



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fall Break. Although it was a short week, it was certainly a busy one! For the latest news and updates on our programs, please be sure to check our website and social media.

A special "Go Jags!" to our Cross Country, Tennis, Softball, and JH Flag Football teams as they head into postseason competition this weekend! Please see below for more detailed information regarding match times, locations, and postseason updates for all our athletic teams.

We also want to celebrate our Marching Band, who qualified for State after placing 1st at the Metro Regional with their highest score of the season. Currently ranked 2nd in Colorado, they perform at CSU Pueblo on Monday, October 26th, at 10:14 AM, sitting just a fraction behind Pueblo County with a strong shot at bringing home another State title!

During my classroom visits this week, I was once again inspired by the dedication of our students and teachers as they strive daily to meet the rigorous academic and behavioral standards outlined in our Founding Document.

We wish the very best of luck to our juniors taking the PSAT/NMSQT next week. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Play and out supporting our teams and performers this 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 17 - 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 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

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.

AP Testing

AP Testing Fees payment deadline is approaching. Please log into your parent/Guardian campus portal and pay your **AP test fees by November 10, 2026**. All AP test fees not paid by this date will be charged a late fee of \$40 per test. This excludes AP Macro, AP Physics C EM tests whose fees will not be applied until second semester.

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

Trick or Treat Street

Trick or Treat St is back on **Saturday, October 24th from 5-7pm!** Last entry is 6:45pm. 8th grade and younger are welcome to come and trick or treat through our transformed hallways, so bring your family and friends! We will be accepting donations at the door to benefit the Jeffco Action Center.



For those who would like to help contribute to our Trick or Treat Street event, please drop off any candy donations to the front office by **Friday, October 23rd**. Thank you for your help!

D'Evelyn Disguise



The D'Evelyn Improv group will have its first performance of the year on **October 24th at 7pm** immediately following Trick or Treat Street. Come out enjoy some laughs and support these talented students.

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 is available on **October 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: [17th](#).



HS Speech and Debate

Congratulations to the Jaguars who won awards at the Cherry Creek Novice Speech Tournament last Saturday. Zoey Knight won Superior in Poetry Interp and Anna Regmi won Superior in P.O.I. Aisha Faizi and Thao Le won Superior in Public Form Debate for being undefeated. The teams of Madison Li & Yanyan Feng and Auste Kuciauskas and Anitej Narumanchi won Excellents. Great job!

HS Speech and Debate Alumni Update

We are proud to announce that Nathan Ziv competed at the NSDA National Speech and Debate Tournament in Richmond, Virginia last June. Of the 240 Lincoln-Douglas debaters who qualified for the tournament from the thousand of debaters across the country, Nathan placed 42nd. Mrs. Peters, the head coach commented, "In my 40 years of coaching, this is the best I've ever had a debater do at Nationals. We're very proud of him."



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](#)

We are still looking for a group to present the colors. If any scouts are interested, please reach out to Ryan Bazz.

Jeffco Student Leadership Board

The Jeffco Student Leadership Board (JSLB) exists to amplify the voices of students—the district's most important stakeholders—in shaping the future of education in Jeffco. Aarush Venkat, was elected as the student representative for D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School. JSLB members are selected through an application and interview process led by both staff and current student leaders. Congratulations to Aarush. Click [HERE](#) for more about JSLB.

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.

Boys Soccer

On **Monday, October 19th at 7pm** our Boys Soccer team will host a fun event with a Retro Night / Senior Night theme as we host our rival Green Mountain at Lakewood Memorial Field. Our squad is currently ranked #22 in 3A and will look to make a strong playoff run in the coming week. This year, we're bringing a piece of our program's history back to the field. The boys will get to wear one of the original jerseys from the early years of our boys soccer program. We want to extend the festivities to the fans and have a "retro" night theme. **Fans, come dressed in your best retro gear.**

Softball

Our amazing Softball Team will host the 3A CHSAA Region 1 Tournament Saturday, October 17th here on our softball field. We are the #1 seed overall going into the postseason. Admission to this event is free, and we hope our students and staff come out to support!

Link to Bracket: <https://chsaanow.com/brackets/softball/2026/regional/3a/region-1>

- Game 1 @ 10:00am: #32 Yuma vs. #1 D'Evelyn
- Game 2 @ 12:15pm: #16 Montezuma-Cortez vs. #17 La Junta
- Game 3 @ 2:30pm: Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2

Boys Tennis

All six of our qualified lines battled in the 4A State Championships yesterday in Pueblo. Today we have two remaining players who have moved on to the State Semi-Finals. Nithesh Karuppassamy the #1 seeded player at 1 Singles and Dayne Martinez the #2 seeded 2 Singles player in the tournament, will compete today for a chance to become State Champions tomorrow at the State Final matches. Go Jags!

Cross Country

This morning our Boys and Girls XC teams will compete in the Jeffco League Championships at NAAC! Girls race at 10am and the Boys at 10:30am. Next week they move into postseason events at Regionals and then on to 3A State. Good Luck!

JH Flag Football

Congratulations to the D'Evelyn 8th grade Green and Black teams who will face-off in the semi-finals at [Scafer Athletic Complex](#) on **Tuesday, October 15th at 5:15pm**. Good luck to both teams!



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!

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



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