

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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Let your voice be heard
Vote November 3rd



Presidents

Corner...

Hello Everyone,

I'm so excited. I have met with our new Membership chair and also our new School of Information chair. Both ladies are extremely excited about their chairmanships.

Amanda Higgins is our new Membership chair. We met and had a great conversation about membership; keep an eye out for some upcoming incentives and a list of membership awards. We will be presenting each month a total of each units numbers. I hope you all took advantage of the "Early Bird" contest.

Brigette Lindstrom is our new School of Information chair. We have also met and started making plans for changes coming to this event. Great ideas. We are really excited about this new approach to School of Information. We are looking to provide more information and a broader group of topics to be offered. Keep an eye out for more upcoming info.

I would also like to welcome to the Clarence Carpenter Memorial Fund Board two new members; Lisa Little and Barb Harris. These ladies have agreed to serve. We look forward to working with them in the future.

I must say that I am so proud to be a part of such a great team! Our Council and our Units are all becoming stronger and it's because of all the wonderful people who are in leadership. With your help we will continue to grow and make a difference in the lives of the students, staff and administration in this great district. Kuddo's to each and every one of you!

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the levy campaign. You are truly appreciated. Remember, to go out and vote on November 3rd. Every vote counts and let our community know that our children's future is important to us. We must stand up for our kids and give them the opportunities they deserve.

Our teachers and staff deserve to be taken care of and our buildings will never stop needing maintenance. Thanks to all of our personnel that keep our schools going. We are all apart of a much bigger picture. Let's let our brush strokes be seen by all and stand for something.

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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 _____

Reflections 2009-2010 "Beauty is..."

The Council deadline for all projects is Jan. 8th at the TMC building. The Jan. deadline will be upon us before we know it. I hope everyone else is as excited as I am to see all the projects the students decide to enter into the contest.

We have some schools already getting their kiddos started on their projects. Lake Contrary had a "Reflections night" where they offered insight into each category. It was a great way to help the students and parents understand what Reflections is all about.

Our St. Joseph students are so talented and I think the whole country needs to know, so get your kids excited about the Reflections program this year and let's show everyone what St. Joseph can do!

Sincerely,
Azure Hailey
PTA Council Reflections Chair



Council Clippings Article Assignments for December 2009 Articles are due November 10, 2009

<i>Presidents Report</i>	<i>Character & Spiritual</i>
<i>Regional Director article</i>	<i>American Education Week Report</i>
<i>Founders Day</i>	<i>Legislation</i>
<i>Bylaws</i>	<i>Salute to Schools</i>
<i>Spelling Bee</i>	<i>Parent Involvement</i>

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

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I know that this may sound crazy, but it is time to start thinking about your nominating committees. The committees will need to be elected and will need to start meeting soon. This year Council is requiring the Units to turn in their new officers list by March 15th. This is a couple of weeks earlier than in the past, but because of changes to School of Information we will need that information sooner.

Please remember that if you need any help or have a question don't hesitate to call or email. We are here to help.

Continued success.
Lori Prussman



**COUNCIL DUES ARE
NOW OVERDUE**

**\$30.00 made payable to:
St. Joseph PTA Council**

**Please remit payment to:
Mary Kelly
PO Box 1116
St. Joseph, MO 64502**

***Dues must be paid in order to participate in
Reflections program, apply for grants and awards.**

**"The Pilgrims made seven times
more graves than huts.
No Americans have been more
impoverished than these who, nevertheless,
set aside a day of thanksgiving."**

~H.U. Westermayer

Submitted by Shelby Hawkins



OMDR...

The MO PTA has sent out messages regarding the new OMDR system. They are still having troubles with the new system. Please wait until the all clear is given before trying to upload your membership.

The old system is not in use any longer, so please don't use that either. They said it could be a couple more months before all the bugs are worked out. Please be patient, all new systems seem to go through this process.

However, the MO PTA does have a template that you can use to print your membership cards. On their front page there is a link for membership and that will lead you to the template.

Also, please note that they are not using this system to track your membership; the totals they have on file are the ones that have been sent in to the State office. Remember, to mail your memberships to the State office by the first of each month. They ask that you go ahead and mail your memberships monthly instead of waiting until the OMDR is fixed.

It will be great when it's up and running.

Lori Prussman

Vote on November 3rd for the Education Levy!

