

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Deb Conrad, Council President

Happy Holiday! It doesn't seem possible that we could be at this point in the school year already. Time flies by too quickly. So, as we approach the holidays, it is a welcome time to slow down, spend time with family and friends and enjoy.

The St. Joseph PTA Council has also had an eventful fall. Membership kick offs at the local units have been great! Thank you, thank, thank you to all those units who have again stepped up to the challenge. Let's keep pushing to gain more memberships. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Patterson have sent money to all units to be included in membership. Please send them a membership card (if you have not already done so) to Debbie Consolver in the Superintendent's office. I am a member of about a third of the schools. Please remember to ask me to join at a Council meeting or through school mail (to Neely). We really want to be members of ALL local units. It is important to us to meet this goal, but we can't do it without you. The state will be informing each unit president of a special incentive from the state PTA office for memberships turned in during the month of December. Presidents be watching for this!

At our last general council meeting, a nominating committee was elected to begin the task of placing volunteers in positions for the 2007-08 St. Joseph PTA Council. The members include: Peggy Wood, Diana Slawson, Linda Peters, Nadine Hoffman, Ana Maria Klundand Molly Pierce (Principal representative). Please let one of these people know if you know someone who is interested in serving as a board member or committee chairman. We are always looking for new people with fresh ideas to carry out our mission.

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SAINT JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL
FOUNDER'S DAY
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Holiday Inn

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and
dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Your invitation will be arriving soon.

Please contact Deb Conrad @

deb.conrad@sjsd.k12.mo.us

if you need additional information or
don't receive an invitation soon!

Please note that Clippings deadline
Is **December 5th** due to
Christmas break.

*Council Clippings Article Assignments for
January 2007*
Articles are due December 5, 2006

<input type="checkbox"/> <u><i>Presidents Report</i></u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u><i>Character & Spiritual</i></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u><i>Regional Director article</i></u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u><i>Reflections Awards</i></u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u><i>Founders Day</i></u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u><i>Council Award</i></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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January and February are shaping up to be busy months for PTA. January 18, 2006 is the deadline for Reflections entries. This year's theme is "My favorite place..." Please contact Diana Slawson at 233-0627 or slawson@stjoelive.com for additional information or assistance. We hope everyone will participate in all six events (visual arts, music photography, dance, film and literature). This theme will carry over to February when we celebrate our Founder's day on Thursday the fifteen. This year's festivities will be held at the Holiday Inn. Remember the Principal of the Year Award nominations. Watch for more information to be coming soon!

Finally, the County Spelling Bee will be held at Truman Middle School on February 10, 2007. Registration for the event begins at 8:30 a.m. So brush your kids up on their spelling. Grant applications for our second grant are also due. Please see the application form included in this issue of Clippings. According to our standing rules a unit must have the following to be eligible: at least one membership turned in to the state office, Council dues paid, an application completed and current by-laws.

Have a restful holiday season. Be ready to begin 2007 with some great PTA events. Our next meeting is at Hillyard Technical School on January 8, 2007 at 7:00p.m.

It's all up to you

You are the fellow who has to decide
Whether you'll do it or toss it aside;
You are the fellow who makes up your mind
Whether you'll lead or you will follow behind.
Whether you'll try for the good that's afar,
Or be contented to stay where you are.
Take it or leave it. There's something to do.
Just think it over. It's all up to you.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Tori Carvell

Meet Your New Regional Director

Elaine Gerstenberger is the new Missouri PTA Regional Director assigned to serve the St. Joseph Council. She lives in Cameron and works in St. Joseph.

Elaine is excited to get to know you and work with you. Her email is elaineg@mopta.org. Phone 816-294-7465.

Pony Express Legislative Rally will be Thursday, February 8, 2007, 7:00 PM at the Platte County Resource Center (near KCI). All state legislators from our region will be invited to discuss important issues facing the education, health and safety of our children. The public is invited to attend.

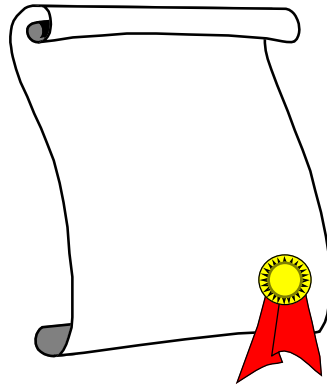
I bid you a fond farewell as your RD. It has truly been my pleasure to serve you and to get to know you. Thanks for your hospitality. I look forward to seeing you at the Legislative Rally, Leadership Conference, National and State PTA Conventions.

