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Presidents Corner...

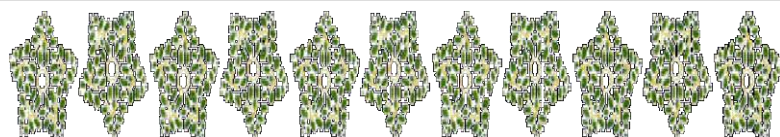
Now that the holidays are over and you are rested and energized for 2007, it seems a good time to evaluate how your PTA unit is doing. January brings to mind Salute to Schools Month and Reflections. Salute to Schools month is an opportunity to let everyone in your school know they are appreciated. In addition, Reflections entries are due on January 18th, 2007 to the Fine Arts Office at Troester Media Center, 3401 Renick St. (just off of Mitchell St.). Remember, there will be a local reception for Reflections in April at the Keatley Center. In addition, state winners will also be recognized at the Missouri State PTA Leadership Conference.

Next, on the PTA Council agenda will be the Buchanan County Spelling Bee. The event will be held at Truman School on Saturday February 10th, 2007. So, now is the time for each school to complete their spelling bee. 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.

On February 15 2007, 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 31, 2007. This is a great opportunity to meet with other PTA members for an enjoyable meal with stimulating conversation in a relaxing setting.

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. 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.

As we ring in 2007 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 believing in the over 11,000 students in the Saint Joseph Public Schools!



Reflection deadlines are just around the corner. The deadline to have all Reflection entries is January 12, 2007 delivered to the Troester Media Center 3401 Renick is 4:30 Please deliver all entries to Mr. Darren Verbick's office in the Troester Center.

I am very excited to see all the wonderful entries the students will be submitting this year.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by e-mail: slawson@stjoelive.com or home phone 233-0627

Reflections Chairperson
Diana Slawson

**Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and leave
a trail.**

**Harold R. McAlindon
Submitted by Tori Carvell**

Council Clippings Article Assignments for February 2007 Articles are due January 10, 2007

<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>Bylaws</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Membership</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Salute to School report</u>
<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, subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE . Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.

You are cordially invited to attend the
ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL FOUNDER'S DAY

Thursday, February 15, 2007

Registration begins at 5:30 PM
 Dinner begins promptly at 6:00 PM

Holiday Inn, 102 S. 3rd St., St. Joseph, MO

Cost - \$10.00 per person



MENU

Choice of:

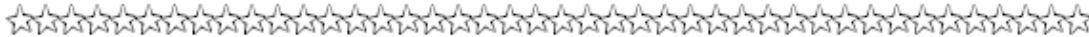
Roast Sirloin of Beef Bordelaise with Red Wine Sauce

or

Chicken Mornay, sauce is heavy cream, butter, scallions & a touch of nutmeg

Both include House Salad, Rolls, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine,

Carrot Cake or Chocolate Cake



REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline Wednesday, January 31, 2007
NO REFUNDS - NO EXCEPTIONS

School Name: _____

Names of those attending
 (Please make an entree choice)

Roast Sirloin

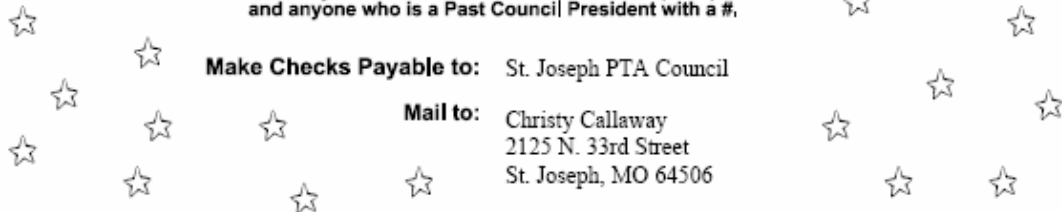
Chicken Mornay

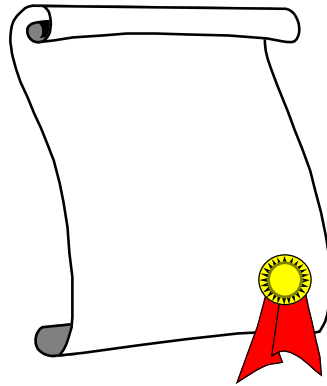
Names of those attending (Please make an entree choice)	Roast Sirloin	Chicken Mornay

Please note anyone who is a Missouri Life Member (MLM) with an *
 and anyone who is a Past Council President with a #.

Make Checks Payable to: St. Joseph PTA Council

Mail to: Christy Callaway
 2125 N. 33rd Street
 St. Joseph, MO 64506





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.

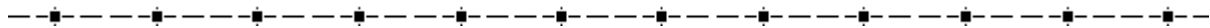
**St. Joseph PTA Council
Outstanding Principal Of The Year Nomination Form**

Nominator's name: _____

Nominator's Home Address: _____

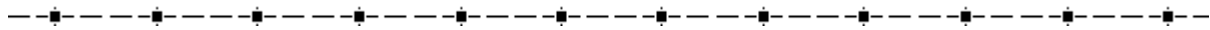
Nominator's Work Phone: _____

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. (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.

