



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

DEF Fun Run & Fall Festival: Happening Now! We are thrilled to see our entire community out today, Friday, October 2nd, for the DEF Fun Run & Fall Festival! The fun is happening right now and goes until 5:30 PM. This is a fantastic community gathering and a vital fundraiser for our school—come join the excitement and support the Jags!

I really enjoyed attending the Junior High Choir Concert last night. I'm so proud of our incredible students and staff!

I'm looking forward to a busy calendar ahead. Please mark your calendars for several key events, including the Steering Committee Meeting, the High School Choir Concert, Junior High School Choir Concert, and our Academic Lettering ceremony. We will also have the All Levels Orchestra Concert, and I want to remind everyone that our Parent / Teacher Conferences are scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday. Lastly, Fall Break is Monday, October 12 through Tuesday, October 13 and the office will be closed during that time.

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.



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](#)



OCT 3 - 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 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

Heart of D'Evelyn - September

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: **Kathy Truong, Piper Gilbert, Michael Torres, Namasya Pokharel, Piper Hall, Emma Bredenkamp, Shriya Chakraborty, Andru Bredenkamp, Ellie, Wheeler, Charlie McKnight, Michael Pitzer, Ethan Brill, Wendy Nguyen, Connor Kennedy, and Paxton Hart** for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.



Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to Mr. Davis for winning September "Teacher of the Month." He was described by students as, "a class act" as well as "kind and positive." Students also said, his calm demeanor makes him approachable when seeking help. Congratulations Mr. Davis.

Fall Break

The school will be closed from **October 10th - October 13th** so staff can enjoy fall break.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be on **Wednesday, October 7th from 3:45-6:15pm** and **Thursday, October 8th from 5-7:30pm**. Conferences on the 7th will be in the small gym and cafeteria, but parents will block out a time with their student's teacher via the sign-up. All conferences will be limited to five minutes. More information, including the sign-up list, was emailed out on Thursday afternoon or can be found [HERE](#). Conferences on the 8th will be an open-house format in the small gym and cafeteria where parents can meet with their student's teachers on a first-come, first-served basis.

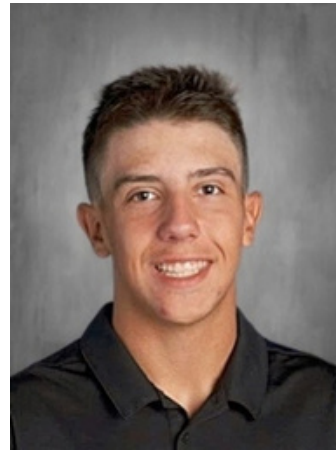
Scholars of the Month: September



Alice Cuttita - 12th Grade

Alice is engaged and enthusiastic about the literature that we're reading in AP Lit!

Ms. Sprague - English



Dayne Martinez - Grade 10

Dayne is inquisitive and thoughtful. He engages in discussions nearly every day and has insightful ideas to share.

He manages to juggle a busy tennis schedule and the rigor of the D'Evelyn curriculum seamlessly. He is also a vault of information on film—go see

Dayne for your next movie recommendation!

Mrs. Blair - English



Amelia Ramos - Grade 8

Amelia is such an engaged, hardworking student. She exudes confidence and leadership in our 8th grade English classroom. She is always the first to raise her hand, eagerly participating in class every day. Amelia, I appreciate your enthusiasm and positive attitude!

Thank you!

Mrs. Sweney - English



Patap Saladukha - Grade 7

Patap is new to D'Evelyn and doing a great job. He is always participating in class, has a great attitude, and is thriving in my English class.

We're happy to have him in the Jag Community!

Mr. Hahn - English

Marching Band

Congratulations to the Marching Band for finishing 1st in 3A on Saturday at the Legacy Marching Festival. This **Saturday, October 3rd**, they will perform at 12:15pm at the Douglas County Marching Invitational (DCMI) in Castle Rock. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Hearing and Vision Screening

We will be having hearing and vision screening next **Wednesday, October 7th** for all 7th graders, 9th graders, and any student new to the district. Please ensure students wear their prescribed glasses or contacts that day.

Academic Lettering

The high school students that earned at least a 3.75 G.P.A. for both semesters of the 2025-2026 school year, will be awarded an Academic Letter at the ceremony to be held on the afternoon of **Friday, October 9th at 2:25pm** in the auditorium. This event is only for those students, and their families. Parents and Guardians of the students being recognized should have received an invitation via email on Thursday.

If you did not receive one and feel you should have or if you have any questions about Academic Lettering please email AP Ryan Bazz at ryan.bazz@jeffco.k12.co.us.