Best wishes.

Peggy Richey

Merry Christmas





THE ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AWARD

Our school principals provide a great deal of leadership for the children, their families, staff, teachers, other principals of the St. Joseph School District, and our community. They deserve recognition for their dedicated efforts.

The St. Joseph PTA Council (since 1994-95 school year) will honor one outstanding St. Joseph School District principal at the annual Founder's Day Banquet.

The principal must be nominated by a member of his or her PTA/PTSA unit and should be an exemplary individual for his/her peers.

The principal should actively encourage PTA/PTSA leaders in his or her school; use creativity in working with the school's unit; encourage PTA/PTSA membership; attend PTA/PTSA functions; encourage teachers and staff members from his or her school to be members of PTA/PTSA as well as encourage them to attend PTA/PTSA functions; and work for the overall betterment of PTA/PTSA.

Nomination forms for this award, **MUST** be received by the St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chairman **NOT LATER THAN January 19, 2007!!** Please only one nomination per principal.

Nominations are to be sent to: Angie Davies, 4703 Huntsboro Ct., St. Joseph, MO 64506 or to Coleman School.

Only the Award Winner will be announced at the PTA Founder's Day Banquet. He or she will receive a prestigious, engraved PTA Medallion Award and a financial stipend for his or her outstanding leadership in PTA/PTSA. The individual's name will also be put on display in the School Board Room of the St. Joseph School District.

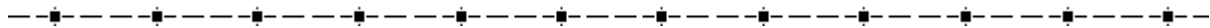
St. Joseph PTA Council
Outstanding Principal Of The Year Nomination Form

Nominator's name: _____

Nominator's Home Address: _____

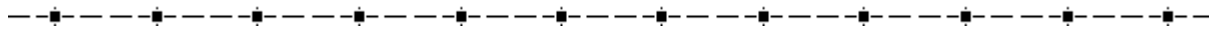
Nominator's Work Phone: _____

Nominator's Home Phone: _____



Principal's Name: _____ School: _____

Principal's Position in the PTA/PTSA: _____



How my principal encourages individuals to become PTA/PTSA members and how my principal encourages individuals to attend PTA/PTSA activities:

Please list and explain **THREE** great ideas or things your principal has done at your school during this school year:

The St. Joseph PTA Council
Lifetime PTA Leadership Award

The Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award

Background:

In order to keep the National PTA organization financially strong for generations to come, the National PTA started a Foundation.

At the 2005 National PTA Convention, the first National PTA Foundation Breakfast was held. This activity helped to initiate the idea of making gifts to the National PTA Foundation to keep PTA a strong organization for the future. Please see www.pta.org for additional information about the foundation.

The Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award is named after Dr. Colgan because of his strong support and positive relationship with the St. Joseph PTA Council, its units, and members as well as the Missouri PTA. Dr. Dan Colgan has been a model for superintendents across Missouri as a caring and passionate supporter of all children and PTA.

Dr. Colgan has served as the Superintendent of School District of St. Joseph for 13 years. During that time, he has successfully passed much needed levies and a bond issue, befriended thousands of St. Joseph residents, and given of his heart and soul to the children for whom he has been devoted.

Award Information:

The Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award, which is sponsored by the St. Joseph PTA Council, will donate \$250 each year to the National PTA Foundation in the name of a PTA leader who has given a lifetime of enthusiastic dedication to PTA.

It is hoped that other PTA units will follow the example of the St. Joseph PTA Council and begin a National PTA Foundation Award in their schools. PTA members are also encouraged to make donations to the National PTA Foundation.

The National PTA address is

National PTA
541 North Fairbanks Court - Suite 1300
Chicago, IL 60611-3396
Phone: (312) 670-6782
Toll-Free: (800) 307-4PTA (4782)
Fax: (312) 670-6783

Any PTA member may make a nomination for the Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award. Nominations are due the first day of the month of the Founders' Day Banquet. (February 1, 2007)

Nominations need to be sent to Angie Davies, 4703 Huntsboro Ct., St. Joseph, MO 64506 or to Coleman School. The presentation will be made at the Founders' Day Banquet each year. The winner will be presented an award as a keepsake.

