D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

It was wonderful visiting classrooms throughout the week and seeing the incredible academic work our teachers and students are engaged in every day.

To top off the week, we gathered during 7th hour today for a brief assembly to celebrate our students' achievements outside the classroom in athletics and activities. We were thrilled to recognize our recent State Champions and Runner-Up teams and individuals:

- Cheer: Back-to-Back 3A State Runner-Up
- Boys Volleyball: 2026 4A State Runner-Up
- Girls Tennis: 2026 3A State Champions (Nisha Gupta / Sophia Do and Julia Leider / Angela Leider)
- Baseball: 2026 3A State Runner-Up
- Boys Tennis: 2026 4A State Champion (Nithesh Karruppasamy) and 4A State Runner-Up (Dayne Martinez)
- Softball: 2026 3A State Runner-Up
- Marching Band: 2026 3A State Champions

Be sure to check out some of the photos below from the assembly. It was a fantastic opportunity to honor our students for their dedication, discipline, and hard work representing D'Evelyn.

Looking ahead, I am eager to see many of you at Tuesday's Accountability meeting. I also invite our entire community to join us for our annual Veterans Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 11th. Please see the Veterans Day section later in this issue for full details on the event.





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

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

NOV 7 - DEC 19

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
DEC 21-JAN 5: WINTER BREAK

Senior Graduation Information

See the link below for important graduation information. There is a **November 12th** deadline for ordering. Packets can be found in the Counseling Office. Reach out to **Mr. Bazz** for questions. **Important Graduation Information**

Senior Assassin Expectations

Senior Assassin is a tradition that students enjoy and look forward to. However, it is important to recognize that this tradition is not a school sanctioned or sponsored event and is strictly student organized.

To ensure the safety and protection of the learning environment, here are strict guidelines that must be followed:

- No squirt guns or facsimiles of weapons are allowed on school property.
- The school does not monitor the ongoing activities of senior assassin.
- Any disruption to the learning day will result in consequences.
- Senior assassin will not be allowed on school property.

Dennison Arts & Crafts Fair



Dennison, your little sister school, is hosting their annual Arts & Craft Fair on Wednesday, December 10th at Dennison Elementary. We would love to invite you to participate! You can join us by either becoming a vendor at the event yourself or coming to shop for a few fun items. Items available to purchase at the fair include hot chocolate, stained glass, jewelry, 3D printed items, baked goods, knit and crochet items, etc. If you would like to join as a vendor, scan the QR code on the **FLYER** to print and fill out an application. We hope to see you at the event!

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**.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Spanish Honor Society will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the Jeffco Action Center. Students have been asked to drop supplies off to their 1st period class from November 13th-19th. Please see the **FLYER** for the most urgently needed items this year. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

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**.

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, November 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

Speech & Debate

Congratulations to the members of the high school Speech and Debate Team who won awards at recent competitions. At the SMART Prep Tournament on October 24, Noah Oostmeyer and David Dong were undefeated in Public Forum Debate and Andrew Zhao was undefeated in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Then at the Great Pumpkin Tournament on October 31 at Castle View High School, Zoey Knight won Excellent in Interpretation of Poetry and the team of Anitej Narumanchi and Nelson Hughen won Excellent in Public Forum. Great Job!



ACTIVITIES

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

Winter Sports Registration

High School Winter Sports Registration for Boys and Girls Basketball, and Girls Swim and Dive will close on **Friday, November 13th.** Click **HERE** to register in Arbiter. You must upload a current physical form to be eligible (**FORM**). Practice for swim begins on November 9th and basketball begins on November 16th. If you have questions please reach out to **Ms. Gee** .

JH Spring Sports Registration

Registration for coed junior high soccer and coed junior high track & field, through the City of Lakewood, **opens on TuesdaDecember 8th**. For more information about these two opportunities or to register, click **HERE**.

Athletes of the Month - October



Ethan Brill Grade 11

Ethan set the standard for off-season training with a total commitment to running this past summer that brought him into the season ready to go. Running against mostly 4A/5A competition, Ethan has finished in the top 5 of the race on 6 different competitions this season including 3rd place finishes in both league and regionals. He has been the top jag runner in every race this season. In the classroom, Ethan works just as hard as he does on the course maintaining a GPA of 3.5 in his demanding set of classes. His unrivaled drive to succeed makes Ethan the ideal student-athlete and well worthy of this honor.

