

JAGUAR TRACKS



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Class of 2008 Graduate Brick

Seniors and Parents:

Please remember to visit the "JAGUARS" graduate brick yard to see your personalized brick for the Class of 2008! The bricks will be installed by Sunday, May 18.

Colby's Commentary

What's All This Jargon?

Like in most professions, educators use a great deal of jargon. Standards, benchmarks, Smartboard®, Infinite Campus, constructivism, formative assessment, Socratic Seminar, PLC, IL, IC, FTE..... it goes on and on. I thought I would take this opportunity to explain some of the jargon you may hear to explain the concept of professional growth for teachers. Specifically, I want to discuss the terms professional development, Instructional Leader, Instructional Coach, Professional Learning Community, and a new term you will see on our school's calendar next year—Early Release.

There will be four days in the 2008/2009 school year that you will see designated as Early Release days (you will see the same four days if you look at Dennison's calendar). These are days that we will not hold Activity Period, but will send the students home early instead, and for the next three-and-a-half hours we will meet as a faculty in an environment that we hope to grow as a Professional Learning Community (PLC) in which teachers will have collaborative conversations about how to improve instruction for all our students. Think of it this way—wouldn't you want any professional in your life (doctor, lawyer, pilot, auto mechanic, dentist, etc.) to be able to learn new techniques from his or her peers in order to do a better job for you? It's also important for teachers to be able to come out of their secluded classrooms and learn from each other or outside resources. The early release time allows us to do that valuable work inside the teachers' work time and in blocks of time big enough to let us to be productive.

This professional development work has been recognized by educators everywhere as the factor that has been responsible for some of the best changes in education in recent decades. Our district has promoted this type of work by funding two positions called the Instructional Leader and the Instructional Coach. The Coach's job is to help teachers on a daily basis to become more effective at managing their classrooms, planning lessons, and implementing instruction. As a master teacher themselves, it is their role to support teachers and give them ideas and resources to help improve our model of whole-group, teacher-directed instruction. The Instructional Leader (IL) role is a new one in Jeffco this year. These are model teachers in each of five departments (English, math, science, social studies, and world languages) who attend training sessions and other meetings to learn new ideas and strategies that they can share with their department members. D'Evelyn has a full-time Instructional Coach and a total of 10 ILs (five for senior level and five for middle/junior high level) and, as time goes on, these 11 professionals will continue to take more active roles in helping their fellow teachers improve their work in the classrooms.

Regardless of how long a teacher has been in the classroom, what he or she teaches, or how many skills are demonstrated in their work, I believe all teachers can and should continue to learn and grow throughout their careers, and this provides great modeling for our students to be lifelong learners. This work is extremely important, and we owe it to our students to continue getting better at what we do every day. Collaborative work in Professional Learning Community types of settings is one of the best things we can do for ourselves as ongoing learners and educators in order to, as our motto says, "set the standard for excellence."

*Jill Colby,
Principal*

Steering Committee Quality Education

By Jeff Sherrard

What is Quality Education? The principles of quality are relatively universal:

- clear, objective measures of performance
- reliable, repeatable outcomes
- high performance relative to alternatives
- continual performance improvement.

These quality principles apply independent of application. Cars are a good comparison, and a topic familiar to those in the D'Evelyn community. Quality cars do not lose their wheels or leak gas. These might have been concerns when cars were first built, but now we look for 100,000 mile reliability, 150 mph top speeds, 1g turning performance, and high fuel efficiency. These measures are clear, objective and well understood in the market. Who would argue the quality of a Mercedes-Benz sedan, or a Toyota Camry, or a Ford F250? Each of these vehicles is a leader in their market. The manufacturers of these vehicles set the standard for quality in the automobile market. They continually raise the bar and have become perennial quality leaders.

It is rare that a buyer directly compares a Toyota Camry to a Mercedes Benz sedan and then ends up purchasing a Ford F250 pickup. They are different vehicles, optimizing different attributes. The same holds for education. D'Evelyn is a liberal arts college preparatory school. Our stated objective is to provide students with a sound liberal arts education based on a core body of knowledge that is essential for all future pursuits. This rock solid foundation empowers our students to go comfortably, anywhere in the world and pursue any dream or interest. Further, we believe that all students within D'Evelyn can excel in a challenging program of rigorous academic and behavioral standards. I like to think of a D'Evelyn education as no less than the Mercedes Benz sedan of education, an E550 for those into specifics.

