



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 Our 6th Grade Community!

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to our 6th grade teachers, staff, students, high school leaders, and families. This week's trip to Outdoor Lab was a tremendous success, and it is all thanks to your hard work, preparation, and support.

Because our 6th grade class is so large, we split up this year to attend both Windy Peak and Mt. Blue Sky. I had the privilege of visiting our students and staff at the Windy Peak campus yesterday, and I was so proud of what I saw. Several of our D'Evelyn staff also had the chance to visit both sites throughout the week, and we were all blown away by the dedication, enthusiasm, and positive behavior on display.

Outdoor Lab Principals Mrs. Paschke and Mr. Brasher both reached out to share how thoroughly impressed they were with our group. They specifically praised our 6th graders for their kindness and respectfulness, and commended our high school leaders for stepping up and doing an exceptional job guiding the younger students.

Seeing our community in action at Outdoor Lab was a perfect reminder of D'Evelyn's Founding Document and its core operating principles. The document emphasizes that "good discipline and order will be maintained to ensure an atmosphere conducive to effective teaching and learning" and that "courtesy and respect for high moral and ethical standards will be required." Our students and high school leaders truly embodied those principles all week long.

This week, Jessie Pellant from our Safety Subcommittee, Eileen Kratzer, Director of Rocky Mountain Deaf School, and I met with personnel from the Jeffco School District and the Jefferson County Road and Bridge Division to address local traffic safety concerns. As a positive result of this meeting, the district has agreed to hire a traffic consultant to assess traffic around both D'Evelyn and Rocky Mountain Deaf School, with the goal of improving traffic flow and enhancing overall safety.

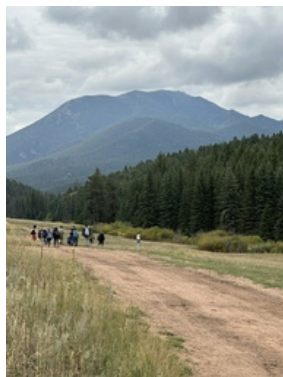
I am excited for more opportunities to bring our community together. I will be at the football game in Colorado Springs tonight, and tomorrow I will be at the Legacy Marching Band Festival supporting our incredible band. Next Friday, we have our Fun Run and Fall Fest, and I hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for everything you do to support our school community. I hope you all 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.

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SEPT 26 - NOV 7

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

OCTOBER 2026

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Junior High Only Events



High School Only Events



JH and HS Events

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**
 OCT 28: **SENIOR GRADUATION MEETING 2:15PM**
 NOV 2: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

Music Concerts



There are many exciting opportunities to hear our amazing music students in the coming weeks. The Junior High Band Concert is on **Thursday, October 1st at 7pm.**

The Senior High Choir Concert is on **Monday, October 5th at 7pm.** All Orchestras will perform on **Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm.** Lastly, the Junior High Choir wil perform on **Wednesday, October 7th at 7pm.** Come out and enjoy a free concert and support the D'Evelyn music program.

NHS Blood Drive

It's that time of year again to save lives! NHS is sponsoring the Fall Blood Drive on Tues., October 6th. If you are 16 or older and are interested in donating blood, please visit our table during lunches starting Tues, Sept. 29th or scan the QR code on the posters around school. You **MUST** sign-up ahead of time and meet the requirements to donate blood. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Bender in E206.

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 inforamtion.

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

D'Evelyn Honor Roll & Academic Lettering

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

Honor Roll

The High School 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)

Platinum - Students earned a 4.0 or higher

Gold - Students with G.P.A.s of 3.75 - 3.99

Silver - Students with G.P.A.s of 3.5 - 3.74

Bronze - Students with G.P.A.s of 3.0 - 3.49

To see your if your high school student has earned a place on the honor roll:

1. Log on to [Infinite Campus](#)
2. Click the three lines on the top left
3. Choose "Documents"
4. Under "Transcript" choose "D'Evelyn Unofficial Transcript"
5. Find the 2025-2026 Term 2 Weighted GPA

If you have any questions about the Honor Roll, please email Ryan Bazz, ryan.bazz@jeffco.k12.co.us. Parents of Honor Roll students can visit the main office to pick-up their "D'Evelyn #Honor Roll Student" bumper sticker.

Academic Lettering

The 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 on the afternoon of **Friday, October 9th** at 2:15 during 7th hour in the auditorium. The students that earned an Academic Letter during the 2025-2026 school year will receive there awards at this time.

Parents and Caregivers should receive an email inviting you to attend if your student has earned this recognition. If you have any questions about Academic Lettering please email Ryan Bazz, ryan.bazz@jeffco.co.us.

Congratulations to all students that earned an Honor Roll and/or Academic Letter. Your work ethic and dedication to your studies are applauded by our community.

Dream Books Recycling Bin

We are partnering with Dream Books Co. to support literacy and sustainability. Donate new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs, records, audiobooks, and boxed video games (in their original packaging) by placing them in our new bin in the west parking lot!

