D'EVELYN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

JAG TRACKS

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School Community,

Congratulations to our High School and Junior High Speech & Debate teams (including our high school student judges) on their strong showing at last weekend's tournaments, our Cheer team on capturing the 3A Jeffco League Title, and our Poms team on winning Regionals this past Wednesday! Please see below for all the exciting details.

As the week wraps up, I also want to take a moment to reflect on an event that truly showcased the strength and character of our community. Wednesday's Veterans Day Assembly was remarkable. We had a tremendous turnout, and I know the veterans and active-duty service members in attendance deeply appreciated the tribute. It was a powerful reminder of the values that guide our school every day: "Courtesy and respect for high moral and ethical standards will be required, and patriotism will be emphasized" (D'Evelyn Founding Document).

A huge thank you to our keynote speaker, True Nguyen, for sharing such inspiring words with our students. I am also incredibly grateful to Mr. White, the Concert Choir, Boy Scout Troop 640, Mrs. Skelton, Ashley Schilz, Ryan Bazz, and everyone else behind the scenes who helped make this a memorable morning for our entire school.

Thank you, as well, to everyone who joined us for Tuesday's Accountability meeting. We had a nice turnout, and your ongoing partnership is essential to maintaining a strong, productive learning environment here at D'Evelyn. If you missed it or want to review the topics we covered, please visit the Accountability page on our website.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a busy calendar with the Steering Committee meeting on Monday, the DEF meeting on Tuesday, and our student Friendsgiving during lunch on Wednesday (more details below).

Have a wonderful and restful weekend, Jaguars!

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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UPCOMING EVENTS AND SCHOOL NEWS

NOV 14 - JAN 8

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
JAN 6: STUDENTS RETURN
JAN 7: PROSPECTIVE STUDENT NIGHT MAKE-UP 6PM

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

Prospective Student Information Nights

For families interested in learning more about the D'Evelyn program please attend one of our upcoming Prospective Student Information Nights. Attendance at one of our information nights is **required** for all new families interested in attending D'Evelyn.

We will host these events on:

December 3rd at 6pm, December 10th at 6pm, and January 7th at 6pm.

The **December 3rd** Open House offers a chance for families to attend breakout sessions and hear from current students, teachers, and parents about the D'Evelyn experience.

All prospective students must be entered into the D'Evelyn lottery in **EnrollJeffco** if they wish to seek enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. This includes the younger siblings of current D'Evelyn students, children of D'Evelyn staff, and students currently attending Dennison Elementary School. We enroll new students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Visit our **website** for more information.

Please share this information with any interested families you may know. **FLYER**

Check Students Fees

Now is a great time to double check that you have paid your student's fees. Log onto **Infinite Campus**, click **More**, then **Jeffco Student Fee Payment**. To see which fees you have paid, click the statement icon, shown here 📜 ,found next to your students name. Questions, email **Ashley Schilz**. 2nd semester fees will be generated in January.

Lifetouch Discount

Lifetouch is offering a discount on school pictures from now until **November 30th**. Click **HERE** for more information.

Veteran's Day Assembly

Our annual Veteran's Day assembly, on Wednesday, was a wonderful way to honor those members of our community. Thank you to Nick Finley, Colin Finley, and Bjorn Borstad for presenting the colors. Thank you to Mr. White and the choir for their incredible performance.

Our keynote speaker, D'Evelyn parent True Nguyen, was able to share his story of being a child in Vietnam during the war. We appreciate his words of hope and inspiration.

We were lucky enough to have 39 service members from various branches of the military, and their families, join us. We are humbled by their sacrifice and appreciate their attendance (listed on the right).