How do we know how D'Evelyn compares to other schools? We test drive our students, putting them through standardized tests – the 0-60 acceleration test of educational performance. Just like the automobile manufacturers, we participate in the same objective assessments year after year. These include ACT, SAT and Advanced Placement exams. Our consistent, excellent results prove the value of the education we provide. Motor Trend gives trophies for 'Car of the Year'. Our students have earned the educational equivalent for 7 consecutive years. Amazing! D'Evelyn has the highest ACT scores

of any public school in Colorado. We achieved this honor in 2007 and each of the preceding 6 years. D'Evelyn should be proud of this accomplishment and the 100% participation of our students, proving no child is left behind in D'Evelyn's pursuit of excellence. I like to think of this as seven consecutive educational state championships. A dynasty of continuous excellence in educational achievement. I think we should hang banners in the gym like we do for our athletic championships!

As pleasing as these state championships are, it's the national stage on which D'Evelyn seeks to excel. In this arena we received the Siemens Award in 2007. This award recognizes D'Evelyn in the top 50 schools nationwide based on Advanced Placement participation and performance in math and science. We continue to prove the quality of our education, independent of the assessment.

Enough about tests. What do our customer's think? Our customers are those colleges and universities which are blessed with our graduates' attendance. We should survey these schools and ask them what they think of our education. In the automotive industry this would be the JD Powers quality survey. The educational equivalent is the annual Colorado Commission on Higher Education Legislative Report on Remedial Education. This is a quality report sent from Colorado Colleges to K-12 schools. This report shows school-by-school the percentage of college students that required remedial coursework in math, reading, or writing. The 2007 report shows that D'Evelyn has the 2nd lowest percentage of students requiring remediation of any high school in Colorado and the lowest in Jefferson County. In fact, the competition wasn't even close. The closest Jefferson County school had nearly 6 times our remediation rate. So there it is: direct feedback from our customers on how well prepared our students are for college. The results are excellent.

Our students excel by every measure. They continue to prove they are well prepared for college. Our program is sound, consistent, and delivered by a highly skilled and professional staff. In a time when schools and districts in our state and around the country are seeking to overhaul their programs and improve their performance we continue to lead by example. Our college preparatory program is working. The entire D'Evelyn community deserves a moment to pause, reflect and admire the quality. So the next time you're on the road and see a E-Class Mercedes Benz, think of the Class of 2008.

Steering Committee Elections Results

Teacher Lesley MacGregor – 3-year term

Parent Linda Choun – 3-year term

Parent Linda Glynn – 2-year term

Parent Pam Kalkus – 2-year term

A sincere thank you to these successful candidates for committing themselves to the Steering Committee over the next 2/3 years and to all the faculty and parents who voted in the recent election! Thanks also to the parents and staff members who assisted in the voting logistics – we could not have done it without you!

Principal Survey Available Soon for D'Evelyn Parents and Staff

By Ralph Spencer

Please keep your eyes peeled for an article in the Daily Announcements regarding the availability of the annual Principal survey for both D'Evelyn parents and staff members (a different survey for each). The surveys will be available in the Main Office no later than May 5. Staff members will find a survey in each of their mailboxes while parents may request their surveys from our always smiling/helpful office receptionists. Staff members will be asked to return their completed surveys to the mailboxes

of teachers/Steering Committee members Lesley MacGregor or Brian Haller. A sealed box with the proverbial 'slot in the top' will be available at the receptionist station in the Main Office for parents to return their surveys. All surveys must be returned no later than Friday, May 16. Surveys will also be available at the Tuesday, May 13 Accountability Committee meeting. The entire Steering Committee looks forward to everyone participating in this annual survey of our Principal.

