



**ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH  
CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING**

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**2012-2013**



**Program Information**  
**TUITION AND ADMISSION POLICIES**

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## Purposes and Goals

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The center's purpose is to provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment for the enhancement of each child's social, emotional, cognitive, spiritual and physical potential. The center is viewed as a precursor to, but not a requirement of, the child's enrollment in St. Sebastian Parish School. We see it as an extension of our parish community.

### **The goals of the center are:**

- To instill a love of learning and a hunger for knowledge and creativity.
- To meet the individual child's needs for spiritual, social-emotional, cognitive, and physical growth.
- To help prepare the individual child for the elementary school experience.
- To provide parents with the opportunity to better understand their child's development and how to encourage and foster the attainment of their child's potential.



**Our teachers  
have over  
60 years  
combined  
teaching  
experience**

## Curriculum

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The St. Sebastian Parish Center for Early Learning will meet the above goals by fostering a child's learning through free play, group time activities, outdoor play and learning centers. The subjects of math, science, language development, art, social studies, music, pre-reading and pre-writing will all be fostered throughout the program using a hands-on approach. The teacher will foster the child's development by creating the environment that allows the child to explore, create and discover. The St. Sebastian Parish Center for Early Learning strives to meet or exceed the Early Learning Standards set forth by the State of Ohio Dept. of Education. The content standards cover English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. They can be found on the State of Ohio Dept. of Education website: [education.ohio.gov/gd.aspx](http://education.ohio.gov/gd.aspx). Our religion curriculum is an age appropriate series produced by the RCL Benziger Co. titled *Stories of God's Love*. Theme units will be used to guide the specific areas of learning.



Our staff to  
child ratios  
promote  
individualized  
learning

## Teacher/Child Ratios



The license capacity for the center is 42 students at any given time. As required by law, St. Sebastian Parish Center for Early Learning observes the following *staff to child* ratios and small group sizes:

### Staff to Child

Four and Five Year Olds:	1 to 14
Three Year Olds:	1 to 12

### Small Groups

Four and Five Year Olds:	1 or 2 to 12
Three Year Olds:	2 to 12

The ratios for St. Sebastian Parish Center for Early Learning are much lower than required by law. This allows us to give your child much more individualized learning opportunities.



## Teachers Make the Difference

### Teaching Requirements

The St. Sebastian Parish Center for Early Learning requires its teachers to have, at minimum, a **Bachelor's Degree** in Early Childhood Education or Child Development and Family Life.



### Our Teachers

**Mrs. Bunn:** Bachelor's Degree in Education, Certified by the Ohio Dept. of Education and the Diocese of Cleveland, 14 years teaching experience.

**Mrs. Cardarelli:** Bachelor's Degree in Child Development and Family Life, Certified by the Ohio Dept. of Education and the Diocese of Cleveland, 24 years experience in teaching.



**Mrs. Smith:** Bachelor's Degree in Child Development and Family Life, Certified by the Ohio Dept. of Education and the Diocese of Cleveland, 26 years experience in teaching.



# Admissions

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## Admission Policy

The St. Sebastian Parish Center for Early Learning Center seeks to admit any student who desires an academic, disciplined, God-centered education.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

St. Sebastian Parish Center for Early Learning 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.

## Priority of Admission

Enrollment begins on the second Friday in February and continues until all available spots are filled. Priority of enrollment is as follows:

1. Currently registered families at the preschool.
2. Catholic children who are active members of St. Sebastian Parish.
3. Catholic children who are non-active members of St. Sebastian Parish.
4. Catholic children who are non-members of St. Sebastian Parish.
5. Any non-Catholic child.

## Registration Procedures

Registration forms will be available upon request in late January 2012. Notices of registration will be placed in the Parish Bulletin prior to that date. The director or teacher will meet with the “new” parents at registration or before registration is finalized.

**We give your child the education  
and nurturing to *grow***





We offer  
Aftercare as  
well as a  
variety of  
class options

## Schedules for the Day

### Four & Five Year Old Class (Pre-K) – Full Day (Mon-Fri)

7:50 – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival / Free Play / Art
9:00 – 9:55	Circle Time (Calendar; Weather; Prayer) Music & Movement
10:00 – 10:30	Outside Play (Gross Motor)
10:35 – 11:00	Story / Language
11:00 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 1:00	Rest Time
1:00 – 1:30	Teacher Directed Activities
1:30 – 1:50	Outside Play
1:50 – 2:10	Closing Circle
2:10 – 2:25	Snack
2:25 p.m.	Dismissal (Aftercare begins)

