

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents Corner...

Heggy Wood, Council President

As fall is fast approaching, we have left behind those lazy days of summer. Now we begin the hustle and bustle of running the kids to this event, attending that meeting, and feeling somewhat overwhelmed. But it is also a time of formulating inspiring ideas, meeting new people, and getting involved for our students, parents, and teachers.

PTA membership represents the most common form of involvement in our schools for most parents. Now is the time to capitalize on membership. Our Council goal for the units is 100% or 10% over last year's numbers. Remember, Dr. Melody Smith and I want to be members of each and every unit. Please bring membership cards for her or myself to the Council meetings. Please don't send membership cards to Dr. Smith's office. It is much easier to take care of Dr. Smith's memberships at Council meetings rather than sending them to her office. Now is the time to enlist as many members as possible. **LET'S MAKE THIS A RECORD YEAR.....JOIN PTA**

A great way to learn more about PTA, exchange ideas and make new friends is by attending the Missouri PTA Convention this year from October 12-14th in Columbia. Each unit president should have received a convention packet. You can register on-site for a slight additional cost. Information and registration forms are also available at www.mopta.org or by calling the Missouri PTA office at 1-800-328-7330. I hope to see you all there!!!

Please remember that council dues need to be paid by October 15th to be in good standing. Deb Conrad passed out envelopes to all units at our September Council meeting. You can also send dues to Deb at Neely School.

Please join council the first Monday of every month for our St. Joseph PTA Council meeting at Hillyard Technical School. The October meeting is for PTA presidents and November will be for principals and presidents. It is certainly not limited to those few people; everyone is encouraged to attend these meetings.

Starting with October's meeting, we will be meeting at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm. We are going to try having our meeting an hour early and see if getting home earlier will work better for everyone. I think this might work better, especially after the time change. If it doesn't work well for everyone, we can discuss other options.

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**COUNCIL DUES ARE
DUE BY OCTOBER 15, 2007
In the amount of \$30.00 made payable to:
St. Joseph PTA Council**

**Please remit payment to one of the
following:**

**Through school mail: Deb Conrad
Neely Elementary**



**Council Clippings Article Assignments for
November 2007**
Articles are due October 10, 2007

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director article</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>State Convention Report</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</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.**

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Finally, **THANK YOU** for all that you do to insure that your children, all children achieve and that all schools succeed. Give me a call if you have any questions or concerns. My home number is 364-4575 and my cell number is 390-6948. You can also leave a message on my cell. Have a great month. You are the BEST !!!!!

Peggy Wood, PTA Council President

Plan of Work – Treasurer

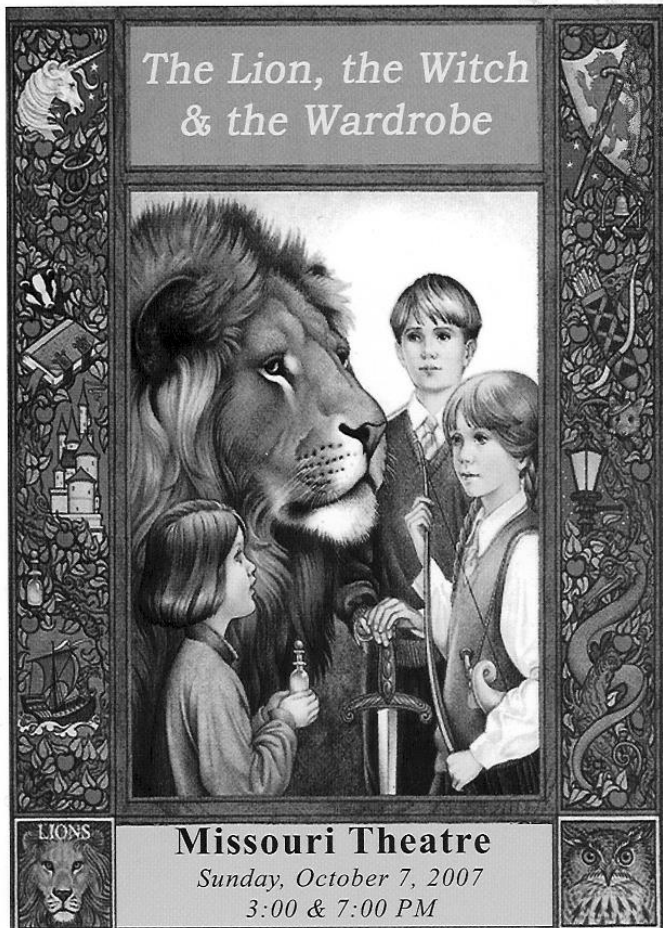
I, Deborah Conrad, am submitting a plan of work for the position of treasurer for the St. Joseph PTA Council. For the year Aug 1, 2007-July 31, 2008, I will have custody of all funds of the St. Joseph PTA Council, shall collect all monies and write all checks and keep an accurate record of these. I shall present a financial statement at each monthly meeting, submit the year end books to an auditor, and shall have IRS forms prepared at the proper time.