Accountability News

Why Students Leave D'Evelyn

By Deborah Romero

At the April 8 meeting, Co-Chair Eric Dillé presented the results of the Accountability Committee's Exit Survey Report. The report evaluated exit surveys for students leaving during the 2005-2006 school year, the most recent year for which data were available. The 1994 Program Document requires that exit surveys be sent to students who elect to leave D'Evelyn prior to graduation. The Document states: "These comments will be used during the evaluation process to determine aspects of the school that are worthy of praise or in need of improvement."

The following are some highlights from the survey report. Of the 79 questionnaires mailed, 21 were completed and returned. The parent, student, or both completed the form. Respondents were allowed to check more than one reason for leaving. The top five **academic** reasons for leaving were:

- Difficulty in a specific subject
- Too much homework
- GPA affects college admissions
- Coursework too difficult in general
- Not enough variety of electives

The top ranking **school environment** responses were:

- Too restrictive
- Unfriendly
- Not enough diversity
- Felt unimportant to school personnel
- Overemphasis on discipline
- Unhappy socially

Praise worthy aspects of attending D'Evelyn include:

- High academic and behavioral standards
- Good sense of community
- Safe environment for students
- Good job preparing students for college
- Good study habits and organizational skills

Some of the **aspects in need of improvement** include:

- More student-specific, tailored academic help rather than a "one size fits all" approach
- Improved, more effective peer tutoring program
- "Attitude or culture" of the school needs to become more friendly, student-oriented, and encouraging
- Help 7th graders adjust to the academic rigor and don't view them as "small senior high students"

The strong majority of respondents felt changing schools was beneficial for their student. They generally found that their new schools allowed their student to improve their grades, improve self esteem/confidence, had a more encouraging and accepting environment, and provided more flexibility to pursue other interests through electives.

If you would like to read the full Exit Survey Report, it is available in the southwest corner of the Library.

May Accountability Meeting

Please come to the final Accountability meeting of the 2008 school year, on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Two of the school's founders, Carolyn DeRaad and Kathi Pitzer, will talk about liberal arts and the D'Evelyn program.

The Accountability election will be held at the May meeting. The slate of officers for 2008-2009 is:

Co-Chair – Lisa Papke

Co-Chair – Deborah Romero

Vice Chair – Cindy Gee

Recorder – Denise Luepschen

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee: Lynne Bemis, Lisa Deering, and Rob Northway (Counselor).

See you Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. Have a fun, relaxing summer!

8th Annual D'Evelyn Dash – Takin' It To The Top

By Susan Lamb

There's nothing like a little challenge to kick start our 2008-2009 school year. Join us August 23, 2008 for the 8th Annual D'Evelyn Dash "Takin' It To The Top." The route once again scales the hill leading to the water tower. Bring your family and join the community in running the path designed for our cross country team scrimmage. After the race, be sure to hang around for D'Evelyn's traditional SENIOR WALK, choir and band performances, spirit squad performances, team sport scrimmages, and an assortment of delectable delights. Dash registration is \$15 per child/student and \$20 per adult. Register early (by June 14) at www.develyndash.com and take \$5 off registration fees.

The D'Evelyn Dash Needs You!

Act now - become a sponsor or a volunteer! We're looking for sponsors for our school's 2nd largest fund raiser. Contact Dottie Jennings at 303-988-5601 or email DefJags@yahoo.com if you are interested in becoming a Dash sponsor. Refer a contributing sponsor and receive a free t-shirt. Contributions to the D'Evelyn Dash support athletic teams, performing arts, and other extracurricular activities at the school, thus helping offset the costs of these programs for our students. If you are interested in volunteering to help prepare for the race or on race day, please call Dottie Jennings at 303-988-5601, Susan Lamb at 303-973-3776, or send an email to DefJags@yahoo.com and a volunteer coordinator will contact you.

Mathematics Summer School and Summer Book Check Out

By Rhonda Jacobson, Mathematics Teacher

The D'Evelyn mathematics department offers a summer school program for all math classes except Geometry, Advanced Placement Calculus, and Advanced Placement Statistics. Students may repeat second semester, repeat a full year, or advance one year. They will meet with a math teacher on Wednesdays (June 11 - July 30) to ask questions, turn in problem sets, and take a test. Although students will work problem sets independently, tutoring between class meetings may be crucial to student success. There will be a mid-term break during the week of July 4. Students who miss more than one class session cannot earn credit. Therefore, they should not register for summer school math if vacation plans interfere with mandatory attendance.

