



## January 2026

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### Important Dates

**January 8** – Grade 6 trip to Safety Village

**January 9** – Backwards Day

**January 16** – Hot Chocolate Day (\$2)

**January 19** – PA Day (no school)

**January 23** – School Colours Day (yellow & black)

**January 24** – Grade 7/8 Trip Payment #1 due

**January 30** – Hot Chocolate Day (\$2)

**January 30** – Kindergarten trip to Funzilla

### **Message from the Principals**

Welcome back, Cobras families, and happy new year! I hope that each of you had a joyful, restful, and safe holiday season. As we begin 2026, we have a fresh start—a chance to set new goals, reflect on what we've learned, and build on the successes of the past year.

It's wonderful to see our students returning to school with energy and enthusiasm. Our staff are excited to continue supporting their growth academically, socially, and emotionally. The start of a new year is also a great time to strengthen connections within our school community and celebrate the efforts and achievements of our students, staff, and families.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership. Your involvement, encouragement, and support make a real difference in your child's experience at school. Together, we can ensure that 2026 is a year full of growth, learning, and positive experiences for every Cobra.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and successful start to the year!

Mrs. Stephanie Slaman &  
Principal

Mrs. Denise Horne  
Vice Principal

### Access to the School During the Day

To support the safety and well-being of all students and staff, families may notice some changes to how parents and visitors access the school during the day. When picking up a child early, parents/guardians are asked to ring the front door bell and wait on the front step until a staff member comes to assist them. If dropping off items (such as lunches or forgotten belongings), a staff member will meet you at the door rather than having visitors enter the office. These procedures help us maintain a secure learning environment while minimizing disruptions during instructional time. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

## **COBRAS Value Focus: Balance**

This month, our school community will be focusing on the COBRAS value of Balance. Balance means taking care of our learning, our well-being, and our relationships—at school and at home. Families can help reinforce this by encouraging regular routines, healthy sleep habits, and a balance between screen time, homework, and downtime. Talking with children about listening to their bodies, managing stress, and asking for help when needed also supports this important skill. By working together, we help students develop the balance they need to feel well, stay engaged, and succeed.



## **The Importance of Consistent Attendance**

Regular attendance is key to student success. Arriving on time and staying for the full school day helps students fully engage in learning and build strong routines. Grand Erie's Attendance Strategy encourages at least 90% attendance—in a typical 20-day month, this means a student can miss no more than 2 days. Families can support their children by keeping routines consistent, scheduling appointments outside school hours when possible, and letting the school know if your child will be absent. Together, we can help every student make the most of each school day.

## **Thank You to Community Members!**

December was a month filled with generosity and kindness. Thank you to the following individuals and community partners for being an important part of our King George School family: Celebration Church for donating and serving our turkey dinner; Harmony Church, Princess Auto, Sport for Growth, and several anonymous donors for donating food and Christmas presents to families; Contact Brant and many local families & neighbours for donating items to the Holiday Shop; Skye Alvaraz, Diane Houlston & Sydny Arseneault for volunteering at the Holiday Shop.

## **School Council Meeting**

Join us at our next School Council meeting on Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00pm in the Maker Space (school library). We will be discussing fundraising ideas, planning future family engagement nights, and hearing updates about school news and events. Please RSVP to Skye Alvarez (School Council Chair) at [skyealvarez.sa@gmail.com](mailto:skyealvarez.sa@gmail.com) or Stephanie Slaman (Principal) at [stephanie.slaman@granderie.ca](mailto:stephanie.slaman@granderie.ca). Hope to see you there!