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 we have had at D'Evelyn!

Things kicked off with supporting our softball team as they played in the State Semi-Final and Championship games. Congratulations to Coach Courtney and the entire team on an incredible season and for finishing as the 2026 3A State Runner Up!

Our athletics momentum continued with boys soccer. Congratulations to our soccer team on their big win in the first round of the state playoff games!

On Saturday evening, I attended a truly awesome Trick or Treat Street. We had a fantastic turnout, raised $1,179 for the Jeffco Action Center, and everyone had a great time. A big shout-out goes to Megan Bender and all the students, staff, and clubs who made the event such a success. Right afterward, D'Evelyn Disguise put on a fantastic improv show. Thank you to everyone involved for such a fun evening of entertainment!

We also have spectacular news to share about our Marching Band. I traveled to the State Championship in Pueblo on Monday, and our students were incredible. A massive congratulations to Matthew Morrissette and the band for their hard work, dedication, and for bringing home 1st place in the state!

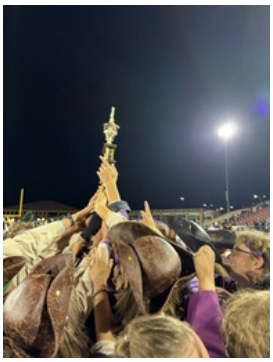
It is wonderful to see our students thriving across the board, whether in the arts, on the athletic fields, or in the classroom. Seeing everyone show off their spirit today by dressing up for Halloween was a great way to round out the week.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community.

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. Click **HERE** for attendance letter.

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USEFUL LINKS

- D'EVELYN WEBSITE
- MASTER CALENDAR
- STEERING COMMITTEE
- D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION (DEF)
- ACCOUNTABILITY

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SCHOOL NEWS

Link to Master Calendar

NOVEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- Junior High Only Events
- High School Only Events
- JH and HS Events

OCT 31 - DEC 19

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
DEC 14: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4:30-6:30PM
DEC:15: DEF MEETING 6-8PM
DEC 16: FINALS PERIODS 1-3 8:15AM-12:50PM
DEC 17: FINALS PERIODS 4-6 8:15AM-12:50PM
DEC 18: FINALS MAKE-UP DAY

Heart of D'Evelyn - October

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: **Lela Featherman, Waverly McFarland, Giuliana Ricca, Ellie Vitry, Thomas Lafargue, Amira Agbortogho, Alex Burke, Chloe Torres, Ryan Too, Brad Echter, Wren Ives, and Kyle Gold** for being recognized, by staff, for your outstanding behavior.





Teacher of the Month - October

Congratulations to Mr. Beams for winning October "Teacher of the Month." His students described him as funny and kind. "He makes learning history fun" and "is really good at helping everyone succeed." Congratulations Mr. Beams.

Senior Graduation Information

See the link below for important graduation information. There is a **November 12th** deadline for ordering. Reach out to **Mr. Bazz** for questions.

Important Graduation Information

Principal Shout Out

October is Principal Appreciation Month. Thank you to Mr. Shapiro for all you do for the D'Evelyn Community!



Scholars of the Month: October

SCHOLARS OF THE MONTH



Elise Yang – Grade 9

I am nominating Elise Yang for 9th grade Scholar of the Month. Elise consistently displays neat, organized, and correct work. Elise's hard work and attention to detail on everything she does in mathematics is truly remarkable and worth recognizing. Thank you for always going the extra mile in producing amazing work in mathematics.

Ms. Doyle - Math



Rezi Malik - Grade 12

Rezi is special in Calculus because he questions why we do what we do, and why it works. Rezi recently came up with a different way of solving a problem that was better than the way Mr Ryckman was teaching it. He is serious about doing his work well, but more importantly Rezi understands that the homework is a vehicle for learning, not just something you crank out. Thank you Rezi!