In mid May, summer school information will be given to all students who may need to repeat a mathematics course. Students interested in advancing a level during summer school should conference with their current math teachers. Early registration for math summer school will be done with math teachers toward the end of May. Regular registration will be held on Wednesday, June 4 from 4-6 p.m. and on Thursday, June 5 from 7-9 a.m. Textbooks for summer use may also be checked out on these dates. Students interested in summer school credit for all other courses should discuss their options with their current teachers.

Pay 2008-2009 Fees Online!

By Jennifer Cullum

Thank you to everyone who paid their fees online last summer. It sure makes registration run a lot smoother! Can you believe it's time to start thinking about next year's fees! The online program, Pay Schools, will be open to pay 2008-2009 fees beginning July 1, 2008. Pay Schools will not be open during the month of June, which will give the schools time to finalize schedules and make the Pay Schools generated fees more accurate. If you have any questions regarding next year's fees, please call Jennifer Cullum at 303-982-5780. Thank you for paying your fees online!

Class of '98 Reunion

By Alumna Annette Brinkman

Yep... it's already that time! D'Evelyn's first graduating class is planning its 10-year reunion, and needs your help! If you know a graduate from the class of '98, please have them check out the Facebook group 'D'Evelyn 1998 Alums and Class Reunion.' Teachers are welcome too! Reunion details are posted there and we would love to hear from all class of '98 alums. Also, we request that each alumnus check out the site <http://develyn.org> and list your contact information.

Funds are needed to make D'Evelyn's first graduating class reunion a special event. If you would like to help, please send your donation to the D'Evelyn Education Foundation at 10359 W. Nassau Ave., Denver, CO 80235, and specify that it is intended for the class of '98 reunion.

Several events are planned as part of the reunion on August 8 and 9, 2008. If you are a 1998 alumnus or a teacher who taught one, please mark your calendar with these dates and plan to join us!

Senior Class Picnic 2008

By Linda Choun

Seniors, mark your calendar for the 2008 Senior Class Picnic to be held on Thursday, May 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Maple Grove Park, Arbor House, 14600 W. 32nd Ave., Golden. Come and enjoy good food; sign yearbooks; play volleyball, basketball, and softball; and just have a fun, relaxing time. You've earned it!

The senior class picnic is a parent sponsored event and funded through parent donations. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Choun at 303-980-8917 or email Lcchoun@comcast.net. Parents and seniors, please watch for additional information coming to your house in early May. See you at the picnic!

End-of-School Calculator Sale

By Rhonda Jacobson, Mathematics Teacher

In order to be competitive in today's society, D'Evelyn students must stay abreast of calculator technology in their study of math and science. The TI-*n*spire handheld can do many of the things that a personal computer can do, and it comes with the TI-84 Plus keypad. In other words, it is two calculators for the price of one! This technology will become the standard for math and science courses at the secondary and post-secondary level; therefore, the math department plans to integrate the TI-*n*spire into D'Evelyn's math courses.

Currently, Office Depot is selling the TI-*n*spire for \$182 (tax included). However, the D'Evelyn mathematics department has found a vendor enabling us to sell the handhelds to students for a **total of \$139**. While we are excited about this significant savings for D'Evelyn families, we are also excited about using proofs of purchase from the calculators you buy to get free products for the math department from Texas Instruments. These products will be used in math classrooms to improve instruction and better prepare students for technology they may encounter in their "life after D'Evelyn." To take advantage of this end-of-school sale, students should bring a check (made out to D'Evelyn), cash, or money order for \$139 to their math teachers by **May 15**. Handhelds will be ordered and delivered to students before the end of the school year, allowing students to familiarize themselves with the handhelds before school starts in the fall.

Breaking the Code of Silence

Courtesy of Jeffco School District

Many potential school tragedies are being prevented because students are breaking the code of silence. Students should be encouraged to first report any threats to adults they trust. If for some reason they don't feel safe reporting to an adult, parents and students need to know there is an alternative safe place to report any kind of concerns to their safety or the safety of others – it's called Safe2Tell and it's an anonymous hotline that anyone can use.

