



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

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

A huge shout-out to Mrs. Sprague, Ryan Bazz, Megan Bender, and the entire Student Council for organizing an incredible Homecoming Week! Spirit Week was fantastic, and the activities brought so much energy and fun to our school. Be sure to check out the Spirit Week slideshow below to relive the highlights.

Our Pep Rally was awesome, featuring outstanding performances by the Choir, Marching Band, Cheer team, Poms, and an unforgettable staff dance. Yesterday before the Homecoming Game, I also had the chance to catch our softball team in action, and I was so impressed watching them secure a fantastic win! The excitement carried right into last night's football game, where it was fantastic to see such a huge turnout packed in the stands. I am so proud of our football team for giving it their all on the field and representing our school with such pride and grit, as well as our D'Evelyn Marching Band for delivering a stellar halftime performance. A special shout-out to the band for also doing a fantastic job at this week's Jeffco Band Festival!

I'm now looking forward to attending the Homecoming Dance tonight. I am so proud of our incredible students and staff!

Next week, our 6th-grade students, teachers, staff, and high school leaders will be heading off to Outdoor Lab. We know they are going to have an unforgettable time!

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](#)



SEPT 19 - OCT 26

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Junior High Only Events



High School Only Events



JH and HS Events

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 15-17: FALL PLAY 7PM
 OCT 19: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM
 OCT 20: PSAT/NMSQT HALF DAY FOR JUNIORS
 OCT 20: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7PM
 OCT 20: D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION 6-8PM
 OCT 24: TRICK OR TREAT STREET 5-6:45PM

Yearbook

Yearbooks are available for purchase through Varsity. They will be \$85 until **November 11th** then the price will increase. Last day to purchase yearbooks is January 28th. Click [HERE](#) to purchase your yearbook. Use the school code **55011**.

Senior Portraits are due on October 9th. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Senior Baby Ads can be purchased. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Additionally, anyone can upload photos for consideration by the yearbook staff. Go to the eShare album <https://yearbookshare.com/eShare> and use the password: **dhsjags2027**. Make sure to click on General Photos and not Portraits.

October Count

October Count Day is **Thursday, October 1st**! Student attendance on this day directly impacts school funding across Jeffco and all of Colorado. Help us get an accurate count by making sure your student participates in learning that day.

If your child is absent on October 1st, attendance can still be counted through October 8th. Every Student Counts!

Fun Run / Fall Fest

DEF's annual fun run is coming up on October 2nd during 7th hour! See fun run posters in the hallways and cafeteria for registration info. Fall fest to follow beginning at 3:15. [FLYER](#)

Lifetouch Pictures

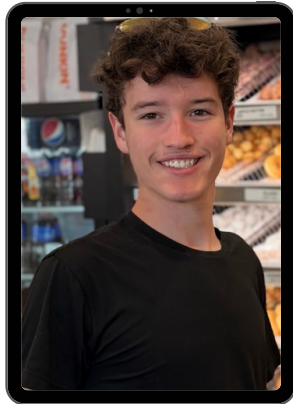
Picture retakes will be on **Wednesday, September 23rd**. This is for students who would like a new picture taken for yearbook. Any previously purchased pictures will need to be returned at that time.

Congratulations NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

These academically talented high school juniors scored in the top 1% of PSAT/NMSQT test-takers in the Nation in 2025.



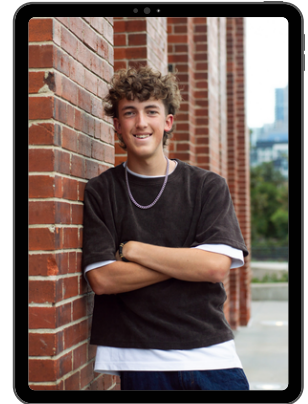
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Laurent



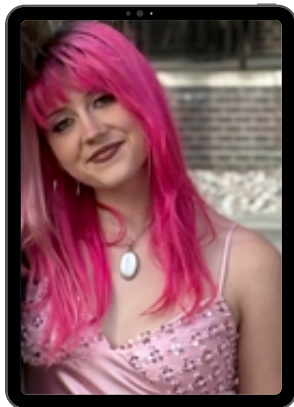
Wesley
Shelly



Anastasia
Fudge



Henry
Creel



Alice
Cuttitta



Juston
Wang



Isabella
Volpe

Outdoor Lab

The 6th graders will be headed to Outdoor Lab from **September 22nd-September 25th**. Our school attends both locations. Ms. Goldsborough, Ms. McDonough, and Ms. Vander Ploeg's homeroom classes will attend Mt. Blue Sky (West side) and Ms. Ayme, Mr. Davis and Mr. Doyle's homeroom classes will attend Windy Peak (East side). Students at Outdoor Lab learn about the core value system I.C.A.R.E. which stands for *Integrity, Commitment, Awareness, Respect, and Empathy*. Each day, students will experience new challenges and activities including a low-ropes course, hiking, archery, ecology lessons, and an astronomy night. Our 6th graders are not the only students attending, 42 juniors and seniors will be there as high school leaders. Their job is to assist with programming and stay in the bunk houses. This is an exciting opportunity for all our Jags. Here's hoping the weather is nice!

