



## **FAQ'S ABOUT TERMINOLOGY**

- **WHAT IS THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE?**

[www.petertherockschool.org](http://www.petertherockschool.org) or through the parish website [www.petertherock.org](http://www.petertherock.org)

- **WHAT IS THE SCHOOL'S OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE?**

- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Peter-Catholic-School/507861185930855>

- **WHAT IS THE "ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS FACEBOOK PAGE"?**

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/839193642791677/>
- This is a FB group for parents, friends and teachers to post questions related to school or family fun events. Administrator approval required to keep site private.

- **WHAT IS TEACHEREASE?**

- Teacherease is an on-line gradebook. St. Peter also uses this web based communication tool to update parents on school events, newsletters, grades, sports, school family directory, monthly hot lunch menus, SCRIP earnings reports and general announcements.
- The website for Teacherease is [www.teacherease.com](http://www.teacherease.com)
- Once you enroll, you will receive an email with your login and password.
- This allows a parent to log in and access their child's subjects, assignments and progress.
- The most commonly used tabs are "ACADEMICS" and "COMMUNICATE".
- Under the tab "COMMUNICATE", locate the "Digital Locker." The Digital Locker holds electronic copies of school communications. It provides parents with important information about the school and upcoming events
- Emails are sent from Carol Burns, via TeacherEase. Carol is the Office Administrator.
- It is important to keep email addresses current on [www.teacherease.com](http://www.teacherease.com) . You must contact the School, Office Administrator to update your email and information.
- Both parents can have their own access to Teacherease, with email notification.

- **WHAT IS SCRIP?**

- SCRIP is a fundraising tool, which helps to reduce student tuition.
- The website for Scrip is [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)
- A required \$150 earned goes to the school. Any additional money earned is applied to your next year tuition fees. Some families have reduced tuition by over \$2,000/year, using SCRIP cards.
- My Scrip Wallet is an app that can be loaded on your smart phone, to use instantly in stores.
- **Carol Burns** is the school's SCRIP Manager. Short classes may be offered at the beginning of the school year.
- See SCRIP explanatory documents, available on WWW.TEACHEREASE.COM, under the "COMMUNICATE" tab, under "DIGITAL LOCKERS" and also on <http://www.petertherockschool.org/scripgift-cards.html>
- Ask Grandparents, other family members and friends to use Scrip cards for their purchases. Ensure they use the designated Enrollment Code for the school: 1B9LDDF618L69.

- **WHAT ARE SAFEWAY AND KING SOOPERS CARDS?**
  - These are reloadable cards that can be used for grocery and gas purchases.
  - These cards can be purchased from the School Office.
  - Families receive 3-5% back on purchases.
  - Currently, Safeway is the only store that offers the 3-5% for gift card purchases.
  
- **WHAT IS SCHOOL MESSENGER?**
  - School Messenger is the automated phone text/voice message system to alert parents of important and emergency school information. Included, but not limited to, are:
    - Snow days (Closures)
    - School delays
    - Important school events
    - Lock-ins/Lock-outs
  - Texts, emails and/or voice messages for delays and cancellations usually occur by 6:00am.
  
- **WHAT IS RAPTOR?**
  - RAPTOR is the school's on-line visitor and volunteer software. It manages your volunteer activities – tracking hours, signing up for activities and communicating between volunteers. It also tracks visitors to the school for our children's safety.
  - You should have received a sign-up email from Raptor Systems, inviting you to set up an account.
  - [www.raptortech.com](http://www.raptortech.com)
  - Questions? Contact volunteer@petertherock.org.
  
- **WHAT IS UNIFORM POLICY?**
  - The school has a three authorized uniforms. Uniform guidelines can be found on the school website.
  - **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY** are PE Attire
  - **TUESDAY** is Mass Attire
  - **THURSDAY & FRIDAY** are Daily Attire
  - Uniforms can be ordered from Dennis Uniform (also a retail store in Lone Tree, CO) and Land's End.
  - Elementary School uniforms are different than Middle School uniforms (see uniform guidelines on website).
  - The **Uniform Closet**, in the school office, has gently used uniform items for sale.
  
- **WHAT IS THE DRESS DOWN POLICY?**
  - Dress Down days are casual, non-uniform days.
  - Guidelines can be found in the Family Handbook. See website, under "School Life".
  - Principal Whalen will notify families of a Casual/Dress Down day.
  
