

The Cobra Compass

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Principal Message

Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, Khushali, Kwanzaa, or another special event this holiday season, the staff at Caistor Central wishes you a safe and joyous time with your family. What is truly wonderful about this time of year, are the common bonds we share, regardless of our beliefs. The family values, sense of belonging, acts of kindness and helping others, is what we have in common. Don't forget that there are many simple gifts to give, like a smile, a helpful hand, or a random act of kindness. **On behalf of the staff at Caistor Central, we wish you a holiday season filled with joy, peace and good health!**



We are very grateful that you have entrusted your children to our care. At Caistor Central, we believe that every child can achieve to a high standard. We believe that good character and good citizenship are integral components of academic achievement and success in life. We believe that parents and teachers, working together, can achieve great things for children. We are very proud of the positive climate in our school and are committed to working together for even greater student success.

As we prepare for the winter season, there is an opportunity for us to reach out to the community by way of a Seasonal Food Drive with Community Care. Please join our challenge! All in good fun, we are challenging Gainsborough School to see which school can collect as many items as possible for those in need.

To celebrate Caistor Central students and staff reaching donation targets we'll do fun challenges that will bring laughter and smiles to everyone! We'll host our second no hands cupcake eating contest with students participating! Students will also be silly stringing their teachers! Students are welcome to drop off non-perishable food items to their class collection bins between Monday December 5th and Friday December 9th. If a child finds it difficult to carry an item on the bus, we will accept your drop-off donations at the door. Please be sure to label the bag with your child's name and class!

We look forward to a wonderful holiday season together.
Mrs. T. Chilcott



December is Universal Human Rights Month

- Int Girls Volleyball Tourn..... Dec. 1
- Food Drive Begins.....Dec. 5
- Blue & White & Winter Wonderland Hair Day.....Dec. 5
- Crazy Winter Socks Day.....Dec. 6
- Favourite Sweater Day.....Dec. 7
- Hats of All Kinds Day.....Dec. 8
- Bodhi Day.....Dec. 8
- Winter PJ Day.....Dec. 9
- Food Drive Ends.....Dec. 9
- Khushali.....Dec. 13
- Posadas Navidenas.....Dec. 16
- Hanukkah.....Dec. 17
- Holiday Colours Day.....Dec. 19
- Holiday Headgear Day.....Dec. 20
- Ugly Holiday Sweater Day...Dec. 21
- Holiday Celebration Day....Dec. 22
- Twas the Day Before Holidays
- Pajama Day.....Dec.23
- Christmas Day.....Dec. 25
- Kwanzaa.....Dec. 26
- Welcome Back.....Jan. 9



Winter Wonderland Sip & Sing – December 19th at 6:00 to 7:15pm

We are celebrating the season with a Winter Wonderland Sip & Sing event! Come and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa, enjoy your child's class performance, take in the art show, browse the craft and bake sale, make a take-away batch of reindeer food or bring your own small water bottle to create a holiday sensory bottle! Don't forget to bring your favourite holiday mugs and dress in holiday cheer!

Doors will open at 5:45pm. A schedule of class performances (and details about preparations) will be sent out shortly. Families, parents and children, will enjoy the evening's offerings together. Parents should drop their children off in the "green room" 5 minutes before the start of their class special and then make their way to the theatre area to find a seat. Children should be picked up by parents immediately after their performance.

Holiday Bake Sale Fundraiser

The community Holiday Bake Sale in the evening is a time when you can also purchase some goodies for holiday get-togethers! Bake sale items will be available in fully wrapped singles, six packs, dozens, cakes and loaves. Caistor has a strong history and tradition of care and creativity at the holiday bake sale! Don't miss out. There will also be a cake raffle – draws will be made at 6:45pm! **The bake sale will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.**



We encourage parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in on the morning of Monday December 19th. Thank you so much for your support!

While we cannot guarantee a nut free school environment, we work diligently to minimize risk to individuals with allergies. **We require that all baked goods coming into the school be baked without nuts or peanuts. However, we cannot guarantee that these baked goods are nut free or have been made in a nut-free environment.**



Note: All baked goods must be fully wrapped in cello bags, boxes or tins. Thank you so much for your support!

