



# Glossary of Terms

<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
1:1 computing	Notebooks or computers are required for all students for use in the classrooms.
2:00 dismissal	Class periods are reduced by about 10 minutes in order to accommodate student dismissal at 2:00 p.m. Study table is typically available on these days of early dismissal.
AA - Advisor/Advisee	A short period of time between 3rd and 4th period where students go to an assigned classroom and participate in various activities. Silent reading and standardized test moments are a couple of examples of the possible activities.
After School Study / After School Room	At 3:30 p.m. each afternoon, students who are not involved in an organized activity and have not left for the day can go to the Guadalupe Room in order to do their homework under the supervision of an adult.
AP classes	Advanced Placement courses are for students who are not taking honors classes.
Back to School Bash	An evening of fun for students and parents so that they can reconnect with other students/families, meet the new faculty members, pick up a copy of the student's schedule, purchase spirit wear items and a host of other activities.
Back to School Night	An evening for parents to meet your student's teachers and learn about the classes your student is taking.
Black day	Each semester, students have 8 class periods. The 8 class periods are organized into 2 days of 4 periods each. One day of 4 periods is called a "Red Day," and the remaining 4 periods are "Black Days." The school calendar alternates between Red and Black Days.
Block House	The block house is the small building near the Cardinal Ritter practice field that contains weight equipment for the sports teams to use.
Block Scheduling	Rather than having 8 classes each day, with a block schedule, the class periods are extended and only 4 classes are offered on any given day with the remaining 4 classes offered on alternating days.



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Co-Curricular Activities	Various activities that are sponsored by the school that provide opportunities for the students to get involved at school; examples include academic super bowl, chess club, guitar club, speech team and spell bowl.
Guadalupe Room	A room on the second floor of school (past the school office) that is typically used for After School Study. It is also the room that is used for the monthly Parent Club meetings.
Jeans Day	Various school committees raise funds by offering the opportunity for students to wear jeans for the day in lieu of their school uniform.
Learning Support Center	The Learning Support Center is for students who need additional support in their general education classes. Depending on the level of support needed, students may be placed on consultation or placed in a Study Skills period (1/2 credit). The Learning Support teachers work with the general education teachers to provide appropriate accommodations in the regular classroom. The Learning Support Center provides extra time for testing, small settings, scribes for tests, verbal testing, copies of notes and other accommodations depending on each student's individual needs.
Night Watch	Incoming 9th graders or new students are invited to a special evening including dinner, activities and attending a home basketball game.
Parent Club	The term used to represent all parents/guardians of Cardinal Ritter students. Enrollment is automatic. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesdays of most months throughout the school year; the meetings provide opportunities to meet other parents/guardians and interact with the school principal.
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Special time is set aside 3 times a year for parents to pick up the student's quarterly report card and to speak with your student's teachers. Students are encouraged to attend the sessions as well. Also, teachers make themselves available to meet 1:1 with any parent whenever there is a question or concern.



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Pep Rally Schedule	Class periods are reduced by 4 minutes each in and AA is eliminated in order to allow 45 minutes at the end of the day for the entire student body to gather in the gymnasium for a special celebration.
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Red Ribbon Week	A week in October that celebrates being drug free.
Resource Guide	A binder that is provided each year to all families that contains a directory of all students, the school calendar, a list of all activities and a copy of the student handbook. A binder is provided with the guide your first year at Cardinal Ritter; during subsequent years, package inserts are provided.
Resource Room	A classroom on the third floor that houses the Learning Support Center.
Rittertown	Rittertown is the name that has been given to the various community service projects that the school supports for the neighborhood that is in close proximity to the school campus. Examples include raking leaves, hosting a breakfast and delivering groceries.
Runathon	A major fundraiser for the school that is held in early May; all students are asked to collect pledges. If the fundraising goal is met, the students will be rewarded with a day off school later in the month.
SCRIP	Pre-paid gift cards, available for many major retailers, that can be purchased through the school that enables you to earn a percentage of your purchase as credit towards your child's school account. Orders are due Mondays by 8:00 a.m.; forms are available on the Cardinal Ritter website ( <a href="http://cardinalritter.org">cardinalritter.org</a> )



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Service Hours	All parents/guardians must complete 20 volunteer hours per school year (20 hours per family); hours can be earned by assisting with school events, attending parent club meetings and/or responding to requests for help that are published in the school newsletter.
Shadowing	Many days throughout the year the school honors requests for potential future students to spend time at our school to get a first-hand experience of our school and culture; shadow days are coordinated by the Guidance Office.
Smartboards	Electronic devices available to faculty to enhance the learning experience for the students.
Snow day	A day whereby it has been determined by the principal that school will not be in session due to incimate weather.
Spirit Wear	Cardinal Ritter logo clothing that is purchased through the spirit wear shop can be worn on Spirit Wear Day with uniform bottoms.
Student Ambassadors	A select group of students who represent the school in various activities (e.g., provide tours of the schools, greet guests at various school functions); applications are accepted and students are selected each year.
Thanksgiving Luncheon	A meal held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving for the entire student body, faculty and staff; a multitude of parent volunteers prepare and serve the feast. Each table has an adult host (typically a teacher or a school board member), and students at various grade levels are assigned to each table.
West Deanery	The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is divided into deaneries. The following parishes are part of the west deanery: Holy Angels, Holy Trinity, St. Anthony, St. Christopher, St. Gabriel, St. Joseph, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Monica, St. Malacy, Mary, Queen of Peace, St. Thomas More, and St. Susana. The west deanery parishes with schools are considered the feeder schools for Cardinal Ritter.