St. Joseph PTA Council Reflections Plan of Work 2007-2008

2007/2008 Theme: I Can Make a Difference by.....
The goal of the Reflections program is to provide the opportunity for each and every student in the St. Joseph School District to participate in the Reflections Cultural Arts program by encouraging all member units to become actively involved.

1. Provide information to promote the program to school district personnel and local units.
2. Encourage each unit to have the maximum total of 12 items to be submitted from their school. (Three from each of the four categories: photography, music, literature, and visual arts.
3. Determine a deadline date and organize Reflections materials to be submitted to the state contest.
4. Host a reception event for all students chosen for the state and/or national level.

Submitted by
Diana Slawson
Reflections Chair
PTA Council



Performing Arts Association is presenting
The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
a C.S. Lewis enchanted masterpiece.
Come along for an adventure of a lifetime.
All tickets \$10.00
For more information contact
Mary or Beth
816-279-1225

We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities.

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

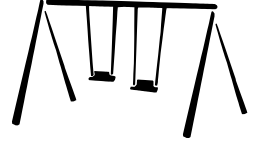
submitted by Heather Slawson



St. Joseph CIP (Capital Improvements Program)

VOTE: Tuesday, NOVEMBER 6, 2007

www.stjoecip.org



You are being given the opportunity to **VOTE on Tuesday, November 6, 2007**, to continue the city's \$27 million Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for another five years. (**This is not a new tax.**) Revenues generated from the one-half cent CIP **sales tax** will create jobs and stimulate business investment throughout our growing community. The \$27 million will also be used to leverage an additional \$31 million in federal funding creating \$58 million in community investment.

St. Joseph is a growing community with a good quality of life. The projects in the 2008 CIP sales tax are about our quality of life and include projects that benefit our youth including a new Muchenberger Center, updated St. Joseph Parks playground equipment and flooring, as well as additional walking paths and many other projects beneficial to our community. If you would like a yard sign in support of the CIP call Sharon Kosek, 232.7096 or sharongkosek@hotmail.com and we will place it in your yard about October 4 and also pick it up on November 7.

Previous (2002 CIP Tax Improvements) included

St. Joseph Waterpark (Noyes & Messanie); New Business Park Infrastructure; Stockyards Revitalization; Nature Center and Trails; Public Safety Communications Systems; Public Safety Apparatus; Fire Station Renovations; Hyde and Krug Pool Restorations, North/South Hike and Bike Systems, Bode Sports Complex and Civic Arena A/C Renovations; Residential/Commercial Sidewalk/Curb Matching Funds; Downtown Master Plan Improvements

2008 CIP Proposed Projects (over five years)

~ Economic Development

Missouri River Levee Design/Construction – Match at 35%	\$ 1,500,000
Aviation Projects – Match at 5%	\$ 500,000
Waterworks Road to I-229 or Cook Road from Miller to St. Joseph Avenue – Match at 20%	\$ 2,400,000
Transit Capital Project – Match at 20%	\$ 200,000
Residential / Commercial Sidewalk Replacement (\$150,000/yr)	\$ 750,000
Bridge Repair / Replacement	\$ 2,000,000
Eastowne Business Park – Phase 1A	\$ 2,300,000
Highway 59 Bridge – Match at 30%	\$ 3,000,000