Celebrating Our Students – Way to Go!

Class	Student of the Month Award	Character Trait Award Courage
K1 Bleich & MacPherson-Easey	Emily Q	Mason M
K2 Killins & Corso	Gerris P, Isla M	Kylie H, Danny D
1 Donders	Shane K	Calvin C
2 Sohi	Donna H, Theo H	Leia K
3 Misener	Ethan G, Khanvi L	Eva B, Quinn A
3/4 VanDreil & Sodtke	Colton G, Landon Y	Paul H
4/5 Whitfield	Julia V, Logan S	Kaley M
6 Dosa	Sarah K	Amelia B
7/8 Nawrocki	Peyton W, Grace C, Claire C	Aeris S
7/8 Wellman	Macy P, Gavin S	Cassie C, Devon C

Be Responsible in December - "I am responsible for my thoughts, words and actions. I am accountable for my choices. I admit my mistakes and work to correct them. People can depend on me to honour my commitments. I demonstrate active citizenship.

Education Foundation Niagara - Teacher Tribute

Are you looking to show your appreciation to your child's teacher or school staff member but not sure how to do that during this time? Please consider making a donation in honour of someone through the [EFN Tribute Gift Campaign](#). Your gift makes an immediate impact on the lives of DSNB students - whether it's through helping with basic necessities, through providing scholarships, or by enhancing their learning environment. To learn more about EFN, please visit their website at efnniagara.dsnb.org.

Dressing for the Weather

As colder winter weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are already necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Students will continue to have gym classes outside during this time. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.

School Advisory Council

Our third School Advisory Council Meeting was held on November 22nd. Thank you to all the parents that attended our meeting. All School Advisory Council meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the [Caistor Central Website](#) once they are approved. Our schedule of meetings for the 2022-2023 school year is as follows:

- January 24, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- March 28, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- May 23, 2023 @ 6:00pm

New members are always welcome to join and meeting may be added if the need arises.

Scholastic Book Fair – A Great Success! Thank you!

Thank you so much for your enthusiastic and generous support of the Book Fair. The students enjoyed browsing, making their picks and shopping throughout the week. We were thrilled to welcome many families on interview night. We sold \$3,400.00 worth of books which means Caistor students will benefit from the addition of \$1700.00 of books for the library! How exciting! Reading unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Thank you for helping our children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading!

Poinsettia Sale & Pick-Up

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser! Poinsettias will arrive at the school on December 8, with prompt pick up required starting at 10:30 until 3:30 pm. If you are unable to make it during this time please contact the school to make alternate arrangements.

Coaches and Clubs Corner

Activity	Day & Time	Coach / Club Leader
Anime Drawing Club	Meet during lunch breaks	Mrs. Gamble
Intermediate Volleyball	Tournament on December 1	Mr. Wellman – Girls Mrs. Whitfield – Boys
Junior Tripleball	Games on Monday/Wednesday Final games TBD	Mrs. Sohi – Girls Mrs. Dosa - Boys
Eco Club	Meet on Tuesday at breaks	Mrs. Killins, Mrs. Whitfield and Mrs. LeBlanc

Eco Club

Eco club has officially launched at Caistor! The club has already launched a marker recycling program in the school, all writing utensils are saved from the garbage can and placed into our wonderful marker recycling bin in the library. You can also send in your dead markers/pens/sharpiers/highlighters from home to be properly disposed of.

They also did an amazing job cleaning up our school grounds! Coming soon will be a battery recycling program; if you would like to save all your household batteries to send in once that is fully set up we would greatly appreciate it! Stay tuned for more details.



December Spirit Days!

Dec 5	Winter Wonderland Hair!	Dec 19	Holiday Colours Day! (red & green, white & blue, gold and silver, etc)
Dec 6	Crazy Winter Socks!	Dec 20	Holiday Headgear Day!
Dec 7	Favourite Sweater!	Dec 21	Ugly Holiday Sweater Day!
Dec 8	Hats of All Kinds!	Dec 22	Holiday Celebration Day! Dress in anything that shows how you celebrate!
Dec 9	PJ Day!	Dec 23	'Twas the Night Before Holidays Pajama Day!

