

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Welcome back from winter break. 2008 is now well under way. I hope you have opened that package in the big white envelope that came from the Missouri PTA over the winter break. It is filled with useful information for your unit. The information concerning Online Membership Dues Reporting is located on page 48. You can continue to collect memberships. You all have done a great job so far. Remember to ask me to join as I need to be a member of your unit for you to be eligible for various council membership awards. I am currently a member of four units. We need to continue to work to meet our goal as a council and go 10% over last year's membership numbers.

Additionally, information about your annual audit reports and the audit process are explained beginning on page 33 of your winter packet. This should be submitted to the state PTA office each year when an audit of your books is complete. Council does not need a copy of your audit as your audit status will be reflected in the state report council receives. For most units, the books should be audited between June and October. The end of your unit's year is specified in your bylaws. This is an important step in being a fiscally responsible unit. In addition, it is a protection for your unit and its officers. Please read carefully the information concerning the filing of Income Taxes. You must follow these new guidelines or you could lose your tax-exempt status. There is information on the IRS website at www.irs.gov under the Charities & Non-profit tab. If you need additional information please contact me or our council treasurer, Deb Conrad.

Now is the time to get your nominating committee underway. Information concerning this process is also in your winter packet on page 46. Again, refer to your bylaws for information about specifics concerning your nominating committee. It should specify how many members are needed and how the committee should function. This group needs to be elected by the general membership. The committee must report their nominations and call for nominations from the floor at least 30 days prior to a vote. The process must be completed by March 31, 2008 when the list of officers on page 4 of the winter packet should be sent in to both the state and council.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get in those Reflections entries and especially to **Lori Prussman** for organizing it for PTA Council. It is a great opportunity for our students to express themselves in a variety of forms. Without the support PTA Council gets from the staff, parents and volunteers, this would be impossible to pull off. A reception will be held at the Keatley Center in the spring to announce winners in various categories and divisions. Winners will be recognized at the MOPTA State Leadership Conference in April in Kansas City.

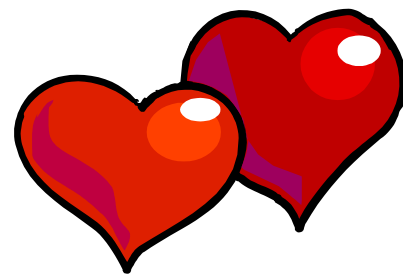
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Presidents Corner continued...

The end of January and February will continue to be busy. On January 25th at 4:15 the first legislative forum will take place at Hillyard's Technical School. Then on February 9th the Buchanan County Spelling Bee will be held at Truman Middle School. Good luck to all the contestants. Founder's Day Dinner will be held on February 12th at the Holiday Inn. We hope to see each of you there.

Peggy Wood

St. Joseph PTA Council President



Council Clippings Article Assignments for March 2008

Articles are due February 10, 2008

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| <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>Spelling Bee</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ways and means</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Nominating committee report</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>School of Information</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>PTA Legislative Day Report</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.



Reminder for all St. Joseph PTA
Council Memebers
St. Joseph PTA Council Founder's Day

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Registration begins at 5:30pm. and dinner at
6:00pm

Western casual dress
Holiday Inn, 102 S. 3rd, St. Joseph, MO

Major Savers Cards coming soon....

We are pleased to announce that we will be selling Major Saver Cards this spring. Kick off assemblies will be held the last week in April and sale will run through the first week in May. More details will be coming soon. We look forward to a successful sale!

"I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I have nowhere else to go."

-Abraham Lincoln

"If you give up on your dream and stop right where you are, you never know what's around that corner."

-Tyler Perry, film director

submitted by:
Heather Slawson

Ideas for Parent Involvement

Continued from last month...

Written by MOPTA

Listed below are ideas shared within workshop focus groups on the six standards, and how they interact to improve Parent Involvement. Please share these with parents, teachers, administrators, and your school board.