~ Public Safety

Enhanced 911 System	\$ 350,000
Self-contained Breathing Apparatus – Match at 28%	\$ 750,000
Fire Apparatus	\$ 1,950,000
New Fire Station #12	\$ 3,000,000

~ Recreation

Muchenberger Youth Center	\$ 3,800,000
Playground Renovations	\$ 150,000
Riverfront Trail Extension – Match at 60%	
Or 5 urban trail extensions	\$ 600,000
Safe Harbor Docking Facilities – Match at 20%	\$ 15,000
Fairview Clubhouse	\$ 750,000

~ Civic Facilities

Public Facility Restoration / Renovations	\$ 2,102,000
Computer Network Upgrade	\$ 400,000
Missouri Theater Upgrades	\$ 785,000

If you would like to have a speaker come to your group and talk about the CIP tax, please contact Mary Robertson, St. Joseph City Hall, at mrobertson@ci.st-joseph.mo.us or call 816.271.4610.

Sharon G. Kosek, CIP Committee & Yard Sign Chairperson
St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair

Phi Delta Kappa #1199 invites you to participate in

**Backpack
Buddies**

because hunger
doesn't take the
weekend off



Our Fourth Annual
Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph

Backpack Buddies Walk

A combined benefit for the Backpack Buddies program
and new teachers' scholarships

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Krug Park Castle - 4:30 p.m.

(Rain location: Bode Middle School—same date and time)

Hear our Presentation . . .

Krug Park & Rudolph Rau, Landscape Artist

Janet Fite, Bode Middle School instructor and great-granddaughter of (1887-1917) St. Joseph Parks Superintendent, Rudolph Rau, along with Sue Wagner, have put together an outstanding presentation of the beautiful conservatories and landscaping of Krug Park in its early years. Mr. Rau, a florist and a landscape architect, played a major role in the development of the Park's gardens. Janet will be sharing with us, through her families' collection of early Krug Park postcards, some of the history of Krug Park through the eyes of her Great-Grandfather Rau. Come and first hear the talk in the beautiful Krug Park Castle at 4:30 p.m., then enjoy "a walk in the Park" at 5:30 p.m. while raising money for Backpack Buddies. Second Harvest Food Bank will provide light refreshments/water for the walk.

Over 500 St. Joseph and Savannah children will be served by the **Backpack Buddies** program this year. These children are at risk of going hungry over the weekend. **Backpack Buddies** helps ensure these kids won't go hungry when school is not in session. Students who qualify for **Backpack Buddies** are given a backpack full of nutritious foods to eat over the weekend. On Monday, they return the backpack to be refilled for the following weekend.

You can help: Form a team of walkers or enter the event by yourself. The public is invited. Ask your friends, family, or others to sponsor you. Have them make a contribution to the event or pledge a certain amount for each mile you walk. Bring your form and your pledges/checks the day of the walk. Of the funds collected, 60 percent will go to **Backpack Buddies** and 40 percent to PDK New Teacher Scholarships. Make your checks payable to America's Second Harvest. Your gifts are tax deductible. Your donations are appreciated!

For more information contact: Sharon Kosek at sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us or 816.232.7096. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to PDK Backpack Buddies Walk, 915 Douglas, St. Joseph, MO 64505 or Sharon Kosek, #2 Wishbone Road, St. Joseph, MO 64506.

REGISTRATION FORM

Section I



All donations are tax deductible. Use separate sheet if necessary.

Name of Walker/Team _____

Address _____
 (Street/PO Box)

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Email Address of Walker/Contact Person _____

Day Phone of Walker/Contact Person _____ Fax _____

List of Walkers in Support of this Team (if applicable)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____

List additional walkers on a separate sheet.