Why Participate?

- Offers a free recycling service for our school.
- Earns teachers \$50 monthly in book credits
- Donates items to local partners
- Responsibly recycles non-reusable items

***Please still bring school required reading books to the library so students can access them for class.** Should you prefer to share your books locally before sending them elsewhere, our library accepts donations of gently used titles aligned with our collection guidelines, while any remaining items will be given to Dream Books.



8th Grade "Speed Dating with a Book"

We partnered with the Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) to host a "Speed Dating with a Book" event for 8th graders. Students explored various genres to discover new favorite reads to have on hand as they begin their grammar unit!



100 Books before Graduation

Jefferson County Public Library is excited to introduce [100 Books Before Graduation](#), a new reading challenge for students in grades 6 – 12.

The program encourages teens to read what they love, discover new perspectives, and develop lifelong reading habits. Participants can track their progress, earn rewards along the way, and work toward the goal of reading 100 books before graduating high school.

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 D'Evelyn Boys Golf for their most successful season in years. The team finished 4th out of 11 teams in Jeffco League play.

The team is also sending the maximum number of golfers allowed to compete as a team at state in Alamosa in a few weeks. Congrats to Ben Goman, Chase Beardsley, Tyler Feighny, and Brady Pham who will be representing D'Evelyn at state. Lastly, Congratulation to Ben Goman for finishing second team all-conference for boys golf.



Girls Volleyball



Girls Volleyball had a fantastic week notching two important mid-season wins. On Tuesday, they won a thrilling 5 set match over Denver Christian making a comeback after being down a set. Last night they won a key league match over Littleton by a score of 3-1. Good luck to our Jags as they continue League play over the next two weeks!

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!

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!

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



Fun Run / Fall Fest

Make sure you register for the fun run! Highest amount raised will win an e-bike! Register for the fun run today! [FLYER](#)
Stay after for the Fall Fest!



School Store Updates & Needs

We're planning School Store pop-ups at upcoming concerts, plays, and Parent-Teacher Night—but we need more volunteers to make it happen! Sign up:

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

Thanks to a generous donation, we have new merchandising displays for our growing inventory. We're still looking for a few organizing/checkout supplies, plus candy for students who stop by during Tuesday lunch. Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GKO4A758HPER?ref=list_c_wl_ys_list_1

The Online School Store is always open:

<http://develyn-education-foundation.square.site/>

Orders are filled by volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are available for pickup Tuesday at lunch or Thursday after school. New merchandise is added frequently!

Follow D'Evelyn Education Foundation (DEF) on social media for new releases, sales, pre-orders, pop-ups, and store hours.

Teacher Appreciation Corner

[Teacher Appreciation NEWLETTER](#)



Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: Monday, October 5 4:30-7:00 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. If you have questions, want to see the agenda, or want to submit a public commentary, please visit our [website](#).

At our last meeting, we had tech issues and Google Meet was not working - our apologies if you tried to join via the Meet link. We'll work on it for our next meeting.

[Approved Minutes from 8/24/26](#) [Approved Minutes from 9/14/26](#)

D'Evelyn Community,

The D'Evelyn Steering Committee is the governing board of D'Evelyn, charged with protecting and preserving the Founding Document of the school. We are composed of eight members: five parent members (elected to three-year terms), two teacher members (also elected to three-year terms), and the current school principal (the only permanent member of the Steering Committee). To accomplish our goals, the Steering Committee has the key role in hiring committees, textbook committees, curricular reviews, principal evaluation, school policies, and broad responses to district and state initiatives. We oversee the long-term direction of the school, whereas the principal and the administration handle the day-to-day implementation of the D'Evelyn program. The Steering Committee carries heavy responsibilities, but also great satisfaction.

The Steering Committee By-Laws allow for elections in April to fill vacant positions. This year we have two parent positions available. In order to run for the Steering Committee, a candidate must fulfill a number of qualifications. These qualifications include required readings, attendance of at least two Steering Committee meetings, and service on at least two school committees. These and other requirements can be found in greater detail in the candidate packet found on the Steering Committee website (go to "D'Evelyn Home" then, "Parent Groups", then "Steering Committee", then "Application Packet"). A candidate information session will take place on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 pm in the D'Evelyn library, following the Accountability Committee meeting. In this session we will provide information about what serving on the Steering Committee entails, as well as information about the qualifications to run for election.

[Steering Committee Candidate Information](#) [Candidate Election Packet](#)

Respectfully, D'Evelyn Steering Committee 2026-2027

Contact Information for Steering Committee Applications: develynscchair@gmail.com

David Belmonte (Parent - Chair) ♦ Robert Pharris (Parent - Vice-Chair)

Josh Hause (Parent - Secretary) ♦ Curtis Laabs (Parent - Correspondence Secretary)

Keith Beams (Teacher) ♦ Sandra Goldsborough (Teacher) ♦ Josh Shapiro (Principal)