

# The Cobra Compass

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## Principal Message

Happy New Year!

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 begin 2023, we'll be focused on a strong and consistent start to a brand new year! A new year provides us with a wonderful opportunity to make positive changes in our lives. Talk with your children about ways that they can work toward academic goals. Try brainstorming good work/study habits, ideas for organization, or ways to overcome pitfalls encountered in the early part of the term.

On behalf of the staff at Caistor Central and West Lincoln Community Care, I would like to send out a big heartfelt thank you to our cobras for the amazing generosity that was shown during our Community Care Food Drive. Thank you to our Caistor Community for donating 1859 pounds of food for the food drive to ensure anyone in need in our larger West Lincoln community feels cared for and supported.

On behalf of the Caistor Central staff, we wish you a wonderful new year in 2023! We look forward to a new year ahead together.

T. Chilcott



Welcome Back.....	Jan. 9
Pizza Day.....	Jan. 10
French Immersion Registration begins.....	Jan. 9
PIC Virtual Speaker Series.....	Jan. 17
Pizza Day.....	Jan. 17
Jersey Day or Favourite Team Colours Day.....	Jan. 19
PA Day.....	Jan. 20
Lincoln Alexander Day.....	Jan. 21
Niagara Ice Dogs Family Game Night.....	Jan. 21
Pizza Day.....	Jan. 24
Family Literacy Day.....	Jan. 27
Focus on Family Day.....	Jan. 27
Pizza Day.....	Jan. 31
Kinergarten Open House.....	Feb. 2
Gr 8 Grad Photo Day.....	Feb. 9
SK Photo Day.....	Feb. 9

**On Friday, January 20 all DSBN schools will be closed for a PA Day in which teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities.**



## Kindergarten Registration Information for 2023-2024 School Year

Do you know a child who was born in 2019? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is almost here! Please visit the [DSBN Kindergarten registration link](#) for more details and save Thursday, February 2, 2023 between 10:00 – 6:00 pm for our Kindergarten Open House event!

## Character Focus for the Month

In December, we focused on responsibility. "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. We'll be recognizing students for their accomplishments in December a little later in the month.

**Persevere in January** – "I finish what I start, even when it is difficult. I do not give up even when faced with challenges or obstacles. I complete all tasks and assignments to the best of my ability."

## Family Literacy Day – Celebrate Your Heritage!

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. ABC creates free learning and promotional resources for anyone that wants to get involved. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

On January 27, we encourage our families to celebrate this day by learning about their family heritage. We are fortunate to live in a country that celebrates our diversity. Let's explore our heritage and learn about others as well! [Click here are ideas from ABC Literacy on learn about your family, with your family.](#)

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, wear something or bring something that represents your family or family heritage in some way. You may also bring in one of your family's favourite books.

## Niagara Ice Dogs Family Night in January!

We have an upcoming Family Game Night on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 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, snow pants, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Children should arrive at school already dressed as there are 15 minutes of arrival time spent outdoors and Kindergarten students start their day with a longer block of outdoor play. Students may continue to have gym classes outside

from time to 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.

## Grade 1 French Immersion Registration Information

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to registration for Year 2 Kindergarten students from Monday, January 9, 2023 until Tuesday, February 21, 2023. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer. For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara, [please click here](#). To register for the virtual open house, please click on the image to the left.

## Eco Club Updates

Here are some important Eco Club updates!

Caistor Central's Eco Club has joined the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge! See the [parent letter](#) for more information on this initiative and how to support. We have collection bins at the school for drop-off. Thank you to our Eco Club for making such a positive difference in our school community!

## Coaches and Clubs Corner

Activity	Day & Time	Coach / Club Leader
Anime Drawing Club	Meet during lunch breaks	Mrs. Gamble
Intermediate Basketball	After School Games Schedule TBA	Mr. Nawrocki – Girls Mrs. Whitfield – Boys
Primary Lego Club	PM Fitness Breaks – days TBA	Mrs. Chilcott
Chess Club	Coming in Winter Season - TBA	Mrs. Sohi

## January Spirit Days!

**Thursday January 19 – Jersey Day** – In anticipation of our Niagara Ice Dogs Family Game Night, we'll be wearing our favourite hockey jerseys or team colours!

**Friday January 27 – Focus on Family Literacy Day** – In celebration of Family Literacy Day, wear something or bring something that represents your family or family heritage in some way. You may also bring in one of your family's favourite books.

## Milk Program and Servery – Opens in January

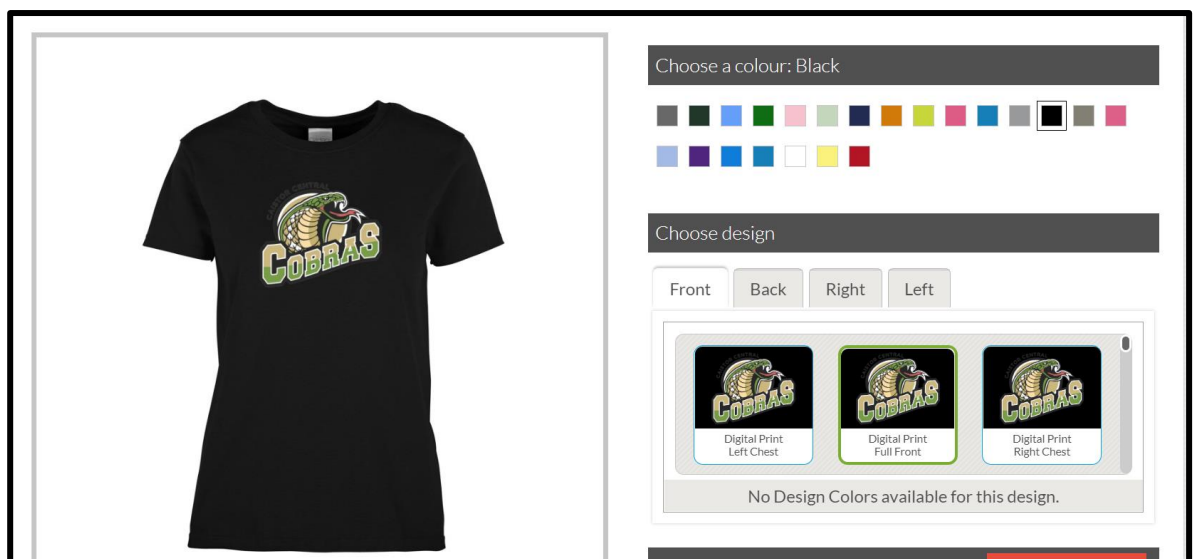
Good news! Milk Program and the Servery will open in January. We are pleased to offer white and chocolate milk, popcorn, chocolate chip and oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Tickets can be purchased through School Cash Online in the new year. Please note it does take 1 to 2 days before your child will 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. The official opening day is to be announced.

## 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 updates 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.dsbnschools.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](https://www.dsbnschools.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.dsbnschools.org](http://www.dsbnschools.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.