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](#)

Spirit Week Wrap-Up

We had a fantastic homecoming spirit week. Thank you to Student Council, Mr. Bazz and Ms. Sprague for all your hard work. [SLIDESHOW](#)

Honor Roll & Academic Lettering

Honor Roll & Academic Lettering are two important ways that students are recognized for their academic achievements at D'Evelyn.

The Honor Roll is broken into four categories and is based on the grades from spring semester of the 2025-2026 school year: (weighted grade point averages are used in these calculations).

High school students that earned at least a 3.75 G.P.A. for both semesters of the 2025-2026, will be awarded an Academic Letter. The first year a student earns this award they are given a certificate, chenille "D" Letter for D'Evelyn, and an academic pin.

Every year after they are given a certificate and a bar pin. This year our Academic Lettering ceremony will be during 7th hour on **Friday, October 9th** in the gym.

Look for further communication, coming soon, containing the lists of students earning these honors.

JH Speech & Debate

Junior High Speech and Debate practices on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in E211. Come join us at any time. Email traci.powers@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information.

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](#)



Boys Golf

Congratulation to Ben Goman and Tyler Feighny who have qualified for the state golf tournament in Alamosa. With one week left in the regular season, D'Evelyn is close to qualifying the maximum four golfers for state.

Softball

Softball continues to earn their #1 3A State ranking as they notched wins this week over Dakota Ridge by a score of 13-2 and a shut out over Golden 15-0. Myla Seda led the team both offensively and as our winning pitcher in both games.

Football

Football lost a tough Homecoming Game last night to Sterling HS by a score of 14-13 in front of a capacity crowd at Trailblazer Stadium. Going into the game with a perfect 3-0 record, our Jags had risen to a #9 ranking in 2A Football and will continue to chase playoff aspirations as they travel to battle defending 2A State Champs TCA next week.

Football Fundraiser

Our D'Evelyn Jags Football Team is off to a GREAT season, and we're celebrating by supporting our football team at Texas Roadhouse! Join us **Tuesday, September 22, from 3:30-10:00 PM** at the River Point location on Santa Fe. Bring the whole family for dinner, plus face painters and balloon artists for extra fun!

Dine in or carryout—but be sure to MENTION D'EVELYN FOOTBALL when you order!

Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your order to support Jags Football.

So grab your family, bring your Jags spirit, and LET'S PACK THE ROADHOUSE! [FLYER](#)

Boys Tennis

Boys Tennis has been on a recent win streak as they defeated Chatfield (4-3), Columbine (7-0) and Evergreen (4-3). At 4-3 overall on the season, they will look to finish strong in their final league matches vs Golden, A-West and Lakewood.

Junior High Flag Football



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

ATHLETICS

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](#).

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!

Accountability Committee

September 2026 Update



- September Mtg (held Sept 8)
 - Met new teachers
 - Discussion regarding school rankings
 - Discussion regarding student retention
 - Review of School Improvement Plan and planning for 2026/2027
- October Mtg (**Date Change**) :Tues, Oct 205:30-7pm @ Library
 - All students, parents, teachers, and admin are welcome!
 - Treats!
 - Hear updates from Principal Shapiro, Steering Committee, and DEF
 - More updates on agenda as meeting gets closer
- School Improvement Plan for 2026/2027:
 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**
- Contact develynsac@gmail.com with questions

School Store

The D'Evelyn School Store is powered by volunteers, and we'd love your help! Weekly opportunities include Tuesday lunch shifts, Thursday after-school shifts, and pop-up stores at school events.

We have an immediate need for help with the Homecoming Game on September 17 at Jeffco Stadium. Volunteers are needed to transport School Store merchandise from D'Evelyn to the stadium before the game, help staff the store before and during the game, and then take merchandise home overnight and store it securely in a vehicle until it can be returned to the School Store on Friday. Trucks, vans, and large SUVs are especially helpful, and wagons are preferred to make moving merchandise easier.

Not able to work a shift? The sign-up also includes an option to donate a bag of candy each month for students who stop by the School Store after lunch.

All volunteers will receive training before working any solo shift. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BABAA28A1FFC70-65714797-defschool>

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 21 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.