Milk Program and Servery – Opens in January

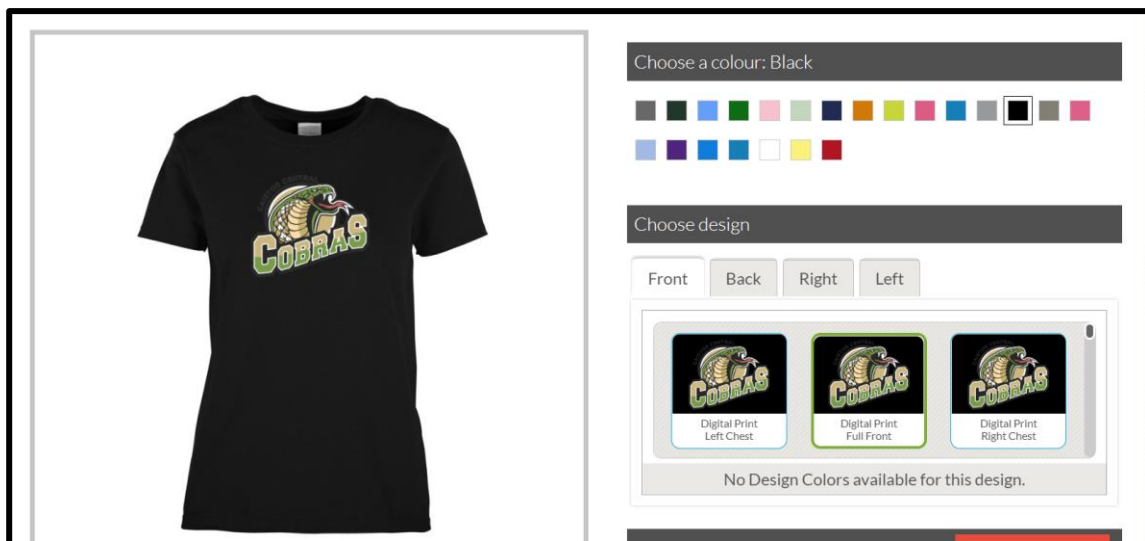
Good news! Milk Program and the Servery will open in January. We are pleased to offer white and chocolate milk, popcorn, chocolate chip and oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Tickets can be purchased through School Cash Online in the new year. Please note it does take 1 to 2 days before your child will receive their sheet of servery tickets to bring home. Parents will need to send in a ticket on the day they wish their child to receive a milk/treat. Please be sure to circle the item you wish your child to receive otherwise it will be your child's choice.

Please note we will not be accepting cash, all items must be purchased through School Cash Online. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Cobra Spirit Wear! Order Away!

Spirit wear is now available for order! Official Cobra colours are black and dark green. There are lots of items to choose from – Ts, hoodies, hats and toques, bags, jackets and more! You can [order here!](#) Note that you can select the size and location of the Cobra logo and add text for an additional fee.

You can also find an upadtes ordering link on our school website!



Inclement Weather Procedures

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation

is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

DSBN eFlyers

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBN eFlyers website. I encourage you to take a look, on occasion, to ensure you do not miss any community events that might be of interest to you or your family. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: www.dsbn.org
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Request" and you may browse through the 'Recent eFlyers' to find offerings from a variety of community organizations.

DSBN Social Worker Available

Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour or self-harm? Do you need support in accessing supports in the community? Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance? Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions you've been asking yourself, please speak with your child's teacher or Mrs. Chilcott. Julie Pearce is a DSBN Social Worker that works with families in West Lincoln schools, including Caistor Central, to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success. She is an invaluable member of our Caistor Central team and is looking forward to connecting with families.

Niagara Ice Dogs Family Night in January!

We have an upcoming Family Game Night on Saturday, January 21st at 7:00 pm. Come out for a pre-skate from 5:00-5:50 pm and then cheer the Ice Dogs on in the Caistor Central Cobras' section! Tickets may be purchased for \$16.00 each on School Cash Online until Sunday, January 8th.