Since its beginning in 2003, tips on Safe2Tell have helped prevent suicides, school attacks, bullying, child abuse, gang fights, harassment, underage drinking and drug use. The 24-hour a day hotline is staffed by professionals from the Colorado State Patrol and gives all students in Colorado the ability to prevent and report violence anonymously. Here's how it works:

- ▶ Students or parents call a toll free hotline and give a trained professional their information.
- ▶ The caller is given a code number to remain anonymous.
- ▶ The information is then passed along to either law enforcement or school officials.
- ▶ All tips given to Safe2Tell are investigated.

The focus of Safe2Tell is early intervention and prevention. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about this valuable resource. What can be reported? Guns, planned fights, alcohol abuse, suicide threats, sexual assaults, stealing, knives, child abuse, vandalism, bullying, gangs, domestic violence, threats, teasing, planned parties, harassment, drugs, fire starting, etc.

Once again, the hotline is completely anonymous – there isn't even caller ID. If you'd like more information, please visit the Safe2Tell Web site at www.safe2tell.org or call Safe2Tell at 1-877-542-7233.

2008 After-Prom a Jammin' Success

By Kerry Bleikamp

"THANKS" (plural noun). Related words: gratefulness, satisfaction, indebtedness, gratification, acknowledgment, recognition, tribute. All these words can be aptly applied to the talented and energetic group of parents who worked tirelessly for the last several months to provide our juniors and seniors with an incredibly fun time at our recent "DEF Jam" After-Prom party. Funded by the D'Evelyn Education Foundation, parent donations, and area businesses and corporations, this year's After-Prom boasted the largest number of gifts and prizes won by students throughout the night since the inception of the event at D'Evelyn: over 585 prizes! From Prize Acquisition and Decorations/Logo to Games/Activities/Club and Ticket Sales/Budget/Security, D'Evelyn parents invested time and energy to produce a spectacular event in the wee hours of the morning, April 26, at Red & Jerry's, following the Junior/Senior Prom.

Upon arrival at After-Prom, D'Evelyn students contributed to the late night party by adding graffiti to the already jaw-dropping "jammin" entrance, crafted by D'Evelyn parents. Once inside, the entertainment and choices stretched for hours. The energetic headed for the trike races, inflatable obstacle course, the Slam Dunk Hoop Jam, and the video arcade games,

including Dance Dance Revolution, while others jumped into the Trivia Jam, foosball and shuffleboard. Throughout the night, revelers joined the Rock/Paper/Scissors tournament and Texas Hold 'Em, and took in the acts headlining in Club Octane such as *Crewton* (the ever-popular trashcan band), *Motion Underground* (an amazing hip hop group), and the lively band *Saturday Night Before the Storm*. A fun DJ, great MC's, and animated dance instruction took away any possibility of boredom. Prizes were given out around the clock, crowned by the "Fabulous Prize" drawing at 4:30 a.m. All of the activity mandated fuel, and students were not disappointed. An appetizer bar, ice cream sundaes, Starbucks coffee bar, Red Bull samples, and a hot breakfast buffet kept the energy levels high.

On behalf of the 2008 After-Prom Committee, Mary Lubeck and Leanne Erpelding, our hard-working and enthusiastic co-chairs, express a heartfelt "thank you" to the D'Evelyn community for helping to make this year's After-Prom such a success, whatever your contribution to the event! Not surprising - planning for next year's event is already underway. If you'd like to be involved in one of the most memorable events of your son or daughter's high school years, contact Chris Marranzino at 303-988-1097 to be a part of After-Prom 2009.

Athletic Leadership Council

By Micah Porter, DHS Head Boys Cross-Country Coach and Track & Field Coach

The Athletic Leadership Council (ALC) is a new, important group at D'Evelyn that is seeking financial sponsorship for on-going leadership training and activities. Currently, the ALC has no budget. We would like to provide sports season magnets as well as purchase leadership training materials for our members. Please contact Micah Porter at mporter@jeffco.k12.co.us or Josh Griffin at jvgriffi@jeffco.k12.co.us if you are interested in supporting ALC. We need your financial assistance! Following are details regarding ALC.

