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 congratulations goes out to all of our juniors who completed the PSAT and NMSQT this week. We are so proud of your hard work, focus, and dedication.

It has been a fantastic stretch of days celebrating our students. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Fall Play last week, where the talent of our cast, crew, and staff truly shone. I also want to share a big congratulations to our softball team, who just earned an exciting victory against Forge Christian and will compete in the State semifinals tomorrow morning at 10:00 AM.

Our students also had the powerful opportunity this week to experience the Rachel's Challenge presentation, where guest speaker Crista Carnes shared the inspiring story and legacy of Rachel Joy Scott, who was the first victim of the Columbine shooting on April 20, 1999. Crista commended our student body as the most attentive audience she has ever spoken to and challenged us to lead with kindness, choose positive influences, and look for the best in others; in that spirit, our Friends of Rachel student group is already putting those principles into action with upcoming events like Kindness Kandy on October 30th and a schoolwide Friendsgiving and Turkey Trot on November 18th.

As we head into the weekend, I want to wish the best of luck to all of our athletic teams competing. A special shoutout goes to our Marching Band as they head to the State competition on Monday. I am looking forward to watching their performance and cheering them on as they represent our school.

I also want to share my genuine gratitude for everyone serving on our Steering Committee, Accountability Committee, and the D'Evelyn Education Foundation. All three groups convened this week for exceptionally productive meetings. Their dedication plays a key role in driving our school forward. Our community relies on strong parent and stakeholder involvement, so please check our website to see how you can participate.

Finally, I hope to see many of you tomorrow for a fun Saturday at Trick or Treat Street as well as the Improv Show.

Thank you for your continued support of our staff and students. 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. Click HERE for attendance letter.

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DENVER, CO 80235

MAIN OFFICE:
303-982-2600

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SCHOOL NEWS

Link to Master Calendar

OCTOBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Junior High Only Events

High School Only Events

JH and HS Events

OCT 24 - DEC 11

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
NOV 30: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM
DEC 3: OPEN HOUSE - PROSEPCTIVE STUDENT NIGHT 6PM
DEC 7: JH CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7PM
DEC 8: ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING 5:30-7PM
DEC 8: BAND CONCERT - ALL LEVELS
DEC 9: SH CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7PM
DEC 10: PROSPECTIVE STUDENT NIGHT MAKE-UP 6PM

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. AP Lang and AP Art class fees were recently added, so please check your account if those apply to your student.

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.

Halloween Costumes

Administration and Department Managers have agreed to allowing students dress-up for Halloween on Friday, October 30th. The following guidelines must be adhered to:



- No blood or excessively gory costumes.
- No masks, face paint, or any full face coverings.
- No items that resemble a weapon (this includes toys or props)
- Costumes must be school-appropriate and not disruptive to the learning environment

Any student not adhering to the guidelines will be sent to the office. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing some creative costumes.



Marching Band

Congratulations for the Marching Band who head to state in second, trailing Pueblo County High School by 1.6 pts. They will compete in Pueblo on **Monday, October 26th**. Yay Band!



Speech & Debate



Congratulations to members of the high school Speech and Debate team who won awards last weekend at the Denver East Novice Tournament. Two Public Forum debate team won Superior awards: Madison Li & Yanyan Feng, as well as Auste Kusciauskas & Paxton Hart were both undefeated. Aisha Faizi and Thao Le won Excellents in PF debate as well. Way to go!

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 during 7th hour.**

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 Play Wrap Up

Bravo! Bravissimo! To our brilliant D'Evelyn drama students, cast and crew, for their moving production of Radium Girls last weekend. Well done on all your hard work in bringing this complex and powerful story to the D'Evelyn stage. Your months of work and dedication to storytelling shined in overwhelming success. One more grand standing ovation from you directors and production team!









Pictures taken by Ryan Hartgerink



Travel Opportunity



Attention all 8th, 9th and 10th grade students! Mrs. McSkimin is hosting an interest meeting for a GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT IN CHINA AND JAPAN FOR 2028! It is an amazing chance to learn about TECHNOLOGY, AI AND THE FUTURE OF WORK while having a great time traveling and earning 3 COLLEGE CREDITS! Sign up for your history teacher TUESDAY DURING 7TH HOUR and they'll send you to W201 to learn more!

