

WHAT YOU CAN *expect*  
FROM ST. SEBASTIAN  
*Parish School*



ADDITIONAL  
*information*



- ✦ For kindergarten, gentle introduction to the school year with small groups during orientation days in the beginning of the year.
- ✦ Kindergarten assessments are held in the Spring, prior to the school year, and targets the strengths and needs of each student.
- ✦ Our program meets and exceeds the State of Ohio standards.
- ✦ **Superior Iowa Basic Skills test scores:**
  - Students average nearly two grades above their current grade level.
  - Eighth-grade students exceed many high school students in math and science.
- ✦ We have high expectations for our students.
- ✦ We have a professional and caring faculty and staff.
- ✦ We incorporate religion, the St. Sebastian philosophy held in our mission statement, and values into all areas of the curriculum.
- ✦ We use developmentally-appropriate instructional methods and differentiating learning practices that are geared to individual students.

- ✦ We use whole-class, small group and individual methods for instruction.
- ✦ Integrated thematic units are incorporated into the curriculum to make learning more relative to the child's world.
- ✦ Individual and small group tutoring is available for remedial work; enrichment programs are available to stimulate students' learning.
- ✦ Our students have weekly specials that include computer science, art, music and Spanish.

**AfterCare Program**

The AfterCare Program is available for students from Pre-School to Grade 5 until 6 p.m. daily.

The AfterCare Program can also be utilized on a drop-in basis or for any unforeseen events after school.

The program has a per diem rate and is prorated for each additional child.



**Tuition Assistance Information**

Many families want to send their children to a Catholic school, but cannot do so without financial assistance. In order to help make Catholic school education more affordable, there are several tuition assistance programs offered by the Diocese of Cleveland and St. Sebastian Parish School. Please contact the school office for more information.

**Registration for St. Sebastian Parish School**

Registration is required for all families planning to attend St. Sebastian Parish School. Registration packets are mailed at the end of January and are due back in February. To receive your packet, please call the school office at 330-836-9107.

**For more information or to schedule a tour, please call the school office at 330-836-9107.**



**ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL**

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## ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL *activities*



Since 1928, St. Sebastian Parish School has been home to more than 30,000 students, combining a long and impressive history with a solid Catholic education. More than its academic heritage and stately architectural design, St. Sebastian represents a place of learning that is family-centered and welcoming.

In the Akron area, we are fortunate that we have many choices available. Private education is an investment in your child's future and one we take seriously.

St. Sebastian Parish School offers a robust curriculum, high teacher retention, excellent academic scores and an impressive percentage of students who continue, even after graduation, to reflect the confidence and values developed during their years at our school.

That confidence is based on our academic environment that is faith-based and encourages individual and spiritual growth. That confidence has been developed through the daily educational experience

as well as exceptional academic programs such as Power of the Pen, First In Math, our CYO Athletic programs, involvement in the Youth Ministry program as well as the many clubs offered. Parent involvement is always encouraged in the classroom and through our many school and parish volunteer opportunities.

We encourage you to ask questions and challenge us, so that we may continue to improve upon our foundation to offer you the best education and environment for your family.

Thank you for exploring St. Sebastian Parish School,



Father John Valencheck  
Pastor



Greg Garey  
Principal

## what DOES ST. SEBASTIAN look like?

- ✦ God centered Catholic education
- ✦ Award-winning faculty.
- ✦ Accredited teachers with teacher's aide per class for Pre-K through 3rd Grades
- ✦ St. Sebastian Parish School received **three 1st place and four 2nd place awards** in the Holocaust Project of Akron.
- ✦ **One of three schools in the country** chosen to work with Texas A&M University to participate in a planning science project.
- ✦ **Weekly mass** at St. Sebastian Parish Church by **all** students grade K-8.
- ✦ **Junior High wing** for 7th and 8th graders.
- ✦ **Tutors are available** for every grade level.
- ✦ **Enrichment programs available** for every grade level.
- ✦ Ability to view your child's grades, homework, attendance records, progress reports, report cards, and schedule on **Progress Book**.
- ✦ **Early Learning Center preschool** features half-day and full-day curriculum. Ratio of teachers to students is 1:14 or less.
- ✦ Active in obtaining funding and have **received \$350,000 in grants since 2001**.
- ✦ **Daily religion class** for all students, including sacramental preparation.
- ✦ **Certified Chemistry and Physics teacher** for 7th and 8th grade science
- ✦ State-of-the-art **Science lab**
- ✦ **Foreign Language** program includes weekly Spanish classes.
- ✦ **Fully equipped art room** with weekly mixed media art classes
- ✦ **Dedicated Music Room** with weekly music classes and Winter & Spring Music Programs
- ✦ **Campus includes over 200 computers** with an established Computer facility that offers weekly classes in addition to two (2) mobile computer labs enabling students to utilize computers in the classroom
- ✦ **Physical Education** facility includes a fully equipped gymnasium
- ✦ **Library offers over 10,000 books** and has been fully computerized for 4 years with on-line offering for parents
- ✦ **Athletic program** includes CYO sports and active Booster Club program
- ✦ **Extracurriculars include:** Marching Band, Dance Classes, Ski Club, Drama Club, First in Math, Power of the Pen, Student Ambassador, Altar Servers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Community Service projects and more!



### Academic Programs

Book Club  
First in Math  
Math Counts  
Power of the Pen  
Spanish Program  
Student Council  
Tutoring Assistance

### Music & Arts

Band  
Children's Choir  
Drama Club  
Holocaust Project  
Yearbook  
Weekly Art Classes

### Athletics

Basketball Clinics  
CYO Sports  
✦ Baseball  
✦ Basketball  
✦ Cheerleading  
✦ Cross Country  
✦ Football  
✦ Soccer  
✦ Softball  
✦ Track and Field  
✦ Volleyball  
Dance Program  
DD soccer  
Ski Club

### Service Oriented Opportunities

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts  
Junior & Senior High  
Youth Ministry  
Legion of Mary  
8th Grade Buddy  
Program/mentoring  
Student Ambassadors  
Program

### Parent School & Parish Opportunities

Athletics – coaching;  
refereeing  
Band  
Drama Club  
Finance Council  
Home and School  
Association (HASA)  
Marketing Committee  
Parish Council  
Sanctuary Society  
School Advisory Council  
September Spectacular  
St. Sebastian Athletic  
Booster Club  
Playground Monitoring  
Welcoming Committee

### The Home and School Association (HASA)

is the parent organization that coordinates many activities to help raise funds for the school. Annually HASA holds a Walk-a-Thon, Market Day program, Santa Shop at Christmas, Catholic Schools Week celebration and more.

### The St. Sebastian Athletic Booster Club

holds events such as the annual Night at the Races, Golf Outing, 3on3 Basketball event and sells sportswear to support the school's athletic programs and help keep athletic fees affordable.