### Three Year Old Class – Morning (Mon-Thur)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Arrival / Free Play / Art
9:30 – 9:45	Snack
9:45 – 10:00	Prayer; Calendar; Weather; Pledge
10:00 – 10:25	Outside Play (Gross Motor)
10:30 – 11:00	Story, Songs, Music & Movement, Group Games
11:00 a.m.	Dismissal



### Three Year Old Class – Afternoon (Mon-Thur)

11:55 – 12:55 p.m.	Arrival / Free Play / Art
1:00 – 1:15	Prayer; Calendar; Weather; Book
1:15 – 1:30	Music & Movement
1:30 – 1:55	Outside Play / Large Motor Activity
1:55 – 2:15	Snack
2:15 – 2:25	Story / Language
2:25 p.m.	Dismissal



### Four Year Old Class – Morning (Mon-Fri)

7:50 – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival / Free Play / Art
9:00 – 9:20	Snack
9:20 – 10:00	Circle Time (Prayer; Calendar; Weather Story; Music)
10:00 – 10:30	Outside Play (Gross Motor)
10:40 – 11:00	Teacher directed activities
11:00 – 11:30	Lunch
11:30 – 11:40	Puzzles, Books
11:45 a.m.	Dismissal





# Schedules for the Day

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## Four Year Old Class – Afternoon (Mon-Fri)

11:55 – 12:10 p.m.	Opening Table Activity
12:10 – 12:30	Welcome / Group Activity
12:30 – 1:10	Centers / Art
1:10 – 1:35	Circle Time / Music & Movement
1:35 – 2:00	Outdoor Play (Gross Motor)
2:00 – 2:20	Snack
2:25 p.m.	Dismissal



## Additional Information

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### School Calendar

The preschool year typically begins the first week of September and ends the last week of May. A school calendar will be issued in May for the next school year.

### Rebates / Overtime Charges

If a parent pays tuition in advance and finds that he/she must withdraw the child before the end of the school year, that parent will receive a reimbursement of all “unused time.” If a parent does not provide a 2 week notice of withdrawal, they will relinquish the equivalent of 2 weeks tuition.

### Early Care

Children enrolled in the *Morning Three Year Old Class* may arrive at school at 7:50 a.m. for an additional \$3.00 per day. Parents will be billed at the end of the month.

### Aftercare

St. Sebastian Parish School offers Aftercare from 2:30 - 6.00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please notify the teacher or director when you plan to use this service. Cost is \$10.00 per day, billed monthly. Price is subject to change.

### Meals

Children enrolled in the full day *Pre-Kindergarten* and *Morning 4 Year Old Classes* will bring their lunch to school every day. Milk and hot lunches will be available to pre-order for the preschool children. All lunches must meet 1/3 of the USDA nutritional guidelines for the appropriate age group.



## Snacks

Snacks will be available in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Snacks must also meet nutritional guidelines. Usually, it will consist of fruit or fruit juice and a bread/cereal product, such as crackers. We provide the fruit juice and parents will send in several boxes of healthy carbohydrates when requested. Parents of children with food allergies must notify the teacher and director before the school year begins so that we will be able to accommodate the child's needs. Parents can also provide a special snack for the class to celebrate a child's birthday or special occasion.

# Tuition and Fees

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A non-refundable Registration Fee of \$100.00 is to be paid at the time of registration. The family rate for 2 or more children is \$150.00. If parents have paid a registration fee for an older child enrolled at St. Sebastian Parish School, the registration fee is \$50.00.

### Pre-K Full Day Students

7:50 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. (Mon-Fri)      \$4416 per year  
or \$368.00 x 12 months (July – June)

### Pre-K Half Day Students

7:50 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (Mon-Fri)      \$2664 per year  
or \$222.00 x 12 months (July – June)

11:55 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. (Mon-Fri)      \$2004 per year  
or \$167.00 x 12 months (July – June)

### Three Year Old Half Day Students

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Mon-Thur) or \$1620 per year  
11:55 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. (Mon-Thur) or \$135.00 x 12 months (July – June)

*\* Please Note that no scholarships or tuition subsidies are available at this time.*

*Adjustments in the program schedule may be made based on enrollment and student population.*



## Johnny Appleseed Blessing

Oh, the Lord is good to me  
And so I thank the Lord,  
For giving me the things I need  
The sun and the rain and the appleseed.  
The Lord is good to me.  
Amen.

## Remember always,

The parent is the child's first teacher.  
We hope that, as your child's first school,  
we reflect the values that you instill in your child while  
he/she is in your home and that you will be able to support us  
in nurturing your child's first "academic" experience.



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