

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

Welcome Back!

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Presidents

Corner...

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well rested and ready to go! This will be another great year in the St. Joseph School District. We have so many things to look forward to...PTA meetings, PACT meetings, school carnivals, fundraisers and a whole host of other events.

Each school year is a new opportunity for us to make a difference in the lives of our students. Let's give them the best year yet. Let's all focus on what is important...the kids and being a positive influence to them. PTA is a great way to be able to touch the lives of so many children and so many times it goes unnoticed (by us). They pick up so much from us; our attitudes and grateful hearts will impact them in so many ways. Please be a positive influence and help create balance and harmony in at least one part of their lives. Most of us take it for granite, but there are so many children without a positive influence in their lives. Let's be a good example to them. They deserve it!

I'm looking forward to having packed meetings for our final PACT meetings. PTA Council is having a contest for these meetings; the unit with the most PTA members attending meetings will receive a check for \$100.00. At each meeting we will have blue tickets that PTA members will pick up and write the Units name on the back of the ticket. We will keep a tally and the check will be awarded at the end of the process. It is very important to come and participate. The final report will be given to the school board later this year. Our opinions really do matter, please come and be heard.

Just a few reminders...

1. Send in financial review and End of year reports to State PTA and a copy to me (forms are on our website).
2. File your 990 (N) e-card or other tax form
3. Council dues are due on October 15th.
4. Check your bylaws for renewal date.

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St. Joseph PTA Council Request/confirmation Form For Button Machine

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone # Home _____

Organization _____ Work _____

Project or function _____ Email _____

Date & Time Requested _____

Number of Components Needed _____ Send request to:
(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component) Jena Kirschner

Signature _____ 10489 SE State Rt. A

Title _____ St. Joseph, MO 64507

816-244-1687
jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us
Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Send Bill To: _____

Make Checks Payable to:
ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for _____ Check out date _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Confirmation Sent _____ Check in date _____

Signature _____

Number of Components Issued _____

Number Returned _____ Date _____

Number Used _____ @ _____ Total Due _____

Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____



Refined Schedule

PACT—PLANNING A COURSE TOGETHER will not meet on August 10 and 14. The Facilitating Team has decided instead to focus on the fall, when school is back in session and more people will be available to attend the meetings.

The spring sessions of PACT were very informative and successfully laid the foundation for upcoming meetings. Since March, PACT participants have learned about the State of the St. Joseph School District, Early Childhood Education, Technology, and School Finances. Since the June PACT session, the Facilitating Team has been working to refine upcoming topics and the schedule for the next several meetings. Based on community feedback from the spring sessions, the Team has determined that facilities, funding, and staffing will be the focus of future fall and winter PACT meetings.

PACT meetings will resume on September 21 at Central High School with a very informative session on facilities. Dr. Franklin Hill, an internationally recognized leader in educational change and building design, will be the guest presenter. Dr. Hill's expertise includes designing educational facilities that positively impact student achievement. Subsequent PACT sessions this fall will build on the information presented by Dr. Hill.

As the PACT community engagement initiative moves into the fall phase, the goal remains the same: making SJSD a high performing school district that provides the best education possible for students. Everyone in the community is invited to participate in PACT.

For more information:

call 816.671.4000 or email: info@PACTforsjdsd.com
 Materials are also available online: <http://www.PACTforsjdsd.com> or
<http://www.Facebook.com/PACTforsjdsd>

Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2009 Articles are due September 10, 2009

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>American Education Week</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Parent Involvement</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director report</u> |

All articles must be emailed to Lori Prussman at aokmom@hotmail.com, subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE. Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.

St. Joseph PTA Council now has a website!!

www.stjoepta.org

Check us out online!!

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Just to clarify; each unit will need to have a financial review/audit of their books. This review must be completed at the end of the fiscal year. You have until December to file the State and Council Reports, but the review must be complete as soon as the fiscal year ends. I think we have had some confusion on that matter. It is vital to have these processes complete before the next year's budget begins.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email. We are happy to help.

Wishing you much success in 2010-2011!!!

Lori Prussman
 St. Joseph PTA Council President

FYI...

