



ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING



2023-2024

Program Information

TUITION AND ADMISSION POLICIES

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Purposes and Goals

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 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.

Teachers

Teacher/Child Ratios

The St. Sebastian Center for Early Learning exceeds the state requirement for teacher to student ratios. The ratios will vary based on final registration. Last year we observed the following staff to teacher ratios:

Staff to Child

Full day Pre-K Half	1 to 8
day 4's and 5's Half	1 to 6 or 1 to 8
days 3's and 4's	1 to 6

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.



Curriculum



The St. Sebastian Center for Early Learning will meet the above goals by fostering a child's learning through free play, group time activities, outdoor /indoor gross motor activities and learning centers. The teacher will guide the child's development and learning by creating an environment that allows the child to explore, create and discover and will instruct in large groups, small groups and individually.

The staff at St. Sebastian Center for Early Learning follow the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum and Academic Guidelines which meet and exceed the early learning standards for the State of Ohio Department of Education. A brief summary includes the following:

Religion

- **Message** – Discovering God's World
- **Worship** – Prayer and Celebration
- **Community** – People in Our World
- **Service**- Loving God and Others

Mathematics

- Counting and Cardinality
- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Geometry
- Measurement and Data

Science

- Science Inquiry and Application
- Earth and Space Science
- Life Science
- Physical Science

Language Arts

- **Reading Foundational Skills**- Phonological Awareness, Phonics and Word Recognition, Print Concepts
- Reading Informational Text
- Reading Literature
- Language-Literacy

Social Studies

- Historical Thinking and Skills
- Heritage
- Civic Participation and Skills
- Rules and Laws
- Economics
- **Geography** - Spatial Thinking and Skills
- Human Systems





Admissions

Admission Policy

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

Priority of Admission

Enrollment begins January 29th and continues until all available spots are filled. Priority of enrollment is as follows and on February 13th becomes open to all:

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

Registration Procedures

Registration forms will be available upon request in late January. Notices of registration will be placed in the Parish Bulletin prior to that date.



Our Schedules of the Day Include:

- **Free Play** – fine motor manipulatives, dramatic play, small group activities, social skills, problem solving, hands on math experiences
- **Art** – creative expression and fine motor development
- **Circle Time** – prayer, calendar, weather, the Pledge of Allegiance, math moments, language arts, songs
- **Story Time** – with strong language arts emphasis
- **Music and Movement** – motor skills, creative expression through dance and movement, follow directions, experience different styles of music, experience rhythm, speed and tone
- **Outside Play** – physical fitness, gross motor development, observation of activities of the social environment (ie.,trucks, airplanes, street sweepers) and exploration of nature (ie. ,bugs, changing seasons, mud, snow)
- **Teacher Directed Activities** – table activities such as Weekly Reader, religion lesson, journal or other age appropriate paper, pencil, scissor activities.
- **Snack** – usually juice or milk and a healthy carbohydrate
- **Rest time** – mandated for full day students

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



Additional Information

Safety

Your child's safety is always our first priority. Our staff is trained in first aid, communicable disease, child abuse awareness and Virtus. Building doors and classroom doors remain locked at all times with security cameras at each entrance to the building. Lockdown drills as well as tornado and fire drills are practiced with the children.

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.

School Calendar

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

After Care

After care is available from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. for students enrolled in the Full Day Pre-K classes. The rate is \$12.00 per day per child with a one-time registration fee of \$20.

Meals

Children enrolled in the full day *Pre-Kindergarten 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

A **Registration Fee of \$150** per family is required. If the family has paid full registration for a child in the Parish school, the Center for Early Learning registration fee is **waived**. If you have a student enrolled in the all-day pre-K program and you have any students enrolled in the day school, you will receive a **multi-family discount of \$250** off your preschool tuition.

Pre-K Full Day

8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(Monday – Friday)

\$4,350 per year or \$362.25 per month
(Payments made July 2023 – June 2024)

Four and Five Year Old Half Day

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
(Monday – Friday)

\$2,500 per year or \$208.33 per month
(Payments made July 2023- June 2024)

Three Year Old Half Day

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
(M,T,W,Th)

\$2,200 per year or \$183.33 per month
(Payments made July 2023 – June 2024)

If enrollment is warranted, adjustments in the program schedule may be made.

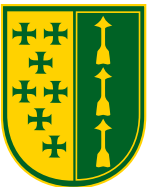


School Mission Statement

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

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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