

# Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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*Presidents*

*Corner...*

Now that the holidays are over and you are rested and energized for 2006, it seems a good time to evaluate how your PTA unit is doing. January brings to mind Salute to Schools Month and Reflections. Salute to Schools month is an opportunity to let everyone in your school know they are appreciated. In addition, Reflections entries are due on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to the Fine Arts Office at Troester Media Center, 3401 Renick St. (just off of Mitchell St.). Remember, there will be a reception for Reflections in April at the Keatley Center.

This is also the time to be considering selection of your PTA unit's nominating committee. This is your PTA's most responsible body. Their decisions will affect your PTA in the future. Please read your bylaws so you will know how this committee is to proceed. In addition, remember these few simple reminders. Select qualified people with skills, personality, enthusiasm, and time for their job. Consider new people for your PTA so you can grow. Finally, explain the expectation of the job to the potential candidate so they know what is expected.

Next, on the PTA Council agenda will be the Buchanan County Spelling Bee. The event will be held at Truman School on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. So, now is the time to get your school's Spelling Bee completed. This will allow your winners time to prepare for the event in February. Spelling Bee booklets for students are available from the News-Press office at a cost of \$1.50 each.

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the Saint Joseph Council and Units will hold a celebration of the founding of PTA. This year our Founder's Day dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn. Additional information concerning reservation is included in this issue. Please remember reservations are due by January 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to meet with other PTA members for an enjoyable meal with stimulating conversation in a relaxing setting.

As we ring in this new year, remember to celebrate your PTA successes, evaluate your progress toward goals, and set new goals. Don't forget membership continues! If you have memberships collected, send them in to the state office. The Saint Joseph PTA Council is here to serve its member units. Please contact any board member if you need assistance. Thank you for the voice you provide for the over 11,000 students in the Saint Joseph Public Schools.

**REMINDER** for Principal's & PTA's & PTSA's reservations are needed by **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**.

"I Wonder Why"

St. Joseph PTA Council Founder's Day

Thursday, February 16, 2005

Holiday Inn

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

## COUNTY SPELLING BEE COMING SOON!

February 4, 2006, is just around the corner and with it comes the Buchanan County Spelling Bee! The Bee will begin with an 8:30 A.M. registration. Pronouncers and judges for both the middle and elementary levels are ready for a challenging day of spelling. The elementary pronouncer will be Rhonda Slawson. Elementary judges are Shelley Hughes, Sharmyn Thompson, and Patty Roach. The middle level pronouncer is myself, Karen Heyde-Lipanovich, with Randy Harr, Barb Beeson, and Joe Marmaud serving as judges. I am currently seeking 4 additional people to help with registration. Anyone interested in helping with registration should contact me at [karen.heyde@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:karen.heyde@sjsd.k12.mo.us), or call 390-3506. Feel free to leave a voice message!

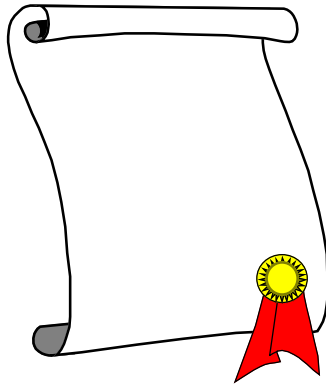
Karen Heyde-Lipanovich,  
Buchanan County Spelling Bee Coordinator

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." -Albert Einstein (1879-1955)  
Submitted by Alex Dobyan

### Council Clippings Article Assignments for February 2006 Articles are due January 10, 2006

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<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Nominating committee report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>

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



## **THE ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR 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 9, 2006!!** Please only one nomination per principal.

**Nominations are to be sent to:** **Kerry Funck**  
**Skaith 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 Award  
Nomination Form

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Principal's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's position in the PTA/PTSA \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



## *St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Report December 5, 2005*

### **2006 Legislative Forums**

Monthly legislative forums will begin in January 2006. The dates of the forums are January 27, February 24, March 31, and April 28, 2006. The public is invited to attend and ask questions.