The Coalition working to renew the levy is asking for our support and help –

1. Have a yard sign delivered to your home and talk to your neighbors
2. Door to Door campaigning
3. Phone Calls
4. Letters to the Editor
5. Call into “It’s Your Call
6. Publicly support the Levy
7. Put out Yard Signs
8. Post cards to neighbors

If you would like to volunteer or have questions contact Chris Roepe:

Our Children. Our Future. Our Decision
Office #816-364-6401 - 2300 Frederick Ave, Ste 204
Cell #816-294-0497

Mark your calendar - You are invited to the

2010 Legislative Forums

Forums are sponsored by the St. Joseph PTA Council

February 26th & April 30th, 2010
4:30-5:30

Hillyard Technical Center – Room 103

Save the Date! – National Legislative Conference

On **March 9-11, 2010**, PTA will hold its annual National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. This three-day conference will inspire and provide in-depth analysis on PTA’s latest federal public policy priorities affecting families, schools and communities through skill building trainings, workshops, panel discussions, guest speakers, and Capitol Hill visits with congressional leaders. Join us and the many PTA child advocates making their voice heard on Capitol Hill.

Submitted by Sherri Manville, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair

Seek support with Adopt-a-Classroom

WRITTEN BY MOPTA

Seek support with Adopt-a-Classroom

Adopt-a-Classroom allows public-school teachers to register in hopes of matching them with businesses or other organizations that offer financial contributions. Adoptees will receive \$500 from their benefactors to use on classroom supplies and materials. For more information, visit www.adoptaclassroom.com. There is no deadline.

Boeing offers grants for early childhood and K-12 programs

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Boeing offers grants for early childhood and K-12 programs

Boeing offers numerous grants in the field of education. The company focuses on developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs and K-12 programs that promote teacher effectiveness with an emphasis on math, science, literacy and school leadership.

Deadlines and amounts vary. For more information, visit

www.boeing.com/companyoffices/aboutus/community/guidelines.htm.

There is no deadline.

Check out these and many other grants on www.mopta.org under Parent Resources.

Backpack Buddies

“On Friday morning,” says Roxanna Kerns, counselor at Hyde Elementary School, “I am always stopped by Cheyenne who says with the biggest smile on her face ‘*Today is the day we get Backpack Buddies, right Mrs. Kerns?*’ I respond with ‘*You’re right kiddo.*’ As she walks away she will usually turn back and say ‘*Don’t forget o.k.?*’”

Sadly, there are so many children like Cheyenne in the St. Joseph School District. Over the weekends, when free lunch and breakfast is not available, they are faced with the possibility of not having enough food to eat at home.

But there is hope. For 715 St. Joseph School District children, their backpacks are for more than just carrying books. That’s because these children are carrying home something a little extra in their backpacks each weekend of the school year. Through Backpack Buddies, they receive enough food for breakfast, lunch and dinner for Saturday and Sunday.

For the 2009-2010 school year, the program grew by 65 children served. This growth is a direct result of the hard work of the Backpack Buddies Task Force, which is comprised of St. Joseph School District staff who are highly passionate about ensuring every child in our community have access to nutritious food.

Backpack Buddies is a program of Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph. Sponsoring a Backpack Buddies child will provide the gift of food over each weekend of the school year for only \$125 (that’s less than \$3.50 a weekend!).

For more information about Backpack Buddies and how you can help, please contact Second Harvest at 816.364.3663 or visit www.StJoeFoodBank.org.

Backpack Buddies Quilt Raffle

Share the gift of warmth and food on the weekend by entering our raffle for a Backpack Buddies themed quilt created by Bessie Ellison Elementary students. All proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Backpack Buddies program.

\$5 for one ticket, or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The winner will be drawn at the Mayors’ Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22, 2009.
Need not be present to win.