ALC's membership consists of:

1. Coaching Staff representing each Varsity sport
2. Captains/Representatives from each Varsity sport
3. Athletic Director

ALC's purpose is to:

1. Establish and promote strong leadership skills.
2. Unite the leadership of Varsity sports.
3. Create unity within the school and build effective team leadership through a democratic process that promotes the D'Evelyn philosophy.
4. Strengthen the partnership between the school, coaches and athletes.
5. Promote camaraderie among all athletes.
6. Define leadership characteristics, discuss conflicts within the school, develop a process for grievances, and promote sportsmanship.

Jaguars Youth Football Camp

By Dee Leh

Hey, Jr. High students and parents of younger siblings...the High School football team and coaches are hosting a football youth camp on May 12-14, 2008, from 5-7 p.m. at our football field located at 10359 W. Nassau Ave. This is a *non-contact* technique camp, focusing on position-by-position skills and drills. There will be training sessions for K-8th grades. Participants will be split into appropriate age groups. The cost is \$45.00 for the 3-day camp, which includes a t-shirt and instruction from the D'Evelyn football players and coaching staff. Questions about the program should be directed to Suzanne Rebek at 303-467- 9302 or email Dee Leh at dee_leh@yahoo.com for a registration form. Registration forms will also be available at the front office. Thank you for supporting the D'Evelyn football program.

Boys' Basketball Clinic

By Troy Pachner, DHS Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

The Front Range Basketball Academy, directed by D'Evelyn Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach Troy Pachner and his outstanding staff, will be conducting a basketball skills and competition clinic with separate sessions for grades 2-5 (boys and girls) and grades 6-9 (boys) on June 3-6, at D'Evelyn High School. Cost is \$100. The session time for grades 2-5 will be 9 a.m. -12 p.m., and grades 6-9 will be 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. For additional information, please contact Troy Pachner at 303-883-9532 (also at tpachner@gmail.com) or Frances Pachner at 303-942-1400.

Girls Basketball

By Chris Olson, DHS Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach

The momentum from the successful 2007-2008 season will continue this summer with the return of all but two players, and the addition of a very talented 8th grade class. It all begins on Friday, May 2, from 5:30 – 7 p.m. with our summer league tryouts. Our summer will include tournaments at CCU and the Gold Crown Fieldhouse, and a team camp at Colorado State University. Information about costs and dates can be found on our team website at <http://sc.jeffco.k12.co.us/education/sportszone/sportszone.php?sectiondetailid=161306>.

Our youth summer camp for girls (2nd - 7th grades) will be held June 9 - 11, from 3:30 – 6 p.m. each day. Cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt. Fundamentals will be stressed as well as making basketball fun! As always, you can contact head coach, Chris Olson, at cpolson@jeffco.k12.co.us with any questions. It's a great time to be a JAGUAR!

Junior High Swim Camp in September

By Josh Griffin

During the fall of the 2008-2009 school year, the D'Evelyn Swimming & Diving program will offer a Junior High Swim Camp for D'Evelyn 7th – 8th graders. The camp will run September 2-5, 2008, at the Lilley Gulch Recreation Center from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Cost will be \$50, which includes 6 hours of instruction aimed at stroke improvement plus a D'Evelyn swim cap and t-shirt. The instructors will include members of the D'Evelyn coaching staff as well as current high school swimmers. The camp is open to all D'Evelyn Junior High students (both boys and girls), and the only prerequisite is the ability to swim freestyle the length of the pool (25 meters). Registration begins on August 18, 2008. Please direct any questions to Josh Griffin at jvgriffin@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-885-9929.

Junior High Boosters

Finish with a Flourish!

By Leslie Crockett

We are heading for the finish line of another great year for our Junior High students! At our April 7 Boosters meeting, we welcomed incoming 7th grade parents. Current Booster officers were on hand to explain our activities and invite them to step up and join our volunteer ranks. April 22 saw our 8th graders engage the faculty in a wild game of dodgeball! Thanks to Angie McCaslin for organizing this event. April 25 was our Junior High spring Apex Night. We had an enthusiastic group of students who enjoyed an evening of swimming, basketball, rock wall climbing, skating, and hanging out with friends. Frequent pit stops in the break room for sub sandwiches and drinks were a must! Thanks to Glenda Cadman, Sue Carmody, and other wonderful parents for putting together this event.