Grant Request

Through the St. Joseph PTA Council

For the 2006-2007 School Year

The executive committee of each PTA/PTSA may apply for one grant up to the amount of \$800.00. This is a one time grant.

All proposals will require the following information to be eligible for consideration:

1. General description of the project's purpose and population served.
2. Brief description of the project's implementation plans.
3. Current Bylaws on file, Council Dues paid and at least one membership turned into the state PTA office.
4. Detailed description of project for which funds are requested including:

Purpose and goals of project

- A. Participants to be served
- B. Breakdown of funds requested by specific categories.

Completed proposals should be returned to St. Joseph PTA Council at the February 5th, 2007 meeting or send to Deb Conrad at Neely School. Grant check will be presented at the March 1st, 2007 meeting.

School name:

Contact person:

Address:

Phone number:

Signature of PTA/PTSA President _____

Signature of Principal _____

I. Describe the purpose of your project, including the population that will be served, types of activities, length of project and how this project aligns with the Purposes of the PTA and our Mission statement, please remember that projects should be education based or have a student need focus:

II. Describe the organizational structure of your project. An organizational chart may be attached to help satisfy this requirement. (What staff will be involved? Who will be accountable for funds? Who will order and receive materials?)

III. Describe your project:

A. Purpose and goals for the project (projects must have pre-approval from the District office):

B. Describe participants to be served, including how they will be selected.

C. Provide a detailed breakdown of expenses, including categories and anticipated expenditures in each category. Be sure amounts are correct, including any shipping and handling fees. To ensure that funds are being used for projects that have been approved we ask that you submit receipts for said project. Once approval has been made on a project we ask that you use grant money for said project only.

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.

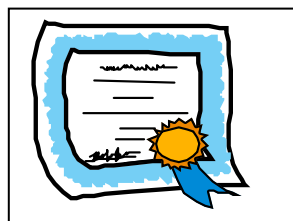
An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

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:



Angie Davies

PTA Council Awards

4703 Huntsboro Ct.

St. Joseph, MO 64506

angieiscooking@yahoo.com

Thank you for your interest.

DAVIS-LANGEMACH-KOSEK PTA COUNCIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

SCHOOL / ASSIGNMENT _____ WORK PHONE _____

WORK ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

NAME OF NOMINATOR _____

ADDRESS / SCHOOL _____ PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

MY NOMINEE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE BY

(Please use back of page if necessary.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE _____

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE _____



**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 _____

Number Returned _____

Number Used _____ @ _____

Date _____

Total Due _____

Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____



It is Important to Communicate with Legislators Congratulate your Elected Officials

It is important that you create an open line of communication with elected officials at the local, state, and national levels.

It is appropriate to send a note or letter of congratulations to state officials and an email or phone call of congratulations to federal officials. Be sure to identify yourself as a proud PTA member and the school(s) in which you are a member as well as your home address. Below are recently elected officials at the state level who are from St. Joseph.

If you are unsure who your State Senator, State Representative, US Representative, and US Senators are as well as other officials, you may go to the website <http://www.senate.state.mo.us/> and key in your nine digit zip to find out who these people are. Your State Senator is most likely Senator Charlie Shields. Since he and other state officials are currently out of session, you could write a note of congratulations to his/her home.

State Senator Charlie Shields
District 34
47 SE Erin Court
St. Joseph, MO 64507

Representative Ed Wildberger
District 27
2414 Dewey Street
St. Joseph, MO 64505

Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf
District 28
516 Pinewood Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64506

Representative Martin Rucker
District 29
2703 Meadowridge Drive
St. Joseph, MO 64504

