# The Cobra Compass

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It is hard to believe that I am discussing our next school year already, but before we know it, this year will be coming to an end. A lot of thought and work goes into planning a new school year. One of the big processes is creating new classes. This is an important process that we take seriously. A lot of information goes into these considerations with the goal of making everyone's school experience the best it can be.

We welcome parental input into this process with the following considerations:

- 1. Please do not request a specific teacher, those requests will not be considered (Staff assignments can always change as well).
- Please remember that students often can't be with all their friends. We always consider social groups when making classes. Please do not make requests for your child to be with their friends.
- 3. If your child has a specific need, has had a particular struggle in some way this year that would impact their school year next year, or if there is another specific reason we should consider in the placement of your child, please send an email directly to me at <u>jennifer.poirier@dsbn.org</u>. It would be helpful if you write the following in the subject line so that it is not missed: Class Placement.

To assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Caistor Central Public School for the 2023/2024 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. Providing us with this information in the spring will also help in transportation arrangements for September. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins at the end of April so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

Principal, J. Poirier



May 6, 13, 27 – Grade 3 Swim to Survive May 7 - DSBN Writes Celebration May 10 - Hotdog Day May 13 – Rugby May 14 – 17 EQAO Language May 20 – Victoria Day Holiday May 22 – Music Presentation by NIEM May 24 - Talent Show May 27 – 3 Pitch May 28 – Area Track and Field Event (not the one at Caistor, stay tuned for information on that one May 29 – Kindergarten Open House May 31 – Rain date for Area Track and Field

#### Save the Dates!

Save the dates: **Grade 8 graduation** June 25<sup>th</sup> **EQAO dates** Starts May 8<sup>th</sup> and ends June 12<sup>th</sup>



## **Celebrating Students**

Congratulations to the following students who made some amazing accomplishments and reached personal bests this month!

March: Optimism - I have a positive attitude. I see challenges as opportunities. I think, and act to make the world a better place. I have hope for the future.

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award
K1 Misener & Woodham	Patrick	Jack
K2 Killins & Soutos	Matteo	Ryker
1 Donders	Sophia	Natalie
1/2 Russell	Silas	Evelyn
2/3 Bleich	Ethan	Donna
3/4 Van Driel & Labranche	Khloe, Lucie	Ethan, Konrad
4/5 Dosa	Callie	Eva
5 Whitfield	Kaley	Hannah
6/7 Nawrocki	Zoe, Logan	Lynnah
7/8 Wellman	Haeden	Ramona

April: Integrity - I behave in an ethical and honourable manner even when no one else is around. I am genuine, in that my actions consistently match my words.

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award
K1 Misener & Woodham	Alex, Mikel	Harlan
K2 Killins & Soutos	Brooks, Gage, Marhett	Charleigh, Nate
1 Donders	Michelle, Charlette	Isak
1/2 Russell	Matthew	Levi
2/3 Bleich	Jaxon	Regan
3/4 Van Driel & Labranche	Quinn, Jase	Bryce, Will
4/5 Dosa	Srey-Vi	Davina
5 Whitfield	Mikayla	Gerrit
6/7 Nawrocki	Selena, Julia	Emerson
7/8 Wellman	Aeris	Jayden

## **Character Focus for May – Honesty**

I am sincere, truthful, and trustworthy.

## FUN FAIR! – Friday June 14th

The school council is looking for volunteers for the fun fair this year. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the school.

The school council is also looking for donations.

They are looking to our community members, including yourselves, for support and generosity. These are three ways you can

help:

- donating a prize for our raffle draw
- donating an item or service for our silent auction
- making a money donation to the school

Thank you for your consideration and in advance for your support and generosity. If you are interested in donating to support our school, you may contact the school or

Melissa LeBlanc at <u>Melissa.leblanc@dsbn.org</u> Jennifer Poirier at Jennifer.poirier@dsbn.org

If you are thinking about reaching out to a local business for a donation, please touch base with Melissa first to be sure someone has not already asked them.



Stay tuned for more information soon on how to buy tickets to our fun fair and how to buy raffle tickets!!

Register for Kindergarten!

We were excited to host our Kindergarten Open House in February! Did you, or someone you know, miss our open house? If so, connect with the school and we can make arrangements for a visit. There is still time to register by visiting the DSBN Kindergarten registration link. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

#### New to Kindergarten

New to Kindergarten Visit & First Bus Ride

Yes, it's true! On May 29th from 9:05am to 10:45am, we are excited to welcome our newest little learners and their families back into our school to see everything in person. We are looking forward to opening our school doors to these families for a very important visit. We'll meet the Kindergarten team, enjoy time together with future friends, and take a first bus ride together! A direct email invite will be sent directly to all our new JK friends' families. Please note that babies and toddlers are not permitted to ride the school bus on this day.

### **Staff Appreciation Day**

Please keep sending in those postcards – the ones that have come in so far have been amazing to read. I can't wait to share it with the teachers.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating all staff at Caistor Central, as we did not celebrate Teacher Day in the fall.

However, May 16<sup>th</sup> is Support Staff Appreciation Day, and we will be celebrating our support staff in a special way on this day! Thank you to Mrs. Hine, Mrs. Crooks, Mrs. Foster, Ms. Turk, Ms. Eden, Ms. Soutos, Ms. Woodham, Mrs. Van Zeben, Mrs. Leblanc, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. McMahon, Ms. Lyon, Ms. Travis for supporting our students.

## **Prom Project**

#### **Prom Project Niagara**

Grade 8 Graduation is coming! We encourage students to come in clothes they feel comfortable wearing to celebrate their milestone achievement. Prom Project Niagara is a one-day, fun, free formal wear extravaganza! Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their graduation for FREE!



## **Community Shoutout!**

Thank you to the Caistor Community for donating their gently used eclipse glasses. We have over 200 glasses that will be given to Astronomers Without Borders. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at Pancake Day and for those who sent in pancake and syrup donations. This day was a big success in raising money towards end-of-the-year trips.

### **Athletics and Clubs**

**Badminton results:** Aeris received a Bronze in girls' singles, Grace and Colton M. received a Silver in mixed doubles.



**The Caistor Chess Club** travelled to Smithville on April 19<sup>th</sup> to compete in the Region 3 Chess Tournament. Everyone tried their best, were resilient and showed great Caistor Spirit. Special congratulations to William in Mrs. Bleich's grade 2/3 class who placed first at his table!

#### Junior Basketball:

From Mrs. Whitfield and Mr. Nawrocki - we had a wonderful season with our Jr. Basketball teams! Both the boys and the girls team were dedicated to practicing almost every day this season and their growth and development was amazing. We are proud of their skills and their sportsmanship throughout the season. Way to go team!

#### Science Fair:

From Mrs. Whitfield - a big thank you to our Caistor Community to supporting our science fair. The Grade 5 students went through the scientific process, preformed their own experiments, and presented their projects with hard work and passion. Mrs. Whitfield is incredibly proud of their problem solving, resilience and growth mindset throughout the entire process. Way to go Grade 5's!

