



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

A few weeks ago, I sent a message about our ranking in U.S. News & World Report and explained how our AP scores did not count due to a state data gap. I wanted to follow up and share that no matter what happened with those rankings, we have a lot to celebrate.

Our latest numbers are in, and the results are incredible:

- D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School achieved the highest average SAT score in Colorado for 2026, with our average composite score rising from 1279 to 1292.
- The percentage of D'Evelyn AP students scoring a 3 or higher jumped from 96.1% to an amazing 98.11% in 2026.
- We are also once again a recipient of the Colorado John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award for 2025, recognizing our continued top tier academic performance over time.

I am so proud of our students, teachers, and staff each and every day for the work they put in.

I am also extremely proud of our student athletic and activities programs. A special shout out goes to our girls softball team, currently ranked as the number one 3A team in the state!

On a practical note, we could really use your help with managing the crosswalk before and after school. If you are able to volunteer, please use the link in the Crosswalk Section of this issue to sign up.

Looking ahead, I am looking forward to next week's College Night. It is always a great event for our students and families.

Thank you for everything you do to support our school.

Please enjoy the Labor Day weekend!

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



[Link to Master Calendar](#)

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Junior High Only Events



High School Only Events



JH and HS Events

SEPT 5 - OCT 10

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**

OCT 12-13: FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL

OCT 13: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7PM

OCT 15-17: FALL PLAY 7PM

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Ms. Paske for winning September "Teacher of the Month." She was described by students as, "very energetic in class" and "so sweet." Students also said, "she is always smiling" and she makes learning history fun. Congratulations Ms. Paske.

Crosswalk Signup

Due to recent changes to the parking and traffic pattern on Nassau Street, students now need to cross the street safely to access the designated carpool area. We are looking for parent volunteers to help students safely cross Nassau during drop-off and pick-up. If you are interested in keeping our students safe, please use this sign-up genius link [HERE](#).

School Store

The D'Evelyn Online School Store is open! Browse spirit wear, golf and professional-item preorders, and watch for new merchandise drops. Follow DEF on social media for pop-up store announcements. Shop anytime at

develyn-education-foundation.square.site

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!

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>

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!)



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

EF Trip to Japan and South Korea



Join Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Holland as we take a group of students back to Japan and South Korea in 2027! We love to travel and are excited to be taking our 8th student trip together.

Currently, this is the only high school student trip available for 2027! Join us for an upcoming Google Meet on **September 30th at 6:30 PM**.

Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/45Jlskk>

Email: knewell@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information. [FLYER](#)

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.

Speech & Debate

The Award-winning High School Speech and Debate Team is ready to start the new season! After having won the Jeffco League Championship, being named a CHSAA Debate School of Excellence, and qualifying students fto the National Tournament for the past two years, we are looking forward to another exciting season! Our first general meeting will be **Tuesday, September 8**, in Mrs. Powers's **room E211 from 3:30-4:00**. Students working on non-debate events will then continue to work from 4:00-5:00. LD Debaters will meet on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00; PF Debaters will meet on Thursdays from 3:30-5:00. All high school students are welcome.

Monday (9/14)

- Spirit Day: Alphabet Day (dress as something that starts with same letter of first name)
- Event/Activity: Powder Puff Football Game at D'Evelyn @ 6:30 PM
- Restaurant: TBD



Tuesday (9/15)

- Spirit Day: Meme Day
- Event/Activity: After school sports at D'Evelyn—stay and support our students!
- Restaurant: TBD



Wednesday (9/16)

- Spirit Day: Wacky Wednesday (Fashion Disaster)
- Event/Activity: [Speed Dating in Auditorium](#) (9-12 grades only)
- Restaurant: TBD



Thursday (9/17)

*No Homework assigned Thursday and due Monday

- Spirit Day: Jag Spirit / Black out
- Event/Activity:
 - 7th Hour Pep Rally in the large gym
 - Homecoming Football Game @ 7:30 PM at Trailblazer Stadium
- Restaurant: TBD



Friday (9/18)

- Event/Activity: [Homecoming Dance at D'Evelyn from 7-10 PM](#) (9-12 grades only) [FLYER](#) Click [HERE](#) for tickets.



