



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

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

What an amazing week at D'Evelyn! It's been filled with exciting events and moments that truly highlight the strength of our community. I am incredibly proud of our students, staff, and families.

Our Parent/Teacher Conferences were a huge success, thanks to the great turnout from our families. This success highlights the power of our school's participatory approach, which is central to our mission. This week, we saw this philosophy come to life, fostering strong connections between home and school. I also want to extend a massive thank you to Sarah McBride and all the parent volunteers who provided delicious meals for our teachers and staff on conference nights—your generosity was deeply appreciated!

Today's Academic Lettering Ceremony was a powerful celebration of our students' commitment to rigorous learning. A huge shout-out to all the Jags who were recognized for earning a 3.75 or higher G.P.A. for both semesters of last school year. Earning A's and B's is challenging at most schools, but it is an even greater accomplishment here at D'Evelyn, given our high academic rigor. During the ceremony today, I shared a message about why that rigor matters:

"I know what some of you, and even some of your parents, might be thinking at times. Why choose D'Evelyn? Why stay here when the amount of homework is considerably higher than other schools in the district? Why stay when we might offer fewer sports or extracurricular activities than larger neighborhood high schools, or when we have a closed campus policy? Why put yourself through that extra challenge?"

The answer comes down to one fundamental thing: the quality of the education you are receiving here, and how deeply it prepares you for life after high school. When we talk to D'Evelyn alumni, including several of our own former students who have returned to teach right here in these classrooms, they consistently tell us the same thing: college was easy for them compared to high school, and they felt completely equipped with the critical thinking, discipline, and skills needed to succeed in life.

The hard work you are putting in today isn't just about grades; it's about building a foundation that lasts a lifetime. With the knowledge, work ethic, and resilience you gain from our liberal arts program, you will be prepared for whatever path you choose next."

We are extremely proud of your hard work and dedication!

I've also had the pleasure of attending several events this week. The spirit and talent on display were fantastic. A big shout-out to our students, staff, coaches, parents, and families who are involved in all of our athletics and activities. Please see below for more information.

Finally, my sincere appreciation goes out to everyone on the Steering Committee, Accountability Committee, and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation for their hard work. Your efforts are vital in ensuring our school continues to grow. Remember, the participatory approach is extremely important—please visit our website for ways you can get involved! I'm looking forward to more great community events, including the Fall Play! I hope everyone has a wonderful fall break!

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 28

[Link to Master Calendar](#)

OCTOBER 2026

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Junior High Only Events



High School Only Events



JH and HS Events

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 20: SC CURRICULUM REVIEW TRAINING 7PM

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

NOV 10: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7PM

NOV 10: SC CANDIDATE TRAINING 7-8PM

NOV 11: VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY 2:15PM

NOV 16: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM

NOV 17: DEF MEETING 6-8PM

NOV 23-27: THANKSGIVING BREAK

Fall Break

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

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 are due November 2nd. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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](#)

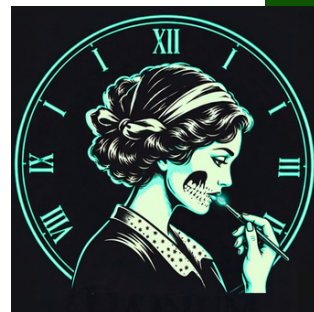
[Bronze - Students with G.P.A.s of 3.0 - 3.49](#)

Speech & Debate



Congratulations to the members of the Speech and Debate Team who won awards at the opening tournament last Saturday at the Jeffco Novice Tournament at Chatfield. Leading the team, **Zoey Knight** won Superior in Interpretation of Literature. **Elliott Payne** won Excellent in LD Debate. And the teams of **David Dong & Noah Oostmeyer-Dettling**, **Yanyan Feng and Madison Li**, and **Aisha Faizi and Thao Le** all won Excellent in PF Debate. Great Job!

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 are on sale and are \$5 for students and children and \$10 for adults (plus fees). Come support our amazing drama students! Tickets: [15th](#), [16th](#), [17th](#).



Marching Band

Good luck to the Marching Band who heads to regionals on Tuesday. They perform at Echo Park Stadium, 11901 Newlin Gulch Blvd, Parker, 80134 at 5:18pm. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. Thank you to all our band families for the incredible amount of work that goes into show days. Good Luck and Yay Band!



