulations to the D'Evelyn softball team for their dominating win against Arapahoe yesterday. They crushed the Warriors 25-11 and had some big homeruns from Myla Seda, Hallie Book, and Macie Allen. We are currently ranked #4 overall in 3A and will likely be even higher in next week's rankings. Great job, ladies!

Boys Tennis

Shout out to Boys Tennis as they earned their first win of the season over Wheat Ridge yesterday by a score of 5-2. Come out a support the team on Tuesday as they host Colorado Academy.

Football

Good Luck to Football as they open up their season tomorrow night vs. Prospect Ridge Academy! 6pm at North Stadium in Westminster.

Boys Soccer

Congratulations to Boys Soccer for their season opening win over Colorado Academy on Wednesday. Amazing defensive effort led by Senior goalie Brady Ziemian as we secured a 2-0 shutout.

Girls Volleyball

Girls Volleyball earned their first win of the season over St. Mary's Academy! Our Jags locked in for a hard fought 3-1 win and will travel to face Colorado Academy tonight at 6:30pm.

Check for upcoming events on our [Athletics Calendar](#).

Follow our athletics Instagram page [@develynathletics](#)

for updates and celebrations!

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

Kelly Benninghoff, D'Evelyn's SEL, is excited to welcome everyone back to school next Tuesday. Click [HERE](#) to see some tips for returning to school after summer break.

Parent Mentoring

New Parents: Welcome to D'Evelyn! If you are interested in having a parent mentor help you throughout the school year, please sign up at this link [HERE](#).

Returning Parents: If you are interested in becoming a mentor for a new family, please sign up at this link [HERE](#). Mentoring might be grabbing a cup of coffee or just answering questions by email. It can be whatever you decide.



College Night

College Night will be held on **Wednesday, September 9th** from 6:00-8:00pm at D'Evelyn. This event is open to all high school students and will include the following breakout sessions:

- College Admissions Panel
- Why Test Scores Matter are starting to Matter Again
- Financial Aid & College Affordability
- How to Become an Exceptional College Candidate
- College Planning 101
- Your College Essay Blueprint

College Visits

D'Evelyn hosts College Admissions Counselors throughout the year during 7th Hour. Students in Grades 9-12 are welcome to attend to discover and learn firsthand about colleges and universities, ask questions and make personal connections with Admissions representatives. Sign up in advance through SchoolLinks Events and in Responsive Scheduling (Campus) for 7th Hour. Click on [College Visit List](#) to view scheduled visits!



D'Evelyn Accountability Committee



August 2026 Update

- First meeting(NEW DATE):Tues, Sept 8th 5:30-7pm @ Library
 - Meet the new D'Evelyn teachers
 - Learn more about AC –what it does and how you can help
 - Hear updates from Principal Shapiro, Steering Committee, and DEF
 - All parents, teachers, and admin are welcome!
- School Improvement Plan for 2026/2027 (developed by the Accountability Committee and adopted by the Steering Committee):
 1. Promote Student Retention
 2. Continue focus on student well-being and family sense of belonging
 3. Create a vision for the future of the D'Evelyn Community
- Officers for 2026/2027 are Case Collard, Seth LaLiberty, and Vilma Balnyte.
- Contact develynsac@gmail.com with questions

Teacher Appreciation Corner



WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

We have an amazing group of teachers and staff that put in a ton of work into helping our students be successful and we want to make sure they feel our appreciation on a regular basis. Throughout the year we have multiple events and ways you can help in this endeavor. Please check the newsletter for periodic updates and new ways to volunteer or give donations.

Adopt A Teachers' Treats Day

Each month we don't have another event, we have Teachers' Treats Day where food or small gifts are provided for the staff. We offer for families to adopt one of these days. Please see the sign up below for the available dates and more details.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FABAB2CA1FEC52-65327944-adopt>

Amazon Wishlist

Teacher Appreciation has a running wishlist that is regularly updated for upcoming events and needs. Please consider purchasing items off the list. When donating items make sure you select for it to be delivered to the wishlist provided address (DEF Teacher Appreciation) so we can easily collect and prepare items.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1UGNA3B4544MN?ref_=wl_share

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or want to help outside of the options provided please email us 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, September 14 4:30-6:30** in the east conference room within the school library. 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, want to see the agenda, or want to submit a public commentary, please visit our [website](#) to learn more about the unique role the Steering Committee plays at D'Evelyn Junior & Senior High School.

Steering Committee runs vital subcommittees each year, including Curricular Review, Textbook Selection, and Hiring Committees. Curricular and Textbook subcommittees typically run in the Fall and Hiring subcommittees typically run in the Spring. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please click this [LINK](#) for a form to indicate your interest.

[Approved Minutes from 8/14/26](#)

August 24 Meeting Highlights:

- School SRO status update
- US News & World Report Rankings and reasons for this change in ranking
- Updated Curricular Review Schedule - in 2026-2027 this includes: Jr High Speech, Mythology, Algebra 2, AP Calculus AB, Life Science, Photo 1-3, Economics & AP Macroeconomics
- Discussion on changing Steering Committee required reading list
- Training on Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), Executive Session rules, FERPA, and IDEA
- Committee updates: Accountability, DEF, Discipline, Calendar, Curricular
- New & Upcoming business for future meetings: French 1-3 Textbooks, AI Policy, EFTC sub-committee and DEF

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