



ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL

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Mission Statement

St. Sebastian School is dedicated to Christ, and committed to excellence in education. We honor the Catholic Christian traditions of the past, work to develop our talents today, and prepare for the Christian services in the future.

Philosophy

A quality Catholic education is the priority at St. Sebastian School. Parents, as primary educators of the children, and teachers, as professional educators, respect the teachings of the Catholic Church, demonstrate Christian living, and are committed to faith formation.

Admission Policy

St. Sebastian Parish School seeks to admit any student who desires an academic, disciplined, God-centered education. Both admission and continued enrollment of a child in the school are generally subject to the following guidelines, although the Principal and/or his assistant has the discretionary authority to not accept a student whose academic record or conduct does not meet St. Sebastian's standards.

Admission and continued enrollment of a child is subject to the school's ability to meet the child's needs with available resources. If the Principal determines that the appropriate program of instruction is not available at the Parish school, the Principal will suggest an appropriate alternative school or program.

A child entering Kindergarten MUST be 5 years old by August 31st, 2010.

Continued enrollment of a child in the school is subject to the child's adherence with the School's Code of Conduct and the parents' adherence with all school policies, including the St. Sebastian School Tuition Policy. The Pastor and Principal reserve the absolute right to dismiss a child from the school for disciplinary or other reasons.

A child who has been removed from the school for any reason may re-enroll with the approval of the Principal and the Pastor.

A family will be asked to withdraw their child or children from the school if they fail to meet their tuition obligation.

Parishioner Status

All active and participating members of St. Sebastian Parish are eligible for a discounted tuition rate. The criterion for the parishioner tuition rate is as follows:

- At least one parent/guardian must be Roman Catholic and registered as a member of St. Sebastian Parish.
- The parent(s)/guardian and student(s) must regularly attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses at the parish. **We ask that you place your envelope in the collection basket regardless if you are making a contribution or not.**
- Consistent involvement of parent(s)/guardian and students in parish volunteer activities.

Application Documentation

All applications for admission to St. Sebastian School, including transfer applications, must be accompanied by the following: a certified copy of the child's birth certificate; baptismal record, if applicable; evidence of compliance with all local, county and state health requirements and such other documentation as the principal may reasonably request.

Transfer Students

For admission of transfer students, parents shall present the proper transfer or some appropriate verification from the school previously attended. For children transferring from the school, upon written request from the receiving school and payment of all previous fees, all records from the school, including health records shall be transferred.

Non-Discrimination Policy

St. Sebastian School admits students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students in this school.

St. Sebastian School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, athletic or other school administered programs.

Priority of Admission

Enrollment begins during the month of January and continues until all available spots are filled in a given grade. Priority of enrollment is as follows:

1. Catholic children who are active members of St. Sebastian Parish whom are already enrolled at St. Sebastian School.
2. Catholic children who are Non-active members of St. Sebastian Parish whom are already enrolled at St. Sebastian School.
3. Catholic children who are active members of St. Sebastian Parish whom are new to St. Sebastian School.
4. Catholic children who are Non-active members of St. Sebastian Parish whom are new to St. Sebastian School.
5. Catholic children who are non-members of St. Sebastian Parish.
6. Any non-Catholic child

IF YOU QUALIFY AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH YOUR TUITION WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING RATES.

<u># of Students</u>	<u>Total Due</u>	<u>Monthly Payments</u>
1 Student	\$3,180	\$265/month
2 Students	\$5,760	\$480/month
3 Students	\$8,124	\$677/month
4 Students	\$8,988	\$749/month
5 Students	\$9,840	\$820/month

IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH YOUR TUITION WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING RATES.

<u># of Students</u>	<u>Total Due</u>	<u>Monthly Payments</u>
1 Student	\$ 4,980	\$ 415/month
2 Students	\$ 9,600	\$ 800/month
3 Students	\$13,500	\$1,125/month

NOTE: Total due does not include \$150 registration fee payable at time of registration.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

OPTION #1: PAY IN FULL NO LATER THAN JULY 1ST, 2010

OPTION #2: FACTS SEMESTER PLAN

50% automatic payment on the 20th of July, 2010 and 50% automatic payment on the 20th of December, 2010 via the FACTS Tuition Payment Plan. The FACTS enrollment fee is \$15 and will be deducted directly from your registered account. *(Please complete included FACTS form)*

OPTION #3: FACTS MONTHLY PLAN

Monthly payments automatically deducted from a Checking or Savings account in 12 equal installments starting in July of 2010 and ending in June of 2011. The FACTS enrollment fee is \$38 and will be deducted directly from your registered account. *(Please complete included FACTS form)*

OPTION #4: OHIO CATHOLIC CREDIT UNION

Receiving a tuition loan from the Ohio Catholic Credit Union to pay for your tuition with payments made directly to the Ohio Catholic Credit Union. If choosing this option you will be contacted by the Ohio Catholic Credit Union with details.

Please keep in mind that in order to register your child for the 2010-2011 school year, you must have fulfilled your tuition obligation or be in good standing on your monthly tuition payments for the current 2009-2010 school year.

Registration forms submitted after February 5th, 2010 will be considered “late”, and must be accompanied by a late registration fee of \$75. In addition to the late fee, your child’s acceptance will be considered on a first come, first served, space-available basis only.

Financial Assistance Procedure

The St. Sebastian Parish is firmly committed that no child of an active Parishioner will be denied a Catholic education at our Parish school due to a financial inability to pay tuition. Any Parish family that believes it may have difficulty meeting the tuition obligation for the 2010-2011 school year is encouraged to review the following procedures.

Any Parish family concerned about its financial ability to pay the full tuition must request a Student Aid form. This form must be completed and turned in no later than **February 15th, 2010**. As in the past, these forms will be assessed by Private School Aid Service (PSAS) to help determine a family's ability to pay tuition.

If you are requesting assistance, you must still return the FACTS Agreement Form or the Pay-In-Full Form no later than the **February 15th, 2010** deadline. If an assessment of the student Aid Form results in assistance from the church, the Tuition Preference Form and the FACTS agreement contract will be adjusted accordingly.

If you have a child in another private institution and have already applied for tuition assistance for the 2010-2011 school year please contact PSAS at (440) 892-4272 and request a copy be sent to St. Sebastian School.

The steps to obtain aid are as follows

1. A Parish family that is financially unable to pay tuition must submit a Student Aid Private School Aid Service (PSAS) form. Please call the school office (330-836-9107) or Tim Kastelic (330-836-2233) to request a copy of the form and one will be delivered to you.
2. The PSAS form **MUST** be accompanied by the 2009 federal income tax return for both parents and a check in the amount of **\$21 made payable to the Private School Aid Service**. Since hardship is assessed on an annual basis, any family seeking "hardship" status even if the family has submitted the form in prior years must submit a Student Aid Form.

*If you do not have your 2009 Federal Tax Return completed by **February 15th, 2010** then send in a copy of your 2008 Federal Tax Return and copies of your 2009 W2's.*

3. Once the results from PSAS have been returned to the Church, a Financial Council subcommittee will review the information and make a determination on the level of assistance.