Trick or Treat Street

Trick or Treat Street will be held at D'Evelyn on **Saturday, Oct. 24th from 5pm - 6:45pm**. Our clubs and student groups will transform the school, so come bring your little ones (0- 14 years old) and families for a night of fun! Monetary donations will be accepted at the door to benefit the Jeffco Action Center. Last entry is at 6:45pm. We hope to see you there for a fantastic D'Evelyn tradition!



Veteran's Day Assembly

Please join us as D'Evelyn honors our nation's heroes with our annual Veterans Day Presentation on **Wednesday, November 11**.



We warmly invite you to bring family members and friends who are **current or former military veterans** to attend as our honored guests.

- **Arrival & Sign-In:** Please arrive at **1:30 PM** to sign in and relax before the event begins.
- **Refreshments:** We will provide cupcakes, coffee, and water.
- **Presentation Start:** Veterans and their families will be asked to proceed to the gymnasium around **2:20 PM**.
- **Photo Submission** for Honored Veterans:
 - To help us recognize our guests, we would like to include a photo of the veteran in the presentation.
 - If a photo of your veteran **has not been previously submitted**, please upload one by **Monday, November 2nd**, using the following link: [HERE](#)

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](#)



Winter Sports Registration

Great News! High School Winter Sports Registration for Boys and Girls Basketball, and Girls Swim and Dive is now open. Registration will close on **Friday, November 13th**. Click [HERE](#) to register in Arbiter. You must upload a current physical form to be eligible ([FORM](#)). We will not be hosting a parent winter sports meeting. Please attend the individual sport information meetings for details pertaining to the season. Practice for swim begins on November 9th and basketball begins on November 16th.

If you have questions please reach out to Ms. Gee Ginger.Gee@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Softball

Jags Softball are back-to-back LEAGUE CHAMPS! We clinched the 3A/4A Jeffco League Championship with a 15-0 win over Pomona yesterday. Our Lady Jags have a perfect 13-0 League record and are 19-3 overall this season. We're currently ranked #1 in the CHSAA 3A classification and will host a Regional Tournament on **Saturday, October 17th**.



Boys Golf

Another SHOUT OUT to Boys Golf as well! So proud of our program for qualifying an entire team to the 3A State Championships in Alamosa earlier this week! With only one Senior on the team, the future is looking very bright for our golf squad!



ATHLETICS

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

JH Flag Football



Congratulations to the two 6th/7th grade teams and the two 8th grade junior high flag football teams for such a tremendous season. Good luck to the teams moving on to the semi-finals.

The tournament bracket links can be found [HERE](#).



Boys Tennis

Boys Tennis hosted the 4A Region 2 Tournament yesterday at Dakota Ridge HS and came away with yet another Regional Championship! We have 4 Individual Regional Champions and qualified 6 of our 7 lines for the Individual State Championships next week in Pueblo, CO. This amazing team has also battled their way into the 4A State Team Tennis FINAL FOUR after a thrilling win over Mullen last Friday by a score of 4-3! They will take on Colorado Academy on Tuesday next week for a chance to move on to the State Championship match!



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!

Rachel's Challenge

Rachel's challenge is a school wide event taking place on October 19th and 20th. Rachel's Challenge is a nationwide program created in honor of Rachel Scott and other lives lost during the tragedy at Columbine High School in 1999. It promotes kindness and compassion. Students will have a modified schedule those days so they may attend the presentation designed with input from educators and mental health professionals. 8th - 12th grade student will attend on the 19th and 6th & 7th grade students will attend on the 20th.

Click [HERE](#) for the Letter from Mr. Shapiro

Click [HERE](#) for more information about Rachels' Challenge

Click [HERE](#) for the modified schedule.

Click [HERE](#) to opt your student out.

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

Fun Run and Fall Fest Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who helped fundraise for the fun run. Also, thank you to all the sports and activities that had booths at the fall fest. Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers that made this community event possible. As a community, we raised \$15,050! Our top fundraiser was Torrin Larson and our runner up was Neal Hsu! Click [HERE](#) for a slideshow from the run.

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](#)



The D'Evelyn Steering Committee is forming a short-term subcommittee to explore potential opportunities for additional funding to support the school. We are specifically looking for parents with professional experience or expertise in law, marketing, and accounting/finance.

If you are interested in using your skills to support this focused, short-term project, please contact Josh Hause at josh.hause@gmail.com.



Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: Monday, October 19 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](#).

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

[Approved Minutes from 9/21/26](#)



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)