Mr. Ryckman - Math



Catrina Huang - Grade 8

Catrina consistently demonstrates her dedication to math. She approaches problems with determination and consistently goes above and beyond to understand difficult concepts. Her strong work ethic sets her apart and helps to ensure her success. Congrats Catrina!

Mrs. Smith - Math



Isaac Bush - Grade 7

Isaac shows up everyday with his homework thoroughly completed ready to engage throughout the class period. He asks insightful questions and provides clear explanations for his work. He is curious about math and his attention to detail helps him achieve at a high level. He is also kind and courteous and a joy to have in class! Congrats Isaac!

Mr. Otterstetter - Math

Marching Band

Congratulations for the Marching Band who have become State Champions for the 13th time. The band headed into finals holding onto first after the semi-finals by only .2 points. In the finals, they tied with Pueblo County for music performance, but came in first for both visual performance, and overall general effect. This clinched their win by .85 points. It was a beautiful day in Pueblo and they did an outstanding job. Yay Band!





ACTIVITIES

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:
  - If a photo of your veteran **has not been previously submitted**, please upload one by **Monday, November 2nd**, using the following link: **HERE**

Spring Break 2028 JH Trip

Our next exciting Junior High Spring Break trip will be going to Boston and New York in Spring 2028. We'd love for your student to join us!

We're excited to tell you more about the trip we're planning with EF Explore America, our educational travel partner. We will have an info session on **Wednesday, October 11th at 6:45pm** in the D'Evelyn library to tell you more. The info session will cover all the nuts and bolts of the trip, so please plan to attend. There are limited spots on this trip, and those at the meeting will have first access.



Please be sure to register for this info session to be considered for this opportunity: **https://rsvp.efexploreamerica.com/tbgu95h**

I hope to see you there and look forward to sharing how this trip can be a powerful and unforgettable chapter in your child's life!

-Sandra Goldsborough, Trip Organizer

Winter Sports

Be sure to support our student-athletes this winter!
Click the sport below for more information.
Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Girls Swim & Dive

ATHLETICS

Boys Soccer

Congrats to our Boys Soccer team for winning their 1st Round 3A Playoff game on Wednesday 4-0 over KIPP Collegiate. The win propels them into a tough match up with #1 ranked Jefferson Academy on Tuesday, November 3rd at 6:30pm at Jefferson Academy High School, 11251 Reed Way, Broomfield, CO 80020. Come on out and support our Jags. Click **HERE** for more information.



Softball



Lady Jags Softball are 3A State Runner Ups! An absolutely amazing season came to an end for our Lady Jags last weekend in the State Championship game on Saturday with a 10-3 loss to Lyons HS. Although disappointed in the outcome of their final game, it does not diminish the accomplishments of our program. League Champions, Regional Champions and a 25-4 record overall for the 2026 season. With only a few Seniors departing this year, look for the Lady Jags to return for another run in 2027!

Cross Country

Another great day for the Jag Cross Country teams at the Regional Championships on Friday. Running in the high mountains of Aspen, the boys finished a strong 2nd to secure a place in the state meet next Saturday. The jags were led by Ethan Brill's outstanding 3rd place finish.



The girls improved their expected finish by nearly 20 points and missed a qualifying spot by only 2 points. Abby Orahood earned an individual state spot with her 6th place finish. Great job Jags!

News From the Junior High Counselors

Click **HERE** for the Newsletter



News from the High School Counselors

Click **HERE** for the Newsletter

COUNSELING

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!

Using Securly Home

When school devices leave district property, our wifi restrictions do not go with them. If you want to make sure your child's device is only being used for school purposes you may want to check out **Securly Home**.

Securly Home gives parents control over their child's school device when it goes home, including web filtering, site restrictions, and monitored screen time.

Installing App and Logging In

- Installing the Securly Home App

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Securly Home Basics

- How to Use
- Basic Guide to the App
- Getting Started Video
- How to Create an Offline Schedule
- Securly Home App Support

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