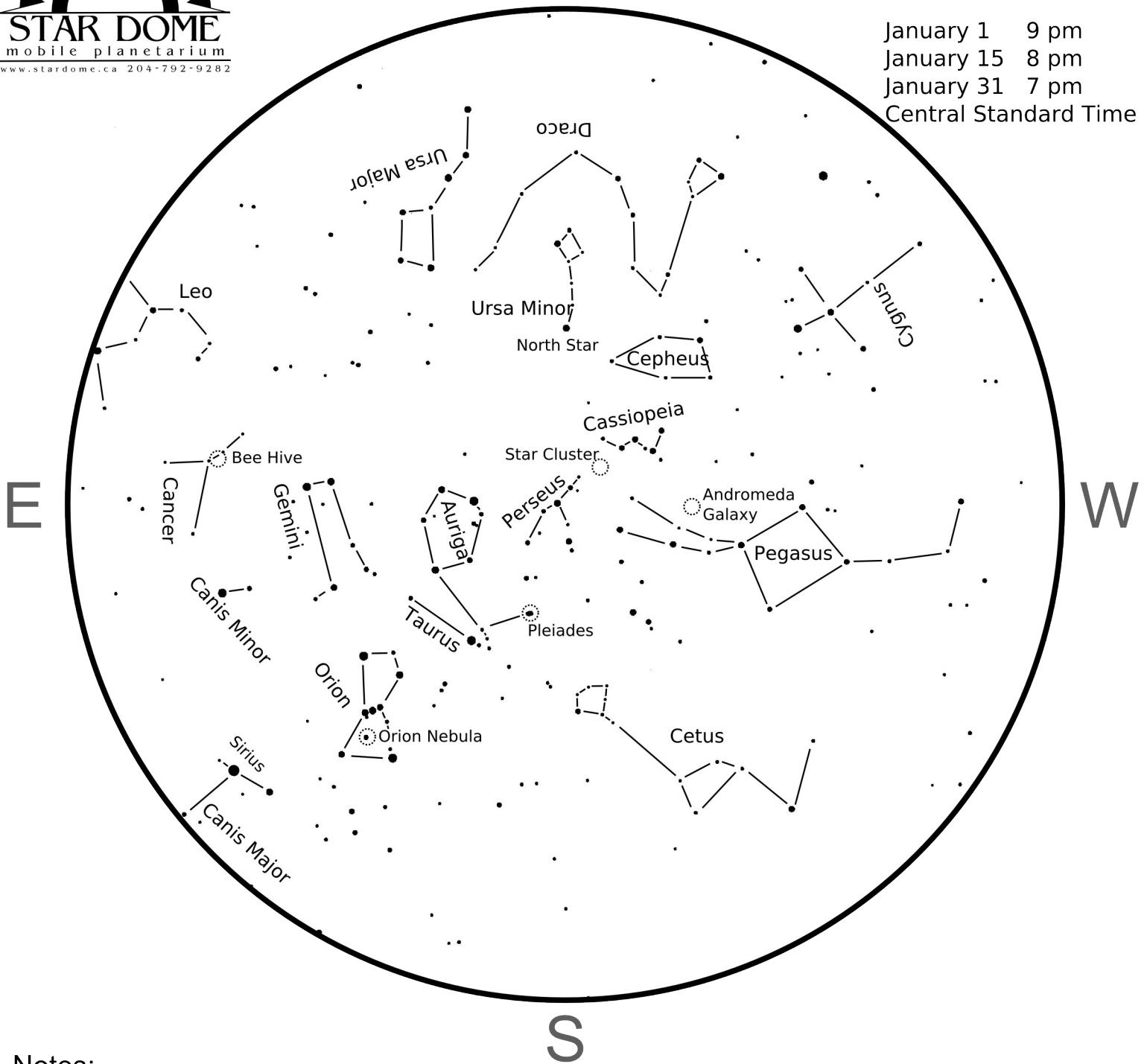


January 1 9 pm  
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Central Standard Time



## Notes:

Sirius is the brightest star in sky and known as the "Dog Star" because it is in Canis Major - the great dog. The ancient Egyptians would watch for the first appearance of Sirius in the pre-dawn sky as a signal that the annual flooding of the Nile River was about to begin.

The Orion Nebula looks like a small, misty star in binoculars. It is actually a vast cloud of gas and dust where stars are being born.

Take a look at the beautiful cluster of stars called the Beehive in binoculars. Compare this with the Pleiades star cluster. Which one has the brighter stars? Which one is larger? Which has more stars? Start an observing logbook and sketch what each cluster looks like in binoculars.