

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the tuition at Saint Susanna School for the **2016-17** school year?
 - *1 child = \$3,935.00
 - *2 children = \$7,770.00
 - *3 children = \$11,505.00
 - *Non-parishioners = \$4,975.00 per student
 - *Kindergarten = \$2,750.00 half day
 - *Kindergarten = \$3,935.00 full day
 - Tuition may be paid in full, quarterly, or monthly.
2. What grades are available at Saint Susanna School?
 - Kindergarten through 8th
3. What are the class sizes?
 - maximum is 25 in Kindergarten, 26 in grades 1-2 and 28 in grades 3-8
4. Is there a waiting list?
 - Yes, at some grade levels —most grades are at capacity
5. Do students wear uniforms?
 - Saint Susanna students are expected to adhere to a Uniform Policy which is explained in the handbook. Students occasionally have an Out of Uniform day and also Titan Friday.
6. What is the current enrollment and how many are in each grade?
 - 712 students: K -69// 1st-78//2nd-77//3rd-80//4th-74//5th-84//6th-84//7th-83//8th-83
7. What opportunities do students have to participate in Religious, grade level or whole school events or activities?
 - Mass is celebrated each week, Prayer Services and Grade Level Masses are scheduled throughout the year, and Religion classes are offered daily
 - 2nd grade students receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation
 - 8th grade students receive the sacrament of Confirmation
 - 1st through 8th grade students attend Stations of the Cross
 - 6th through 8th grade students complete required service hours
 - 7th & 8th grade students attend a Retreat
 - Mass lectors (5th – 8th)
 - Catholic Schools Week is celebrated
 - Children’s choir sings at School Masses
 - Servers (5th-8th) and Eucharistic Ministers (8th)
 - A Character Building program “Second Step” is utilized throughout the school
 - Student Council officers lead Morning Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Daily Announcements.

8. Saint Susanna School was awarded the 2010 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award.
9. How much homework are students assigned at each grade level?
-1st-2nd 30 minutes//3rd-4th 50 minutes//5th-6th 90 minutes//7th-8th-up to 120 minutes per night.
10. Are specials offered?
-Grs. K - 6 have Art, Computers, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish as well as Library on a weekly basis
-Grs. 7 & 8 participate in an elective program for Art, Computers/Library, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish (regular and advanced)
11. What grade levels take standardized tests?
-grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 will be administered a standardized test in the spring
-The ACRE (Assessment for Catechesis/Religious Education) test is given to 5th and 8th grade students.
12. Do you have to be Catholic or belong to the parish to attend the school?
-No, we have non-Catholics as well as non-parishioners attending our school.
13. Has the school done any upgrades recently?
-completion of the renovation of the former cafeteria into a CFP Resource Room, new library and new computer lab in 2013
14. Are there special services available to students?
-we have a Gifted Instructor
-we have an Intervention Specialist with 2 instructional aides
-we have Health Aides (Registered Nurses)
-we have a Mathematics Support Teacher
-we have an Occupational Therapist
-we have a Psychologist
-we have a Reading Support Teacher
-we have a Speech/Language Specialist
15. What is the curriculum used at Saint Susanna School?
-Saint Susanna School follows the Graded Course of Study developed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This includes Ohio New Learning Standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. This curriculum is approved by the State of Ohio.
16. Is there a hot lunch program?
- students are offered a daily hot lunch program with a prepayment program
17. Is there a sports program?
-basketball, football, golf, track, and volleyball for the boys
-basketball, cheerleading, golf, softball, track and volleyball for girls
-our sports program is run through the parish (via the Boosters – www.stsusannatitans.com)

18. What are the school hours?

- 8:10 AM-3:00 PM for Grs. 1 – 8 and full day Kindergarten
- drop off time is 7:50-8:10 AM
- tardy bell rings at 8:10 AM
- Kindergarten hours for ½ day: 8:10 to 12:00 (PM)

19. Are there extracurricular activities or clubs available to students?

- American Heritage Girls
- Band
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Challenge
- Chess Club
- Children's Choir
- Concerts
- CYO Sports
- Drama Club
- Girls on the Run
- Mad Science
- Math Counts
- Power of the Pen
- Rosary Club
- Scouts – girls & boys
- Service Clubs & Projects
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Young Rembrandts

21. What Mission Outreach programs do the students participate in during the school year?

- Advent and Lent Service projects
- Harvest for the Hungry
- Heifer Project
- Holy Buckets
- Matthew 25 Ministries
- Service Clubs
- Shoebox

22. What technology is available for the students?

- computer lab with 30 computers and a computer projector
- mobile laptop cart for 30 students
- students in K – 6 attend computer classes weekly
- all 6th grade students are issued a new tablet to use for their 6th, 7th and 8th grade years at Saint Susanna School
- teachers often schedule additional time in the lab for extended projects
- all classrooms have (at least) 2 computers
- Smartboards in every classroom
- document cameras in several classrooms
- digital cameras and a scanner
- mobile cart with 30 AlphaSmarts
- Discovery Education to supplement lessons plans
- OPTION C is our information system

23. Can parents volunteer at the school?

- parents are encouraged to and often volunteer at the school. All volunteers must attend a *Protecting God's Children* seminar provided by VIRTUS and have a clear background check. (Please see details in the weekly church bulletin.)
- we also have a very active PTO program that allows for many opportunities to be involved at school.

24. How do our students do on the high school placement tests?
-Our students do extremely well—often receiving scholarships to various Catholic High Schools. Last year our students earned just under \$340,000.00 in scholarship money to local Catholic high schools.
25. Is there busing available?
-currently we have buses from Mason, Kings, Lakota, Lebanon and Little Miami transporting our students to and from school. In addition, several local Day Cares provide busing to and from our school.
26. Is there financial aid available?
-The parish maintains a tuition assistance fund which is overseen by the pastor. For more information about the tuition assistance fund, please contact the Business Manager, Megan Sheeran at 398-3821 ext. 3121. This fund is for active parish members only.
27. When is registration?
-Registration for all new students will be from January 17, 2017 through February 17, 2017 in the school office any school day between 7:15AM – 3:15 PM. All new students must register in the school office and must bring an **original** Birth Certificate, a **copy** of Baptism record, a **copy** of immunizations and a registration fee of \$100.00 for one student **or** \$150.00 for two or more students, made payable to Saint Susanna School along with the completed application form. Registration can also be completed during our Open House scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00PM.
Once re-registration for current students (Grs. K -7) has been finalized, openings will be offered to new students where space is available in accordance with our Admission Policy.
28. What school information is available on-line?
-check our website at www.stsusannaschool.org, go to the OPTION C link or call the school office 513-398-3821 ext. 3108 and ask for our secretary, Pam Cappella.