FYI...usually means For Your Information. As we begin a new school year, I would like to change this acronym to the Family You Involve. Yes, you. Whether you are mom, dad, grandma or the unrelated lady that we've known so long we think of you as family. It's up to you to get the family involved. Don't wait for someone else to do it or for next week to get here when you think you'll have more time. We all know time flies by. Kids grow up too fast. We spend our time wishing we had more time to get more done. Sure it's easy at Back to School Night to sign up for committees and make commitments that we have every intention of keeping, but that's not really what it's all about. Having the entire family involved in activities at school and at home is really what makes a difference in the family dynamic. Everyone is busy and when you wipe out all the noise from day to day life, what is left? Family. The people who love you and take care of you.

Take what you are good at and use that to spend time with each other. A family is more than one person, so do something with everyone. I promise you will not regret the time you spend with your family.

No matter which school you are sending your young ones off to in August, consider finding out what that school has available for you to help with. Each school offers different opportunities in which families can get involved. The time will be worth it and the rewards will be great. You'll never know the satisfaction you will feel from actively being involved with your family until you have tried. What a better way to start the school year than with the whole family smiling together.

Submitted by Charisse Giseburt, Parent Involvement Chair

Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund

Board of Trustees Annual Report 2009-2010

The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund was established by the St. Joseph Parent Teacher Association in 1937 in memory of Clarence J. Carpenter, former principal of Neely Elementary School and principal of Bliss Junior High School at the time of his death. A volunteer board of 12 members manages the fund – the St. Joseph PTA Council elects 9 and the Council President and Coordinator of Health Service also serve on the board. The Superintendent of Schools is an advisor to the Board. We currently have 2 Honorary Trustees: Mrs. Robert Beaver and Mrs. William Mooney, Jr.

The Board meets in September, November, January, March, and May.

Officers of 2009-2010 were Sandy Frazer - Chairman, Lisa Little - Vice-chair, Marcia Rippe - Recording secretary, Allene Wright - Corresponding secretary, and Christy Callaway - Treasurer.

This year a total of 92 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this care was \$9,159.95. This was a decrease of 19 students from the previous year with a decrease of \$9.96 for this care.

There were no dental bills presented this year.

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2010 CAMPAIGN received \$3,419.44 in donations.

Eileen Duty, RN, Coordinator of Health Service and a CC Board member was honored at the Founder's Day Dinner. The St. Joseph PTA Council made a donation to the Carpenter Fund, in her honor.

At the May meeting a budget of \$6,460.00 was approved. New officers elected for the coming year are: Sandy Frazer - Chair, Marcia Rippe - Vice-chair, Barb Harris - Recording secretary, Allene Wright - Corresponding secretary, and Lisa Little – Treasurer.

The Board wishes to thank all the units and individuals for the donations they have made to make it another successful year for the Board to give eye and dental care to the students of the St. Joseph School District.

Submitted by Sandy Frazer, Carpenter Board Chair

Just Between Friends Workshop

Department of Membership Services
Vice President and Director – Shelly Throckmorton
will be doing a workshop at our
October Council meeting.
We are pleased to have Shelly come
and update us on all of the changes.
Shelly will be showing us
how to set up the program.

Mark your calendars!!
Meeting date is Oct. 4th at
Hillyards Tech Center
6:30 pm

Membership Chairs are encouraged
to come and participate!

PTA Council Dues Deadline
is October 15th
\$30.00 per unit



“Put Yourself in the PTA Picture...Join Today!”

Early Bird Membership Awards

NO APPLICATION REQUIRED
Dues must be postmarked by September 17th
Mail to...
MO State PTA
2101 Burlington Street
Columbia, MO 65202

Missouri PTA 95th Annual State Convention

October 15-17, 2010

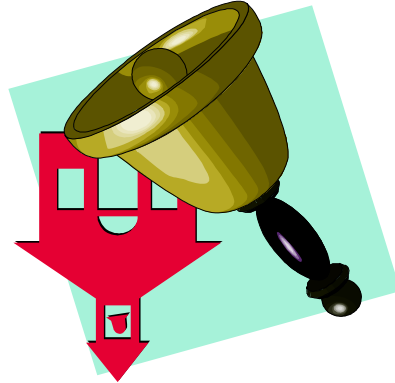
**Stoney Creek Inn &
Conference Center
Columbia, MO**

**Adults \$180.00
Students \$90.00**

Registration begins Friday at 6:00 pm

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

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