

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

*Happy New Year!*

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## Presidents

### Corner...

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. You should be all rested up and ready to hit the ground running.

We have lots of things going on. January is Salute to School Month. Don't forget to give everyone a special thank you for all they do for your school. Lisa will be dropping off goodies to the district facilities that don't have a PTA. We want them to know how much we truly appreciate all that they do for us.

January 6<sup>th</sup> is our Reflections work night. We will meet at TMC in the conference room at 4:00 pm and get all of the entries ready for shipping to State PTA. We need volunteers to help in this process. Please give me a call to volunteer. The more people we have to help the faster we can complete the process. Thank you in advance.

January 10<sup>th</sup> is our PTA Council meeting at Hillyards room 103, 6:30 pm. All PTA officers are invited to attend. I strongly encourage all units to attend. It is very important to be an active member of Council. We have lots of information to share. January's meeting we will be nominating our new slate of officers and we will be having an open forum for everyone to ask questions talk about concerns. We will also talk about what is going on at the schools. Share time!!

We would like to congratulate Skaith PTA!! They were our attendance award winner for the first semester!! They were presented with a check for \$50.00 to use on their students anyway they choose. Thank you for participating!! We will be awarding another check in May, so attendance at the Council meetings is vital!!

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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  
St. Joseph, MO 64507  
816-244-1687

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Send Bill To:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is confirmed for \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Parent Involvement

Here it is...the start to a new year. Time to make big plans to change our lives for the better. How will we make 2011 the best year EVER? A few years ago I was given the book The Power of 10%: How Small Changes Can Make a BIG Difference.

*"What would happen if...*

*You improved your golf score by 10%?*

*You exercised 10% more?*

*You invested 10% of your income?*

***You spent 10% more time with your family?***

*You spent 10% more time on your personal development?*

*You gave 10% more often to those in need?*

*You did 10% more to go after your goals?"*

*"To improve ourselves, we do not need to tackle everything all at once. In fact, expecting a 100% total transformation is unrealistic and will set us up for failure. We will get much greater results by concentrating on small areas since all aspects of our lives are connected."*

If you are planning to make a New Year's Resolution, try taking this advice and focusing on small areas that you can manage in your daily routine.

Submitted by Charisse Giseburt



## *Council Clippings Article Assignments for Feb. 2011* Articles are due January 10, 2011

❖ <i>Presidents Report</i>	❖ <i>Character &amp; Spiritual</i>
❖ <i>Regional Director article</i>	❖ <i>Bylaws</i> ❖ <i>Membership</i>
❖ <i>Nominating committee report</i>	❖ <i>Salute to School report</i>

*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.*

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PACT news...each facility will be having a "walk-through". Keep your eyes open for dates. This will give us a good idea of how each one of our buildings stands. The good, the bad, and the not so good. Knowledge is the key to good decisions. Please take part; it is really important we hear from all of you.

January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for PTA Council grant applications and also applications for Founder's Day awards. You can download all of these on our website [www.stjoeppta.org](http://www.stjoeppta.org).

In this issue of Clippings you will find an invitation to Founder's Day dinner. It will be Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at Word of Life Church. Please send in one form per school. Checks need to be made out to St. Joseph PTA Council. Registration forms are due January 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be a wonderful night. Great food, entertainment and lots of parking. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please remember that we are always here to help so don't hesitate to give us a call or email.

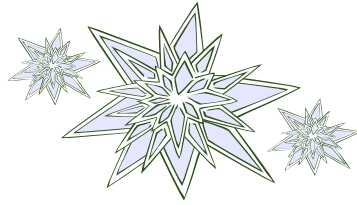
Wishing you continued success in the New Year!

Lori Prussman

## American Education Week

American Education Week was November 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all the schools who participated in this event. There were many fantastic posters submitted. They looked great hanging at East Hills Mall that week. Thanks again.

Amy Ryan  
American Education Week Chair

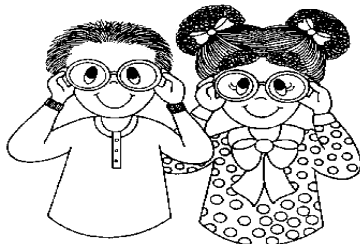


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## “Help a Child to See” Campaign kicks off

The Clarence J Carpenter Memorial Fund Board’s annual fundraiser; “Help A Child To See” Campaign runs from **January 5<sup>th</sup>– January 26<sup>th</sup>**.

See your School Nurse for more details.



## PTA Made A Difference

The Missouri PTA notified us last week that the United House of Representatives passed the S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act by a vote of 264-157. This act reforms and improves programs under the Child Nutrition Act, including school breakfasts and lunches. Missouri PTA advocates helped create the passage of this critical legislation. It is very important as parents and volunteers that we remember that advocacy is the most important job of the PTA. The PTA Legislative Handbook defines advocacy as the act of supporting and speaking on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children. The JC/DC Member-to-Member Network is the grassroots advocacy system that promotes direct contact by PTA members to members of the Missouri House and Senate, and in the case of National PTA, provides direct contact by PTA members to members of the Congress.

It is important that we continue to communicate with our local legislators on issues important to our children and we would like to give you that opportunity.

2010 Legislative forums

Friday, February 25th, 2010

Friday, April 8th, 2010

Hillyard Technical Center - Room 103

4:30-5:30 pm

Submitted by Sherri Manville  
Legislative Chair

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**"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."**

**Bonnie Jean Wasmund**

Submitted by Jameison Welsch



Please join us as we celebrate

# St. Joseph PTA Council Founder's Day "Winter Wonderland!"

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Registration begins at 5:30pm.  
Dinner begins promptly at 6:00pm.

Catering by Spanky and Buckwheat's  
Chicken and brisket buffet with all the fixin's

Dress is business casual

Word of Life Church, 3902 N Riverside Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505  
(816) 233-6367

**Cost-\$11.00 per person**

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REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration Deadline: Tues., January 25, 2011**

**NO REFUNDS – NO EXCEPTIONS**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Person Attending

St. Joseph PTA Council Outstanding Volunteer Award Winner \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

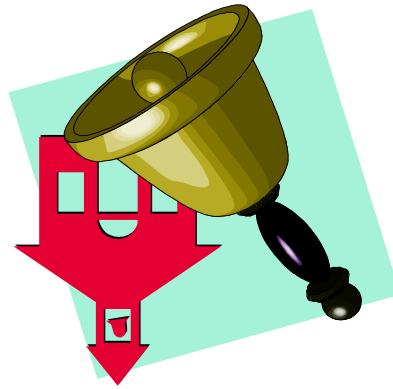
Note anyone who is a Missouri Life Member (MLM) with \*  
Note anyone who is a Past Council President with #

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
AND MAIL TO:

St. Joseph PTA Council  
PO Box 1116  
St. Joseph, MO 64502

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

# COMMUNITY FUNDS



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