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 preapproval 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.

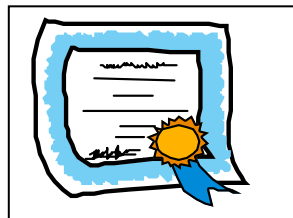
An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

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 _____



Clarence J Carpenter Board Memorial Fund Board Treasurers Report Sept.-Nov. 2006

**Beginning Balance as of
8/30/06**

\$17,568.81

RECEIPTS/INCOME:

Interest	\$	1.57
Donations	\$	1,894.00
Donations	\$	805.00
Interest	\$	1.29
Donations	\$	175.00
Donations	\$	2,100.00
Interest	\$	2.05
CD Interest #1590	\$	156.78

Total Receipts	\$	5,135.69	\$	5,135.69
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DISBURSEMENTS:

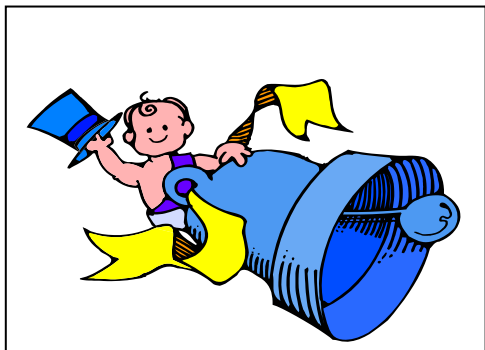
Ck# 647 - St Joseph School Dist \$1,592.10

Total Disbursements		\$1,592.10
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Ending Balance as of 11/20/06	\$	21,112.40
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Balance Comprised of:

Bank Midwest Checking Acct.	\$7,077.31
Bank Midwest CD #7986	\$5,938.44
Bank Midwest CD #1590	\$8,096.65
TOTAL	\$21,112.40



**Happy
New Year**

**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 _____

You are invited to attend the

2007 Legislative Forums



You are invited to attend the 2007 Legislative Forums to be held at Hillyard Technical Center, 3434 Faraon Street in Room 103. The forums will begin promptly at 4:15 p.m. and end promptly at 5:15 p.m. The public is invited; refreshments will be served. This will be your opportunity to ask questions regarding issues on the state and federal levels. We are very fortunate to have such a strong commitment by our area legislators through their regular attendance. The dates have been set for the last Friday of each month: Friday, **January 26**; Friday, **February 23**; Friday, **March 30**; and Friday, **April 27**. Billie Sharp of Hillyard is the coordinator for the forums.

Meet our state representatives and senator as well as Congressman Sam Graves' legislative assistant, Chad Higdon. Usually participating in the forums are Senator Charlie Shields (District 34), Representative Ed Wildberger (District 27), Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf (District 28), and Representative Martin Rucker (District 29). Each one was reelected in November. The public is invited to ask questions regarding state or federal issues after an update from each state official.

It was recently announced that Senator Shields will serve on a regional higher education commission; Representative Wildberger was elected Caucus Chairman. Both are considered positions of honor.

Area Representative Announces Support for Controversial Education Issue

A group of Missouri legislators, including Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, is drafting a proposal at the state level to create a private fund to allow students in failing school districts to be able to transfer to a private or public school of their choosing. Companies or individuals contributing money to the fund would be given state-authorized tax credits. Many people say this is just another way to describe vouchers. Representative Dr. Schaaf has openly commented on the belief that public schools currently have a monopoly over education which lacks competition. The bill is currently being drafted and is expected to be introduced in January; however the bill details have not been finalized. Superintendent Melody Smith has spoken against the bill. Currently, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Wellston have failing school districts. Representative Dr. Schaaf's children attend public schools.



National PTA is strongly opposed to vouchers or tax credits. Particularly if you are a constituent of Representative Dr. Schaaf, please let him know of your position on this proposed bill.

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

Preferred email: rob@schaaf.com

Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf
District 28
State Capitol - Room 111
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806
Phone: 573.751.2183
Fax: 573.526.9851

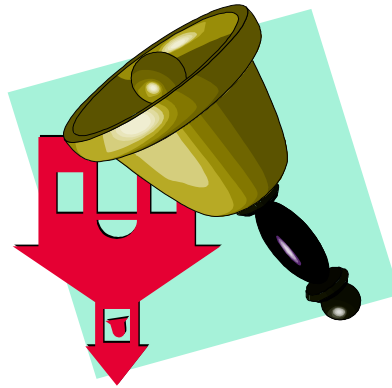
Ted Allison announced as Incoming President/CEO St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce

Ted Allison, formerly of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, was announced as the new leader of the St. Joseph Area of Commerce. Mr. Allison brings with him 12 years of experience as president of the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce. Education and workforce development will be items of importance on his agenda in St. Joseph. He began work early in December. Mr. and Mrs. Allison have two daughters in college and a 15-year old daughter in high school.

Sharon G. Kosek
St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair

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