The forums will be held in Room 103 of Hillyard Technical Center. Each forum promptly begins at 4:15 p.m. and ends at 5:15 p.m. Traditionally attending are Senator Charlie Shields, Representative Ed Wildberger, Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, and Representative Martin Rucker. In addition, a liaison for Congressman Sam Graves also attends the forum. The forum begins by a review of the week by each state senator and representative. Audience questions are then fielded by the moderator.

Refreshments are served. The St. Joseph PTA Council will provide the refreshments at the Friday, February 24, meeting. Volunteers are needed from PTA Council to serve as greeters. If you would like to assist, please email Sharon Kosek at [sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us). Two greeters at each forum would be helpful.

Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair, will serve as the moderator for the Legislative Forums.

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## **St. Joseph School District – Board of Education Candidates' Forum**

**Who:** Anyone may attend  
**When:** Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Hillyard Technical Center; Room 103  
**What:** Three, six-year terms are available on the  
St. Joseph School District Board of Education  
**Election:** Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Each of the qualifying candidates for the St. Joseph School District – Board of Education will be invited to participate in the St. Joseph School District – Board of Education – Candidates' Forum. The public is invited to hear what each of the candidate has to say. Candidates are given a few minutes at the opening of the forum to answer basic introductory questions before questions are asked of the audience.

The St. Joseph PTA Council hosts a St. Joseph School District Board of Education Candidates' Forum each time there is an election for Board members.

Sharon Kosek will serve as the moderator for the Candidates' Forum. For more information, contact Sharon Kosek at [sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us).



# Resolution

## *In Celebration of Dr. Dan L. Colgan and his Dedication to Children and PTA*

**WHEREAS**, one of the PTA purposes is to promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community, and place of worship; and

**WHEREAS**, PTA seeks to bring into close relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District of St. Joseph has one of the highest performing school districts in the state having earned the state's "Distinction in Performance" award twice within the past few years; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District of St. Joseph has been under the positive leadership of Dr. Dan L. Colgan as our Superintendent of Schools for 13 years taking our District to new levels of achievement during those years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dan L. Colgan has been applauded across the state of Missouri for his positive relationship and mentoring of PTA units and members; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Joseph PTA Council has been blessed to have Superintendent Dr. Dan L. Colgan as a PTA member and caring and passionate supporter of all children; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Dan L. Colgan has given tirelessly of his heart and soul to the children for whom he has been devoted;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the St. Joseph PTA Council, its 25 member units and its members, celebrate the many years of dedicated service and support that Dr. Dan L. Colgan has given to the School District of St. Joseph and the St. Joseph PTA Council, its units, and members.

Presented: December 5, 2005  
St. Joseph PTA Council Executive Meeting  
Sharon G. Kosek, Legislative Chair  
Deb Conrad, President

*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](http://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. (For 2006, the deadline would be February 1.)

It is recommended that nominations be made to the St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chair with the St. Joseph PTA Council Executive Officers Board making the decision as to the award winner. The presentation will be made at the Founders' Day Banquet each year. The winner will be presented an award as a keepsake. The first presentation will be made at the 2006 Founders' Day Banquet.



# Davis-Langemach PTA Council Award of Excellence

## Background

The “Davis-Langemach 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.

## Determination of Winner

The administrator, teacher, or staff member, 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:

**Linda Peters**  
PTA Council Awards  
406 Kentucky St.  
St. Joseph, MO 64504



Thank you for your interest!



DAVIS-LANGEMACH 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

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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  
1121 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
St. Joseph, MO 64501  
816-671-4410

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

[jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Send Bill To:

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

Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council

PO Box 1271

St. Joseph, MO 64501

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For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for

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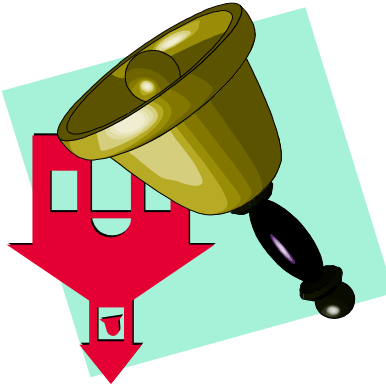
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

# NOTICE



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