

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council



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Presidents

Corner...

Hello Everyone,

Here we are in full swing of another school year. I'm so excited for you all this year. I feel that this is going to be a great year.

Some of your units have already started fundraising and having school carnivals. The fall weather has set in, cooler temperatures and Friday night football games. Take time to enjoy everything that is going on sometimes we get so caught up in the process that we don't enjoy the activity. Keep your stress in check by spreading out the duties.

PTA is a team effort. Make sure that we are including all those that want to help. Many hands make for light work. There are those that would say that PTA's are just a clique and that outsiders are not wanted. Let's break down that barrier this year.

Keep an eye out for the revised PACT schedule. It is vital that we are a strong presence at these meetings. It is so important to invite all your friends and family members, your co-workers and neighborhood friends. This is the first time in the history of our School District that anything like this has been undertaken. Please take this opportunity seriously and come to the table.

Check out our website; www.stjoeppta.org for updates and forms that you will need to have complete by December 1st. Make sure memberships are sent into State PTA monthly.

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 _____

A Unit in Good Standings...

I know you have all heard this phrase, but do you really know what it means? Why do we need to be “in good standings”? What does it really effect?

Well a unit in good standings is really important. To be a unit in good standings you must have a financial review/audit done each year then send that report into State PTA and Council. You must complete the year end report; this is different from your financial review (see the forms online and you will see a slight differnce) this must be sent to State PTA and Council. You must complete the 990 N or appropriate tax form, a copy of this must be sent to State PTA and Council. You must have current bylaws and you must send in your memberships to State PTA. Finally, new officers list must be sent to State PTA and Council no later than March 31st.

Why do we need to fill out all of these forms? If you are not a unit in good standings your students are not eligible to participate in Reflections. Your unit will not be eligible for awards, grants, etc. Your unit will not be covered under the PTA umbrella. That means that if something were to happen you would not have the support of PTA.

The IRS is really trying to crack down on not for profit groups and PTA is not exempt from that. Each year the State and National PTA sign off on us assuring the IRS that we are all in compliance with their guidelines. When we don't get our information turned in we are not only hurting ourselves, but everyone else.

The Council also has a few more requirements. Council needs a copy of your budget, Council dues must be paid (\$30.00) by Oct. 15th, Council needs a copy of the St. Joseph School District form, and confirmation that your unit is covered by bonding insurance. All of these must be complete in order for your Unit to apply for our Grant program and awards.

Let's all work together to keep all of our Units in good standings. All forms must be turned in no later than Dec. 1, 2010. I suggest to send in all information as soon as you have it completed, don't wait until the last minute.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Lori Prussman

Council Clippings Article Assignments for November 2010 Articles are due October 10, 2010

<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>Parent Involvement</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.

If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.

Thomas A. Edison

Submitted by Jameison Welch

Continued...

There are several Units that have bylaws expiring this year. Put a committee together and start early. It is suggested that we do this yearly to keep up with changes in our Units. Changes in your bylaws must be presented and then voted on 30 days later.

Continued success!

Lori Prussman
St. Joseph PTA Council President

Family Involvement...

What is family involvement?

Going on vacation? Volunteering in your child's school? Movie night? Ball games? Helping with homework? Each family interacts differently. The common denominator is TOGETHER. A family is a group.

Classrooms are a group of children. Work places are a group of employees. Concerts are a group of spectators. Society does more things as a group than individually.

It's often hard to avoid being with groups of people, and usually you have to go along with what the others are doing. The good news is...you get to choose what your family participates in. Link arms with your family and find something you all enjoy. You might have to try many different things until you discover what activities fit your family best. I have yet to meet a child (or adult) who doesn't like to explore.

Hey, there's an idea – you might start with a homemade scavenger hunt to find your family's hidden treasure of fun!

When you find what suits your family best, those activities that you all enjoy together, be consistent. Try to find time daily, weekly, monthly to be a part of each other's lives. You will find that you not only make time for each other but you make lasting memories while you are having fun together.

Submitted by Charisse Giseburt
St. Joseph PTA Council Family Involvement Chair

Reflections 2011

“Together We Can”, is our theme this year. Darren Verbick and Renee Beggs will be co-chairing Reflections this year. We are so excited to have them on board with this program.

We have met and set some dates. Our deadline to have Reflections entries to TMC (in Darren's office) are Friday, December 17th.

All entries must have the student entry form completed, including the students signature and parents signatures. These forms must be complete with address and phone numbers, the State PTA will not accept them if any information is missing.

Each unit must complete Form A and Form B. The bottom portion of Form A is to be filled in by the Unit PTA with their information. Again, if these forms are not completed our entries will not be accepted by the State PTA and will not be judged. It is vital that we have all three forms complete! If you have any questions regarding the forms please give me a call and I will help.

We will have a work night to prepare the entries for shipping; to be announced. We will be looking for volunteers to help in that process.

We have set the date for our Reflections Award Ceremony. Mark your calendars; Thursday, April 14th at the Keatley Center. Refreshments will be served from 6:00 - 6:30 and the Awards Ceremony will begin at 6:30. Entries will be displayed that evening.

We look forward to another great year! We are looking for 100% participation this year!

Submitted by Lori Prussman
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aokmom@hotmail.com

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
October 15th
\$30.00 per unit



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

Turn in your membership forms monthly!

Mail to...
MO State PTA
2101 Burlington Street
Columbia, MO 65202

Missouri PTA 95th Annual State Convention

October 15-17, 2010

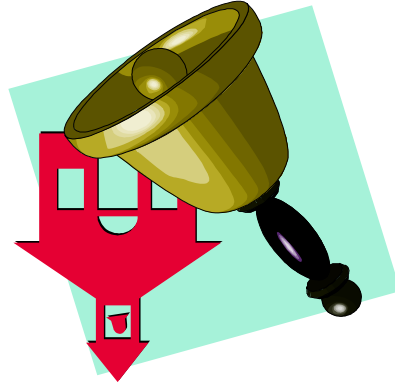
**Stoney Creek Inn &
Conference Center
Columbia, MO**

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

Registration begins Friday at 6:00 pm

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

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