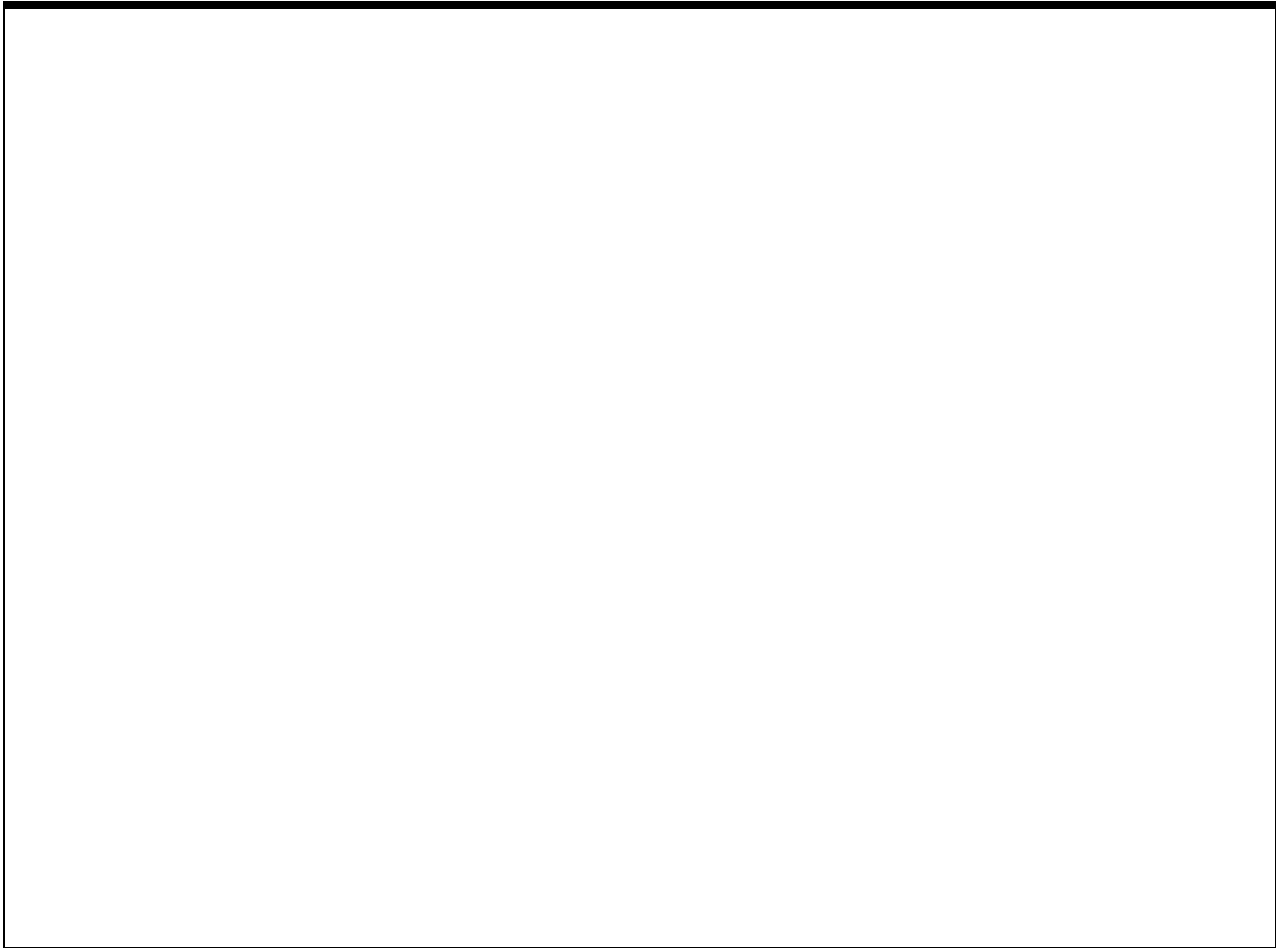
Please fill out the following information and send with payment to:
Second Harvest of Greater St. Joseph
Attn: Backpack Buddies Raffle
915 Douglas
St. Joseph, MO 64505

I would like _____ tickets for the Backpack Buddies raffle.
I have included \$ _____
Name _____
Address _____
Phone number _____

Thank you and take care,
Rachel Graves

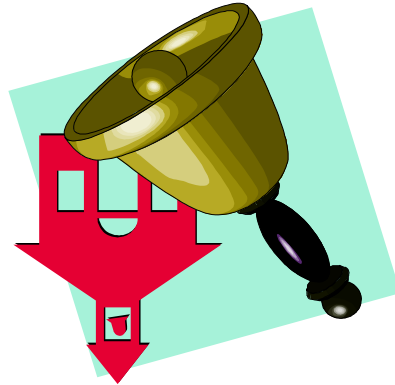
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P: 816-364-FOOD x 203
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NOTICE FOR PARENTS

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