Our final event of the year is the 8th grade Celebration on the last day of school. We will have a carnival-type atmosphere with games, music, food and fun to celebrate the 8th graders' passage from Junior to Senior High School. Look for more information in the daily announcements.

Parents, we have one more meeting on Monday, May 5. We will elect new officers, work on plans for the Continuation Celebration, and begin planning for the summer reading groups and pool party. We would love to see you there! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Angela Hoffman at ah80127@yahoo.com, Valerie Wilson at valeriewilson@kevinwilson.com, Leslie Crockett at lesliemomot@yahoo.com, or Cecily Backes at cecily_backes@msn.com.

D'Evelyn Disguise Senior Farewell

By Monte Murphy

The 11th Annual Senior Farewell will be presented by the D'Evelyn Disguise Friday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Come see three teams of seniors battle it out with our underclassmen for your laughs as we bid the Class of 2008 a fond farewell. Our entire repertoire of 26 games is in play as the competition gets heated. Tickets go on sale at 6:30 p.m. for \$3.00, unless you are a DHS Senior, in which case your ticket is only \$1.00. Good luck Class of 2008!

D'Evelyn Performing Arts (DPA)

By Leslie Berlinberg, DPA President

Congratulations to the 40 9th, 10th and 11th grade students who were inducted into our school's newest honor society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The induction ceremony included a reception with elegant music. These students were challenged to continue their desire to perform in band, choir or orchestra, maintain a strong GPA, perform solos in their art, remain leaders in their class, and perform community service.

Melodrama Dinner Show

Two highly successful nights of the Melodrama Dinner show convinced the DPA to continue this annual event. D'Evelyn patrons always enjoy the delightful mix of sharing delicious food with kind friends and good entertainment. The Improv Troupe and Melodrama players entertained, and Chic-Fil-A provided their tasty, high-quality food and drinks. "Thank you" to the Tri-M Music Honor Society volunteers who set-up, served food, and cleaned-up after the event, fulfilling their first community service project.

Concert Choir

The Concert Choir performed in the CHSAA Large Group Festival at Arvada High School and earned all Superior Ratings from the judges. The students received written and recorded comments from three judges following their performance and also had the opportunity to listen to other choirs from around the metro area.

Jeffco Solo & Ensemble Festival

Several D'Evelyn students participated in the Jeffco Solo and

Ensemble Festival at Lakewood High. Students prepared pieces and were scored by judges on their performance, level of difficulty, behavior and other criteria.

Recycle for DPA

Please continue to save your old printer cartridges, cell phones, and the other items listed in the Daily Announcements. The donation of these used items provides money for the DPA, and may be dropped off in the hallway next to the choir room on the east side of D'Evelyn.

Junior High Play

Thank you to all the high school volunteers who produced, directed and trained the junior high students. The successful play Alienated was entirely student led! A special note of gratitude goes to our 12th graders who have volunteered so much of their time to DPA and demonstrated their talent over the years. Eric Berlinberg, Mitch Edwards, Anthony Marini, and Brandy Ohlschwager did a great job teaching our rising junior high stars!

Band and Choir Concerts

You have one more opportunity to attend concert performances of our band, orchestra and choirs in May. A pie social will be held after the concerts. Please come and enjoy an evening of entertainment by our talented students and a piece of pie with friends. Concert dates are listed under Upcoming Events on the back page of this newsletter. Thank you to Mrs. Shibly, Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Coffee for a great semester!

A New Chapter: the Tri-M Music Honor Society

By David Chen, Student

The Tri-M Music Honor Society has officially arrived at D'Evelyn. On April 2, 2008, an induction ceremony was held in the auditorium, recognizing a number of outstanding D'Evelyn music students as the first generation members of D'Evelyn's chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is an international organization formed to promote character, academics, leadership, and musical education among exceptional music students. In fact, the name Tri-M was derived from its original name, Modern Music Masters. These D'Evelyn students were chosen because of their high character and dedication to music, service, and academics. They have achieved a high degree of mastery in their musical pursuits, and are eager to serve their community and to promote the proliferation of music, the universal language.

