

The Best Kept Secret to Student Achievement

From the desk of Principal John Spice

"TeacherEase has brought us into the 21st century. Teachers are more productive. Parents are more involved. Students are working harder. Everybody wins."

-Elementary school principal

"When parents ask, 'How can my child improve his grade?' I just show them an on-line progress report. Parents focus their help where each student needs it most -- study more for tests, complete all the homework, etc."

-8th grade teacher

"Thank you for all your work regarding the progress report, assignments, etc. This is very important to us and we appreciate this communication immensely."

-8th grade parent (and school board member) to teacher

What a great resource! Thanks for helping our child succeed."

-4th grade parent to teacher

During my thirty years in Christian education, probably the number one complaint from parents has to be the bad news they get at report card time. Somehow or another, in spite of the teacher's best efforts when it comes to grades, bad news seems to slip between the cracks of a grading period. Teachers are accountable to monitor student progress, as are parents, but students must also factor into the equation, which is so often where the rub comes. To appreciate this phenomenon a bit more, it helps to remember what it was like when we were students at school. I can certainly recall how proud I was to bring home good marks from school, and conversely, how adverse I was to telling my parents about the bad news. The "delay tactic" was a technique I was tempted to employ on a number of occasions when it came to low grades. Such is the nature of life at school.



Then along came the computer age. Thanks to school administrative software like Teacher Ease, parents have pretty immediate access to student progress, behavior, attendance records, and much more. Though Teacher Ease can never take the place of person-to-person contact, it is a GREAT tool if properly understood and accessed regularly. If you have not already made this a part of your daily routine, I would encourage you to do so.

In addition, I want to take this time to announce plans to go online with our Tuesday Informer. Beginning next year, we will be sending our Tuesday Informer information to you via email. In the meantime, we will continue to send home a paper copy of the Tuesday Informer for the remainder of this school year. You can also access the Informer and other important inserts on the school website – www.centraldayschool.com. Also, be sure to check your email for important announcements and reminders throughout the week.