Veteran	Branch	Years of Service
Armando Encinias	Air Force	7
Bill Parker	Army	2
Bill R.	US Air Force	4
Carol and Steve M.	Army	2
Claudia Castillo	Army	22
Clyde Harris	US Navy	12
Dale Kaiser	Navy	4
Sgt. Darrell McIntire	US Marine Corp	6
Debbie Olson	Army	
Dennis Bishop	Army	
Erin Encinias	Air Force	4
Fenny Evers	US Air Foce	8
Gary Gregory	Navy	3
Gene Alire	Army	2.5
George G	Air Force	4
Greg Galvan	Coast Guard	4
Gregory Parker	US Marine Corp	4
Jace Gardner	US Air Force	22
Jessica Torres	Army	10
John Bradish	Air Force	4
John C.	US Air Force	27
John Phillips	USAF	4
Kami Sherpa	Army	10
Kathleen Moffett	Army	20+
Ken Kramer	Navy/Marines	4
Lang Sias	Navy	27
Manny Ramos	Army	5
Mark Donahue	US Marine Corp	7
Mary Ann Rhode	Army Nurse Corps	3
Mike Davidson	Navy	
Reese Evers	US Air Foce	21
Rich Mancuso	Army	
Ronald Lundgren	Army	3
Ronald Patton	Army	3
Roy Knoedler	Army	2
Ryan Gregory	Army	18
Sevath Boyum	USMC	21

ACTIVITIES



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.

Friendsgiving

We will be having our First Annual D'Evelyn Friendsgiving during lunches on **November 18th**. Students have to get their lunch, bring their lunch or bring a holiday lunch to share at their table. We will decorate to make the cafeteria festive and encourage them to talk with their table mates about what they are grateful for and what their favorite holiday tradition is. We are excited to start a new tradition at D'Evelyn!

Friends of Rachel

Friends of Rachel is selling Rachel's Challenge T-shirts - they are $12 each. You can buy them through this link. **https://gofan.co/event/7050385?schoolId=CO16300_1**

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!

HS Speech & Debate



Congratulations to the members of the high school speech and debate team who won awards at the Cherry Creek Classic Tournament last weekend. Leading the team, Zoey Knight was in finals of Poetry Interpretation and placed 5th overall. Kiara McBride won an Excellent award in Original Oratory, Marco Dovganik won Excellent in LD Debate, and the team of Aidan Hettich and Tyler Feighny won Excellent in Public Forum Debate. Way to go!

JH Speech & Debate



Congratulations to the JH Speech and Debate team who competed at STEM School on Friday. August Anderson and Aharshi Roy took first place in debate, Shrayan Wagle won first in Impromptu, Mary Ho received second in Oratory, Olive McCormick won second in Poetry, Ella Froehlich won third in Oratory, and Brooklin Li and Danny Bundy won sixth in debate. Thank you to all of our high school students who were judges.

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

Winter Sports Registration

To register for High School Winter Sports, Boys and Girls Basketball, and Girls Swim and Dive, click **HERE** for 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**.

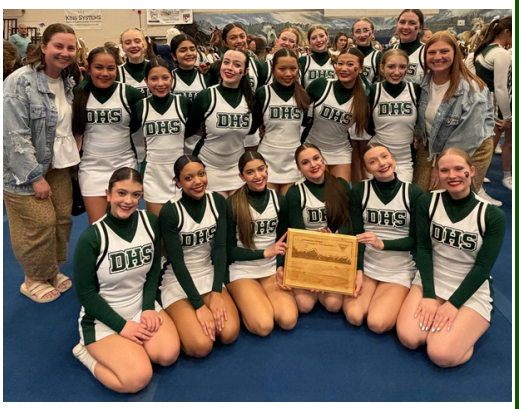
JH Spring Sports Registration

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**.

Cheerleading

D'Evelyn Cheerleading Takes Home 3A Jeffco League Title!

Congratulations to D'Evelyn Cheerleading on winning the 3A Jeffco League Championship for the third consecutive year! This incredible accomplishment also keeps the team undefeated in competition so far this season. The Jags are continuing to build momentum as they head into the next stages of their competition season: Regionals (11/14), Road to State (11/21), State (12/10), and Nationals at Disney World (1/29)! We are incredibly proud of this hardworking, dedicated team and can't wait to see what's next. Thank you to our school community for your continued support. Go Jags!





Poms

Wednesday was the 2026 Jeffco's Dance League Championship. Our newly reformed poms team competed and came out on top in 3A. Congratulations! Poms will compete at the State Championship on Saturday, December 12th at the Denver Coliseum. Click **HERE** for more information.

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**



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 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

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

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Steering Committee relies on 5 parents, 2 teachers, and the school principal, all of whom are elected for 3 year terms (except the principal). This coming year we have 1-2 parent vacancies and 1 teacher vacancy. For information about applying, see these links below:

Steering Committee Candidate Information **Candidate Election Packet**

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