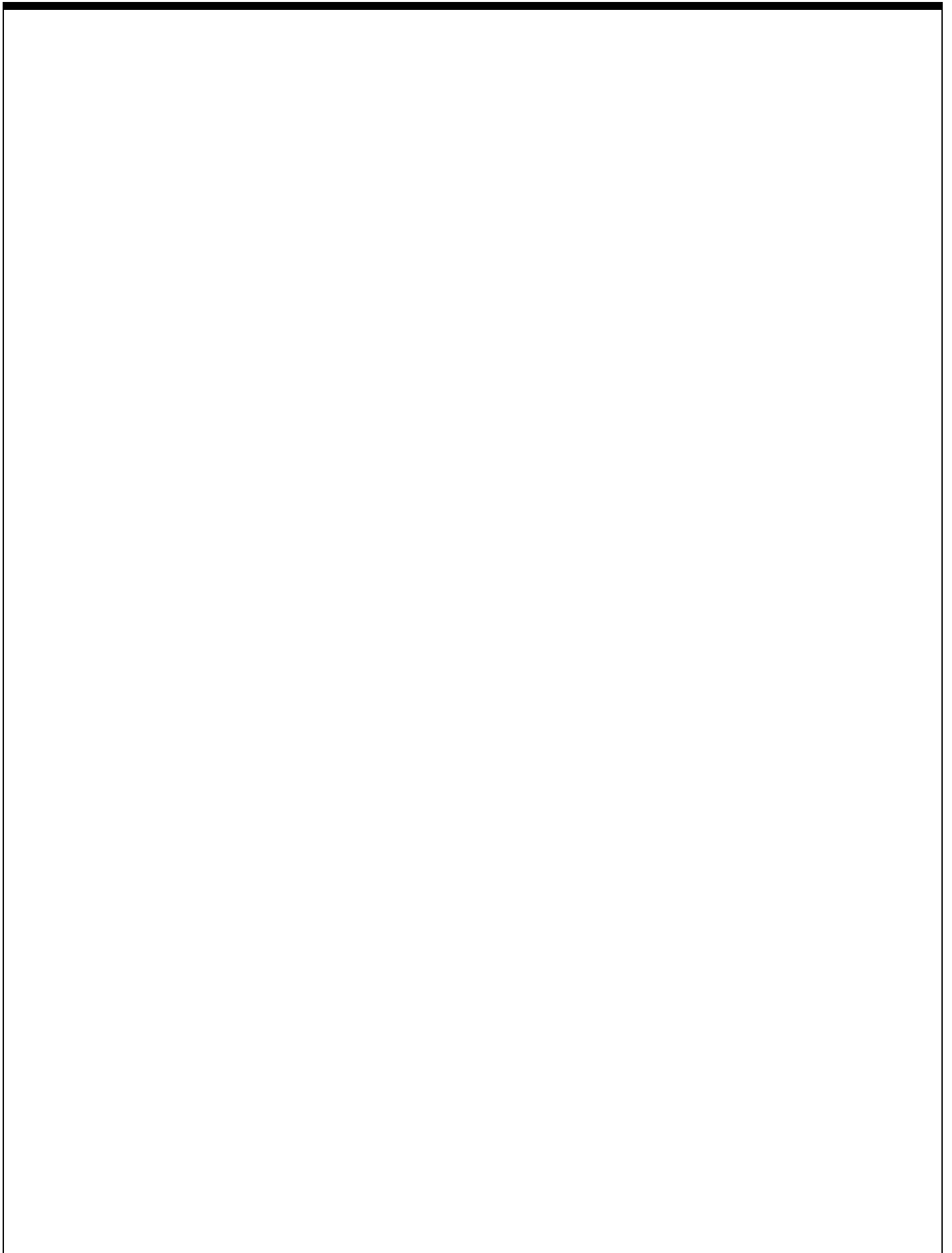
A note of congratulations should also be sent to State Auditor-elect Susan Montee.

State Auditor-elect Susan Montee
4112 Miller Road
St. Joseph, MO 64505

An email of congratulations should be sent to US Congressman Sam Graves. Emails and phone calls are appropriate at the federal level. You may go to the website <http://www.house.gov/graves/email.htm> and send him an email. His Washington office phone number is 202.225.7041 and his St. Joseph office phone number is 816.233.9818.

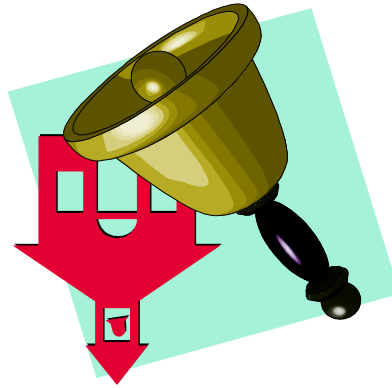
The email address and phone number of US Senator-elect Claire McCaskill will be listed in an upcoming issue of Clippings.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon G. Kosek, Legislative Chair
St. Joseph PTA Council



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