In an elegant ceremony, the Chapter Advisor, Mr. McWhorter, along with Ms. Colby, Mrs. Shibly, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Coffee, and National Honor Society President Tommy Lepke, represented the D'Evelyn music department in presenting Tri-M pin emblems and official membership cards to the new members. In accordance with the organization's theme, musical selections from Katie Burrows, Ben Chee, and Mitch Edwards highlighted the night's program.

With the creation of the D'Evelyn Chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, the D'Evelyn High School community looks forward to years of musical excellence. It all begins with this first generation of musically gifted students.

Sophomores

Katherine Aguiar
Jacob Bass
Randall Basso
Natalie Casey
Hannah Dellinger
Hannah Elliott
Norman Engblom
John Fawcett
Chelsea Feldhousen
Kyle Hesar
Michael Kuzminsky
Andrew Maroncelli

Sherilyn McGinnis

Katelyn McNulty
Ryan Pakieser
Samuel Papke
Molly Schieffelin
Rachel Sewell

Juniors

Megan Ahern
Chris Beldon
Jon Biederman
Isabel Bristow
Jennifer Carda
David Chen

Sarah Cross

Natalie Hildebrandt
Christa Huffman
Amanda Lubeck
Caitlin McCann
Elizabeth Meurer
Jeffrey Pilkington
Katherine Reisinger
Nicole Reyes
Stephany Ross
Danielle Taylor
Craig Tuttle
Kerra Vick

Laura Vriesman

Matt Wojciechowski
Todd Wolma
Eligible Seniors
Gabriela Acosta
Gregory Baldwin
James Cahoon
Jennifer Carpenter
Benjamin Chee
Jennifer Evon
Jacob Frew
Stephenie Fullaway
Madeline Green

Bethany Hanson

Sarabeth Haws
Jonelle Henning
Elise Herwig
Julie Highland
Savannah King
Patrick Knight
Aditi Kulkarni
Tierra Lansing
Thomas Lepke
Casey Magnuson
Kelly McNulty
Tyler O'Neil

Skyler Perkes

Erika Petrak
Amy Ratliff
Rachel Slama
Hanna Spencer
Sarah Zachrich



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 Registration –
 August 5 (J-Z)
 August 6 (A-I)**

**First Day of
 School –
 August 13**

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Upcoming Events

May 2008 and beyond

5/5-9	AP Exams	
5/5	Steering Committee meeting	5 p.m.
5/5	Jr. High Boosters meeting	7 p.m.
5/6	Foundation Managers meeting	7:30 a.m.
5/7	Jr. High Awards Ceremony	7 p.m.
5/8	Sr. High Awards Ceremony	7 p.m.
5/9	D'Evelyn Disguise Improv Show	7 p.m.
5/12-16	AP Exams	
5/12	JAGs meeting	7 p.m.
5/13	Accountability meeting, Library	7 p.m.
5/13	Band Concert	7 p.m.
5/14	Sr. High Choir Concert	7 p.m.
5/15	Orchestra Concert	7 p.m.
5/16	"Drive-In" Movie Night	
5/18	Baccalaureate Service	2 p.m.
5/19	Steering Committee meeting	5 p.m.
5/19	Jr. High Choir Concert	7 p.m.
5/20	Seniors – Final Exams & Last Day of School	
5/20	Foundation Board meeting	7p.m.
5/21	Senior Banquet – Denver West Marriott	6 p.m.
5/22	Senior Picnic – Arbor House	11 a.m.
5/23	Senior Graduation Rehearsal – DHS Auditorium	2 p.m.
5/24	Senior Graduation – Buell Theatre	9 a.m.
5/26	Memorial Day – No School	
5/29	8th Grade Celebration	
5/29	Last Day of School – Grades 7-11	
5/30	Make-up Day – No Scheduled Classes	
6/1	Teachers Check Out & Final Day	
6/3-5	Incoming 7th Graders Prep School	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
8/5	2008-09 School Year Registration J-Z	
8/6	2008-09 School Year Registration A-I	
8/13	Start of 2008-2009 School Year	



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