- **WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL CANCELLATION AND DELAY POLICIES?**
  - You will be notified by School Messenger, through a phone text and email, for a delayed start or cancellation.
  - Rarely, does the school dismiss early. In the event of severe weather, you will be notified by School Messenger for an early dismissal.
  - If District 38 Schools (Lewis Palmer) are closed or delayed, SPCS will close or delay.
  - See the Family Handbook for more details, on the school website.
  - Notification is usually given by 6:00am.

- **WHAT IS “FAMILY”?**
  - “Families” are a cross class gathering of students from all grades, in a monthly session. Together, they learn about scripture and service projects.
  - Middle schoolers play a leadership role in each “Family”.
  
- **WHAT IS “HOUSE”?**
  - House is homeroom for the Middle School students.
  
- **WHAT IS “ACCELERATED READER” (AR)?**
  - Accelerated Reader is a reading measurement program, for all grades.
  - All students are given AR goals at the beginning of the year.
  - Students read books that are in the AR program and take quizzes to determine comprehension. Books should be based on their reading level.
  - Parents can log in to student’s account, to see student(s) progress.
  - <https://www.renaissance.com/products/accelerated-reader> (program description).
  - [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) (How to find level books).
  - <https://hosted209.renlearn.com/2356469/homeconnect> (test scores).
  
- **WHAT ARE “SPECIALS”?**
  - Specials are classes offered to enrich our students during the day.
  - Classes include: Spanish, PE, Art, Music, and Technology, which are taught on specific days.
  
- **WHAT ARE BOXTOPS?**
  - “BoxTops for Education” are a fundraising program offered by General Mills, Hefty, Haines, Land O Lakes, Ziploc, Boise, and Horizon Organics.
  - The website for BoxTops is <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>
  - Products include: frozen food, bakeware, tableware, boxed food, paper products, produce, school supplies and more!
  - Cut out the BoxTop & send in periodically throughout the school year.
  - There are class contests throughout the year. Prizes are awards for the class collecting the most BoxTops.
  - The school earns \$.10 for each BoxTop for school related purchases.
  - BoxTops do have expiration dates. Please ensure to check the date prior to submission.
  - Ask your relatives, friends and neighbors to collect for your child.
  - eBoxtops are for online purchases. Sign up at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) and find St. Peter Catholic School.
  
- **WHAT IS ITBS?**
  - ITBS is The Iowa Test of Basic Skills.
  - Tests assess skills in Reading, Language, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science.
  - This achievement testing occurs in March, each year, for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
  
- **WHAT IS FIELD DAY?**
  - Field Day is a fun games day, for all grades.
  - It takes place in the spring.
  - Students may take the school bus or be driven/picked up.
  - Field Days may also take place indoors at Summit Interquest.

- **WHAT IS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK?**
  - Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration of the Catholic education system.
  - St. Peter hosts an open house for prospective families.
  - A school mass is celebrated on the Sunday during that week.
  - Catholic Schools Week usually occurs in the last week in January/first week in February.
  - Special Spirit events occur at the school.
  - An All-School mass occurs at St. Dominic's for all schools in the Diocese on the Friday, ending the week. This is a special morning mass and parents are encouraged to attend. Students may take the school bus or be driven/picked up at St. Dominic's Church.
  
- **WHAT ARE WEEKEND SCHOOL MASSES?**
  - One Sunday each quarter (may vary), the school hosts the 10:30 Sunday Mass at Saint Peter Catholic Church.
  - Students sign up to be greeters, lectures, and altar servers.
  - Attendance is voluntary.
  - All students are invited to attend with their families.
  - All students that wear their Mass Uniform receive a dress down pass from the Principal.
  
- **WHAT ARE 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY MASSES?**
  - Third through Eighth grades attend Mass on the first Friday of each month.
  
- **WHAT HAPPENS AT TEACHER CONFERENCES?**
  - Parent Teacher conferences occur in October & February.
  - The conferences are mandatory for parents.
  - Parents meet with teacher, (usually without children for the lower grades K-3) to discuss progress.
  - If you have questions prior to scheduled conferences, email your child's teacher through Teacherease, and set up a time to discuss any questions or concerns.
  
- **WHAT IS TADS?**
  - TADS is a Diocesan program to help families in need of tuition assistance.
  - TADS assistance paperwork must be completed in early April.
  - Separate Parish assistance may also be available.
  - TADS is also used to sign your tuition contract and to pay K-8 tuition online.
  
- **WHAT ARE SPIRIT NIGHTS?**
  - Spirit Nights are a school & parish community social fundraiser. A flyer is sent home to notify families of Spirit Night.
  - Spirit Nights occur periodically throughout the year.
  - A host restaurant donates money to the school, based on sales for the night.
  - This is a great way to get to know other Saint Peter Families.