PSAT/NMSQT

On **Tuesday, October 20th**, Juniors will have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). All D'Evelyn Juniors are automatically registered for the test which is used for not only the National Merit Scholarship, but also is a great practice for the SAT. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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.

Fall Play

Save a date for the fall production of *Radium Girls*. Mostly set in New Jersey in the 1920's, this play, by D.W. Gregory, is a historical drama based on the true story of female laborers who were poisoned and killed by their factory's radium based paint. The show runs October 15th, 16th, and 17th at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale starting next week and are \$5 for students and children and \$10 for adults.

Come support our amazing drama students!



JH Flag Football



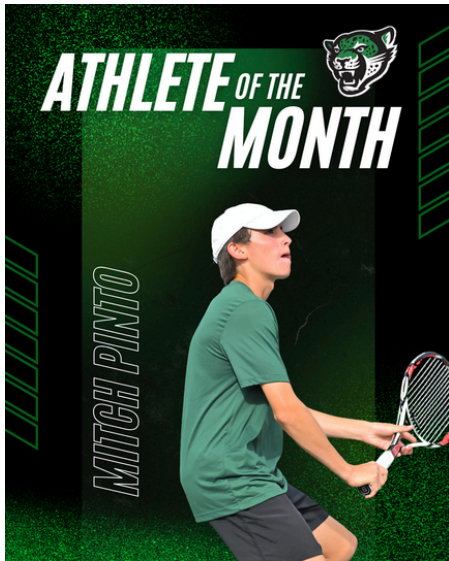
Fall Sports

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 - September



Mitch Pinto - Grade 10

I am writing to nominate Mitch Pinto for the award in recognition of his exceptional contributions to our team during a challenging season. Despite facing a demanding schedule, Mitch has exemplified hard work, positivity, and unwavering support for his teammates.

Maintaining a positive outlook throughout the season has been no small feat, yet Mitch has consistently accomplished this while being present at every event, including optional practices. His dedication to the team is admirable and shows his genuine love for his fellow athletes.

In addition to his commitment, it is important to note that Mitch underwent spinal surgery this year. Remarkably, he has adapted his game post-surgery and has shown remarkable resilience in overcoming this obstacle. His ability to adjust and still contribute effectively to the team's efforts has been truly inspiring.

For these reasons, I firmly believe that Mitch Pinto is deserving of this award. His exemplary attitude and commitment to the team merit this recognition.

Boys Golf

Congratulations to our boys golf team for qualifying for the 3A state championships. This is the first time in many years that we have qualified a whole team for this event. Best of luck to Ben Goman, Tyler Feighny, Brady Pham, and Chase Beardsley as they compete Monday and Tuesday next week at Alamosa Country Club in Alamosa.



Abby Orahod - Grade 10

Abby Orahod exemplifies what it means to be a student-athlete. After building a strong foundation during summer runs, she earned the #1 varsity spot as a sophomore and has placed as our top finisher in every race in which she has completed and keeps getting better. Beyond her athletic consistency and strong academics, Abby sets the standard for character and leadership. She leads by example, supports her teammates unconditionally, and shows exceptional sportsmanship toward every athlete on the course. Congratulations Abby!

ATHLETICS

D'Evelyn AquaJags

WEBSITE & FAQ



High School Girls' Swim & Dive



INTEREST MEETING -Thu, Oct 8, 2:30pm @ Classroom E100
Head Coach Linh Carpenter - Linh.Carpenter@jeffco.k12.co.us



←All new & returning athletes must fill in questionnaire!

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!



ATHLETICS CON'T/COUNSELING

D'Evelyn Accountability Committee

October 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 20 5:30-7pm @ Library
 - All students, parents, teachers, and admin are welcome!
 - Treats!
 - Hear updates from Principal Shapiro, Steering Committee, and DEF
 - Steering Committee volunteer opportunities
 - Discussion with Instructional Coach Keith Beams
- 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 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](#)



D'Evelyn families,

Principal Shapiro has written to you about activity on a personal Instagram account last week. The Steering Committee received a parent concern, took it seriously, and acted on it within hours. Jeffco Public Schools reviewed the account activity with the principal. We accept the explanation provided to families and consider the Instagram account matter addressed.

Official school information will continue to come through the school newsletter and the official D'Evelyn Instagram account, @develyn_jrsr. Please use those channels—not personal social media—for school news.

The Steering Committee governs the D'Evelyn program in partnership with Jeffco Public Schools. Questions about school governance or communication may be sent to develynscchair@gmail.com.

D'Evelyn Steering Committee



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. We had tech issues with Google Meet in the last meeting that prevented use of the virtual link. Our apologies and we'll try to restore it for October 5.

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](#).

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

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



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 and other requirements which can be found in the [candidate 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.

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)