ACTIVITIES

Fall Sports

Be sure to support our student-athletes this fall!
Click the sport below for more information.
Football, Softball, Boys Soccer, Cheer, XC, Girls Volleyball, Poms

ATHLETICS

Boys Soccer

Congratulations to our Boys Soccer team for their exciting 2-1 win over rival Green Mtn this past Monday. Cal Janakus scored both goals, and Brady Ziemian made a number of amazing saves in goal to preserve the win! Our team is currently ranked #20 in 3A with sights set on a playoff run starting next week!

Softball

Our Lady Jags defended their #1 ranking with two impressive wins on Saturday over Yuma 10-0 and La Junta 12-2. We will be the #1 seed overall in the 3A State Championships this Friday and Saturday at Aurora Sports Park.



Boys Tennis



Nithesh Karuppassamy defends his Boys Tennis 4A State Championship and becomes a back-to-back State Champion at 1 Singles! Congrats to Nithesh as he once again cruises to victory.



Shout-out to Dayne Martinez as well as he had a banner season at 2 Singles and lost a tough championship match to CA to be 4A State Runner up!

Junior High Flag Football



Congratulations to our Jeffco League 8th grade flag football champions! They defeated Summit Ridge in the Jeffco Championship. Congratulations to our other flag football teams on great seasons as well!

Junior High Cross Country

Congratulations to the Junior High Cross Country team for their amazing performance at the district meet yesterday. The boys team won the open and the girls team came in second. Shout out to Oliver Ebetino who had the fastest overall time for the boys and Avery Piala who had the fastest overall time for the girls. Great job Jags! Click **HERE** for all student rankings.



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 SchooLinks Events and in Responsive Scheduling (Campus) for 7th Hour. Click on **College Visit List** to view scheduled visits!

COUNSELING

D'Evelyn Accountability Committee

October 2026 Update



- October Meeting was held on Tues, Oct 20
  - Learned about Steering Committee volunteer opportunities
  - Q&A with Instructional Coach Keith Beams
  - Discussion regarding letter to CDE regarding release of AP scores
  - Updates from Principal Shapiro, Steering Committee, and DEF

- November Mtg Tues, Nov 10 5:30-7pm @ Library
  - All students, parents, teachers, and admin are welcome!
  - Treats!
  - Hear updates from Principal Shapiro, Steering Committee, and DEF
  - Additional agenda items TBD (suggestions welcome; send to the email address below)

- School Improvement Plan for 2026/2027:
  1. **Promote StudentRetention**
  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

ACCOUNTABILITY

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 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

STEERING COMMITTEE

Steering Committee will have its first training for Steering Committee candidates at **7:00pm on Tuesday, November 10** in the D'Evelyn library, following the Accountability Committee meeting. If you're interested as a Steering Committee candidate for the next term, this is one of the required meetings that you need to attend. Put it on your calendar and we'll see you then!

Steering Committee Candidate Information **Candidate Election Packet**
Contact Information for Steering Committee Applications:**develynscchair@gmail.com**

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Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and take place twice monthly on Mondays. The next meeting is on: **Monday, November 2 from 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 9/21/26 **Approved Minutes from 10/5/26**

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Highlights from the October 19 meeting:

- Approval of DEF Candidate
- Principal's Report on student contracts and the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)
- Discussion of Curricular Review status updates: Photo 1-3, Mythology, Jr. High Speech, Algebra 2, AB Calculus, Orchestra, Economics & AP Economics
- Discussion of upcoming policy review priorities: Homework and Makeup work (ST-08 & ST-08-R), 504 Policy (ST-08-R2), and Credit Recovery (CU-08-R3).
- 504 Discussion with Tom Burns (Jeffco Community Superintendent) and Brad Miller (Legal Counsel for charter/choice schools)
- Committee updates: AI policy draft upcoming, Calendar Committee to work with Dennison & DEF calendar teams, 3 potential Steering candidates for parent positions, Safety subcommittee looking into traffic flow before/after school