SECTION II

List of Pledges/Contributions

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Pledge Contribution Amount</i>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
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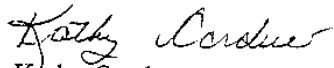
St. Joseph PTA Council
 Audit Report
 August 28th, 2007

Audited Balance as of July 31 st , 2006		\$38,591.72
Total Receipts		29,364.72
Total Disbursements		(46,412.40)
Ending Balance as of July 31 st , 2007		<u>\$21,544.04</u>
Bank Statement Balance as of July 31 st , 2007		\$21,594.04
Outstanding Deposits		-----
Outstanding Checks:		
#1618 Benton High School	\$25.00	
#1625 Benton High School	<u>\$25.00</u>	(50.00)
Checkbook Balance as of July 31 st , 2007		<u>\$21,544.04</u>
Money Market Account #903906		
Beginning Balance as of July 31 st , 2006		\$23,225.02
Interest Earned		436.45
Transfer to checking on March 5 th , 2007		(4,000.00)
Ending Balance as of July 31 st , 2007		<u>\$19,661.47</u>
Certificate of Deposit		
Beginning Balance as of July 31 st , 2006		\$ 9,831.89
Interest Earned		324.46
Ending Balance as of July 31 st , 2007		<u>\$10,156.35</u>

Audited Checkbook Balance as of July 31 st , 2007	\$21,544.04
Money Market Account Balance as of July 31 st , 2007	19,661.47
Certificate of Deposit as of July 31 st , 2007	10,156.35
Total Council Funds on hand as of July 31 st , 2007	<u>\$51,361.86</u>

I have examined the records of cash receipts and disbursements of the St. Joseph PTA Council for the year ended July 31st, 2007.
In my opinion, the account balances of the St. Joseph PTA Council for the year ended July 31st, 2007, are fairly stated.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathy Cordero

Davis-Langemach-Kosek PTA Council Award of Excellence

Background

The “Davis-Langemach-Kosek PTA Council Award of Excellence” is named after Mrs. True Davis, Sr., and Mrs. Vernon Langemach, both highly admired St. Joseph ladies, who are past State PTA Presidents. This award is also in honor of Mrs. Sharon Kosek who is a past St. Joseph PTA Council President and Legislative chair.

Determination of Winner

The administrator, teacher, staff member, or volunteer who has been nominated, must have made a major difference in the life of a student of the St. Joseph School District. It should be something that will be of major impact in the child’s life and must have taken place between the first day of school and the last day of school.

A nomination may be made by a parent/family member, administrator, teacher, staff person, or other adult community member. (No self nominations please.)

The administrator of the nominee as well as the nominating party must sign the form to assure validity.

Each month one winner will be selected and recognized by the St. Joseph PTA Council. The winner will be awarded a certificate of recognition. In addition, a book valued at \$25 will be given in honor of the winner to the school where they are employed. If they are not employed at a school, then they may select which school will receive the book.

An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

Nominations submitted will be kept for consideration for that school year unless they are chosen as a winner.

The child’s name will not be released to the public.

In order to be considered as the next month’s award recipient, three copies of the nomination must be received by the 20th of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:



Carla Ewart
PTA Council Awards
215 Ohio
St. Joseph, MO 64504
carlae@stjoelive.com

Thank you for your interest.

**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 _____

(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component)

Send request to: Jena Kirschner
10489 SE State Rt. A
St. Joseph, MO 64507
816-244-1687

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Signature _____

Title _____

Send Bill To:

Make Checks Payable to: *ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL*

Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council
PO Box 1271
St. Joseph, MO 64501

For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for

Date _____

Confirmation Sent _____

Check out date _____

Signature _____

Check in date _____

Signature _____

Number of Components Issued _____

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Date _____

Total Due _____

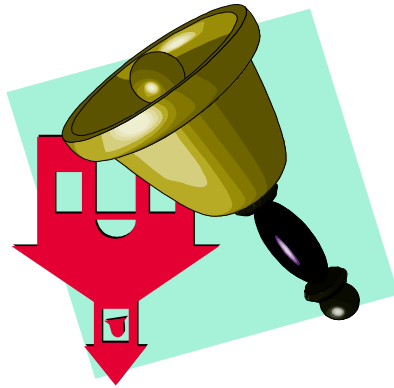
Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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