Reece Benton Grade 12

Reece is an amazing athlete, a great leader, an energy driver and just a fun person to have on the team. Reece is one of our best servers, passers, defensive players and hitters. She has a great vertical and can fly and crush balls as well as make terrific pursuits for the ball. She is fearless and the floor is her friend. Most of all, Reece does a great job of bringing energy to the team and staying positive and celebrating her teammates success. She is goofy in the best possible way and brings a smile to my face regularly. It has been wonderful watching Reece grow as a player, but I'm most proud of her growth as a leader and as a teammate and as a person. Great Job, Reece! You are an amazing Jag and you represent your school well. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the program.



Athletes of the Month - October Con't

Everett Rice - Grade 12



Everett's hard work, effort, and reliability on the field are invaluable to our team. Everett is the kind of player every coach wants on their roster. He consistently shows up, works hard, gives his best, and can be counted on whenever his team needs him. His 32 steals this season, the most on our team, are a reflection of his commitment and defensive contributions, but they only tell part of the story. Much of what Everett brings to the field cannot be measured on a stat sheet. His willingness to put in the work, do the little things, battle for possession, and fulfill his role makes a tremendous difference in our team's success. He is dependable, disciplined, and consistently gives us the effort we need, regardless of the circumstances or the demands of the game. Just as important is Everett's character. He has a positive attitude, is kind, respectful, and genuinely enjoyable to coach and have as a teammate. He brings a steady, encouraging presence to the team and understands that being a great teammate is about much more than individual recognition. Everett exemplifies the qualities we want in a D'Evelyn Jaguar athlete: hard work, commitment, humility, reliability, and a team-first mentality. I appreciate the consistency and effort he brings every practice and every game, and I hope he recognizes how much his contributions mean to this team. He may not always get the recognition that comes with scoring goals or accumulating points, but his impact is absolutely felt, and our team is better because of him.

ATHLETICS

DHS XC 2026

The D'Evelyn Cross Country team wrapped up its season at the CHSAA State Championships in Colorado Springs, highlighting a competitive year of strong performances and steady individual growth across our team.



Key highlights from the State Championships include:

- Ethan Brill (2nd Overall): Highest individual boys State finish for D'Evelyn since 2007.
- Abby Orahood: 2nd-fastest State performance by a D'Evelyn runner in the past decade.
- Boys Team (5th Place): Ethan, Dom, Arlo, Owen, Sebastian, Josh and Lukas surged from 9th at the mile mark to secure the program's best State finish in 10 years.

Thank you to all runners, coaches, parent volunteers, and community members for supporting the team throughout the season.

Winter Sports Camp



Winter Blast Sports Camp! Don't let winter break turn into screen time! Led by Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Andrew, join us at Mullen High School from **December 21–23** for three days of high-energy multi-sport fun. We're giving **D'Evelyn and Dennison families $20 off tuition**—just enter code **DENDEV20** at checkout. Beat the rush: Register before **November 22nd** to catch our early bird discount rate! **FLYER**

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!

Sense of Belonging Survey

As a part of the process of school improvement and as a major data point in our school's annual Unified Improvement Plan (UIP), we are requesting that students complete a Sense of Belonging Survey with 5 questions in their Social Studies classes on **Monday, December 1 or Tuesday, December 2**. The survey will be anonymous and it will take less than 5 minutes for completion. This data will be used by the D'Evelyn administration in completing the UIP process and may be shared with the school's Accountability Committee and Steering Committee as a part of that process and other policy discussions.

This is a **LINK** to the survey. All grade levels will have the same survey questions, with data sorted by grade level. There will also be a parent/guardian survey with the same questions to be sent out on that same day.

If you choose to opt your student out of this survey, please fill out this **FORM** by Friday, November 20th.

Thanks for your support in continually looking to support the excellence of D'Evelyn!

COUNSELING

D'Evelyn Accountability Committee

November 2026 Update



ACCOUNTABILITY

- **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 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.comwith 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 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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 16 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 10/5/26 **Approved Minutes from 10/19/26**

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Highlights from the November 2 meeting:

- Principal's Report on Traffic Study by the Olsson Firm to work on school traffic flow, status of signed 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; Algebra 2, Jr High Speech, Orchestra, and Mythology nearing readiness for presentation to Steering
- Discussion of Steering Policy on eligibility to serve on Steering Committee in **Bylaws** (Article 3, Item 2)
- Update on status of Educational Freedom Tax Credit (**EFTC**) and its potential application at D'Evelyn
- Discussion of next steps regarding 504 Law and the implications for D'Evelyn: plan to open up 3 communications avenues: with parents/guardians, teachers, and Jeffco District personnel
- Committee updates: AI policy draft upcoming on 11/16, 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, DEF Fall Fest update, Hiring Committee for Girls Tennis Coach

STEERING COMMITTEE