Monday (9/14)

- Powder Puff Football Game at D'Evelyn @ 6:30 PM
- Varsity Softball @ Eaton 6pm

Tuesday (9/15)

- Varsity Tennis vs Columbine @ 3:30pm
- Varsity Softball vs Dakota Ridge @ 4pm
- Volleyball @ Front Range Christian starting @ 4pm
- Varsity Soccer @ Jefferson Academy @ 6:30pm

Wednesday (9/16)

- Varsity Soccer vs Littleton (lakewood Memorial stadium @5pm

Thursday (9/17)

- Varsity Softball vs Golden HS @4pm
- JV Soccer vs Littleton @4pm
- JV Softball vs Golden HS @6pm
- Homecoming Football Game @ 7:30 PM at Trailblazer Stadium

Friday (9/18)

- Cross Country AWest Durden Invitational @ AWest 12pm

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](#), [XC](#), [Girls Volleyball](#)

Athletes of the Month - August



Josh Coover - Grade 11

I would like to nominate Josh Coover as athlete of the month for August.

Josh was injured on the first play of the game last year and has worked extremely hard to get back. He has worked hard in the spring to get back into shape and over the summer has taken in the role as QB. He leads by example and is becoming more of a student of the game.

Josh led the team with 150 yards of total offense throwing for a TD and rushing for a TD while leading the Jags to a victory in their season opener.

We are looking forward to Josh leadership of the football team and believe he is in for a big year both on and off the field.



Myla Seda - Grade 12

Myla Seda is making a name for herself in the softball world, currently ranking #1 in all of Colorado in slugging percentage. She is a tremendous offensive asset and a force at the plate, while her consistent defense makes her a true rock at first base. Beyond

her performance on the field, Myla's positivity, character, and leadership are truly admirable and invaluable to our team.

Her teammates look up to her not only as an athlete, but also as a mentor and role model. She leads by example, encourages those around her, and consistently makes

the people around her better. We are incredibly fortunate to have Myla on our team and excited to see all that she will continue to accomplish both on and off the field.

Football

Football is off to a hot start this season, notching their second win of the season to sit at 2-0 overall. Last night they bested the Littleton Lions by a score of 23-6 in an impressive performance on both sides of the ball. Shout out to Nick Kelso who threw for 3 touchdowns in his first time playing QB!

Check for upcoming events on our [Athletics Calendar](#).
Follow our athletics Instagram page [@develynathletics](#)
for updates and celebrations!

ATHLETICS

Cheer & Poms

Did you know D'Evelyn has brought our Poms program back to life this year? Our squad made their debut last night with a halftime performance at the football game! Shout out to Mr. Kelsey for working with our Jaguar dancers to bring our program back. It's great to have a vibrant Spirit Program with Cheer and Poms!



D'Evelyn Youth Basketball Association (DYBA)

Junior High Boys and Girls D'Evelyn Youth Basketball Association (DYBA) tryouts are scheduled for **Sunday September 13th**. This league is for students in 2nd-8th grade. For more information go to the [DYBA website](#). Please sign up through the [FLYER](#) QR Code or reach out to [Coach Greg Scheckenbach](#).

Cross Country

The Jag cross-country teams are off to an incredible start to the 2026 season. After the first two meets of the year, the jag runners are far ahead of where they were last season at this time. After a great meet at the Gator Invitational, the jags excelled at our own D'Evelyn Dash last weekend. Running in the large school division against mostly 4A and 5A competition, the boys (3rd) and the girls (2nd) both exceeded our own lofty expectations. Individually, the girls were lead in both races by sophomore Abby Orahoad with Emily Gradwohl and Lilah Stovall close behind. For the boys, Ethan Brill has led the way with two outstanding finishes (4th at Gator and 2nd at the Dash) with Arlo Wilson and Dom Lampert also finishing strong. All 35 members have shown vast improvement and we are well on our way to another successful season. Check the calendar and come out and support cross-country as we roll on to the league and state championships in October.



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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.

Panorama SEL Survey

All students in Grades 6-12 will be taking the Panorama SEL survey in September and in January. It is a quick survey designed to measure SEL competencies described above. Please see the linked letter for information about what the survey measures and to read the survey questions. If you have any questions after reading the letter, please reach out to our SELS, Kelly Benninghoff at

kelly.benninghoff@jeffco.k12.co.us.

[Panorama Survey Letter](#)

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

Parent Teacher Conference Meals

Help us provide a good meal for teachers during conferences on October 7th and 8th so they have the energy to meet with all their families.

- **Wednesday, October 7th** will be a Chili Cook Off. Make your favorite chili recipe (any style). Teachers will vote for their favorite chili and the winner will get D'Evelyn gear.

- **Thursday, October 8th** we will have an easy Grab and Go meal

Sign up below if you want to participate in the Chili Cookoff, bring other items, or volunteer to set up or clean up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FABAB2CA1FEC52-65397110-conference>

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.