



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

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2010-2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year at St. Sebastian's is underway. Hopefully, the process can be a convenient one for you and your family.

PHILOSOPHY

St. Sebastian Parish is funded on the concept and practice of tithing. All parishioners are asked to tithe 5% of their income to the parish. Enrollment in the day school is just one of the many benefits and services available. As always, the parish has been ready to assist any family who would find the tithing at 5% to be prohibitive. Should special circumstances affect the real possibility of a 5% commitment for an individual family, those situations can be resolved through a request to the School Support Committee through the parish office.

For non-parishioners, the financial obligations of education in our school can be met in either of two ways. A non-parishioner family can join parish families in a commitment to the 5% payment, or a non-parishioner family can provide the calculated educational service fee for each child as identified by the parish finance committee. For the 2010-2011 school year, these expenses have been calculated at \$1850 for a child in the K4 or K5 ½ day program, and \$3700 for a child in full day K5 or in grades 1-8 (this does not include the \$830 child program tuition fee as well as miscellaneous registration fees). Refer to the Financial Policy (purple) and the Non-Parishioner School Family Financial Commitment (yellow).

PROCEDURE FOR NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES

We are proud to announce that we are only raising school fees a small amount this year (\$30 per family). This is part of a concentrated effort to keep St. Sebastian School affordable for families. We ask that you examine your parish pledge and be as generous as possible throughout the year. Returning families may mail or bring in their registrations beginning January 31. February 15 will mark the date that we will begin to accept registrations from new families. They will be honored on a first come, first-served basis. Some grade enrollments are limited. **Be sure to act promptly to secure a place for your child(ren).**

In order to register a child in any grade (K4 through 8) the following items must be completed

- Parish families are expected to have their Financial Stewardship Commitment cards for 2010 on file in the parish office. If you have not yet done so, a pledge card (grey) is attached for your convenience.
- Instead of the parish commitment card, non-parishioner families must complete a non-parishioner financial commitment form which is enclosed (yellow).
- The program tuition and fees (payable to St. Sebastian School) must accompany the registration packet. Checks postdated up to 30 days are acceptable. If other arrangements are necessary, please contact the school principal to discuss it. Do not delay registration due to financial concerns.
- For your convenience, the option of automatic electronic payments are available to school families using the enclosed authorization agreement (cream). **Be sure to attach a voided check.**

SCHOOL CHOICE

New families interested in enrolling in the Choice program should contact principal Paul Hohl at 453-5830. All that is needed to apply as a Choice student is a completed application form (one per child) and income verification. The St. Sebastian Parish has a cap on School Choice enrollment, so there is a limit to how many students can be enrolled in each grade and some grades fill up quickly. **AVOID BEING PLACED ON A WAITING LIST.**

QUESTIONS

There may be some questions or concerns that have not yet been answered to your satisfaction. I strongly encourage you to contact me at school. I feel confident that this coming school year will be a year of growth and excellence for everyone at St. Sebastian School. We want you and your children to be an important part of that unique experience. It is your support and confidence that has been the foundation for the future of Catholic education and the children at St. Sebastian School.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Hohl
Principal