Standard 2. *Communicating effectively* – Families and school staff engage in regular communication about student learning

- Have a Principal's Coffee - meeting with the principal and counselors for questions and answers on "hot" topics in the school that parents should know
- PTA's provide information that helps to build skills for parents like the National PTA website, or National Education Assoc. website
- Share with teachers or principals how parents feel they are regarded in the school
- Provide information on local groups that may be able to help those in need
- Hold parent programs like WATCHDOGS, and Health Fairs to teach and support parents
- Make books, brochures, and videos available for checkout

Look for Standard 3 in our next issue.

Lori Prussman

Happy Valentines Day



The **PURPOSES** of The Parent Teacher Association

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

MISSION STATEMENT PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The mission of the PTA is three-fold:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

Grant Request

Through the St. Joseph PTA Council

For the 2007-2008 School Year

The executive committee of each PTA/PTSA may apply for one grant up to the amount of \$300.00.

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 on or before Feb. 4th, 2008. Please send to Peggy Wood, 3018 County Line Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505. Grant check will be presented at the March 3rd, 2008 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 to Deb Conrad, 4405 Appletree Court, St. Joseph, MO 64506 . Once approval has been made on a project we ask that you use grant money for said project only.

St. Joseph PTA Council

2008-09 Nominative Slate of Officers, Committee Chairpersons and Carpenter Board Members

The St. Joseph PTA Council Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the outstanding nominative slate, listed below, for the 2008-09 St. Joseph PTA Council and the Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board. The nominative slate was presented at the January 7, 2008, General PTA Council meeting for first reading and will be voted on during the March 3, 2008, General PTA Council meeting. The Nominating Committee consisted of the following individuals: Nadienne Hoffman; Lori Prussman; Kate Viestenz; Sharon Kosek, Chair; and Karen Bechtold, Alternate. Brian Shindorf represented the St. Joseph School District Administration and served as an advisor. All nominees have given their consent to serve if elected.

| Officer Nominees | Nominee |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| President | Peggy Wood |
| First Vice President | Karen Bechtold |
| Second Vice President | Carla Ewart |
| Third Vice President | Diane Slawson |
| Recording Secretary | Luci Duncan |
| Corresponding Secretary | Sherry Manville |
| Treasurer | Sheila Johnson |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Barb Harris |
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| Committees | Committee Chairperson Nominees |
| Department of Council Projects | |
| Reflections | Azure Hailey |
| Spelling Bee | Karen Heyde-Lipanovich |
| Founders' Day | Michelle Carvell |
| Membership | Amanda Higgins |
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| Department of Organization | |
| American Education Week | Michelle Krambeer |
| Salute the Schools | Laura Caton |
| School of Information | Joyce Clibon |
| Ways and Means | Ana Maria Klundt |
| Button Machine | Jena Kirschner |
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| Department of Promotion | |
| Bylaws | Diane Slawson |
| Clippings/Typist | Lori Prussman |
| Clippings/Mailing | Lori Prussman |
| Legislation | Sharon Kosek |
| Awards | Mary Cargill |
| Character and Spiritual | To be announced in the fall |
| Parent Involvement | Nadienne Hoffman |
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| Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board | Nominees |
| <i>2008-2010 (2-year term)</i> | Sandy Frazer |
| <i>2008-2010 (2-year term)</i> | Marcia Rippe, RN |
| <i>2008-2011 (full term)</i> | Allene Wright |
| <i>2008-2011 (full term)</i> | Mary Johnson |
| <i>2008-2011 (full term)</i> | Kelly Haskey |

Respectfully submitted
Sharon G. Kosek, Nominating Committee Chair

2008/2009 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Peggy Wood, 3018 County Line Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64506

This list will be used for St. Joseph PTA Council mailings.

Do not use school address for President mailings.

Deadline March 31, 2008

School Name: _____

President's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

1st Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

2nd Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Secretary's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Please continue to the back of this page for additional information needed.

School Name: _____

Membership Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Reflections Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

**Please feel free to add additional officer's names, positions, addresses,
phone numbers and email addresses below.**

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

OFFICERS FORM

Important: Our **2008-2009** School Year Mailing List will be compiled from the information on this form.

Please mail this form by **March 31, 2008** with the names of NEW and/or RE-ELECTED officers. DO NOT use the school address for president mailings. (You may also submit any corrections to the 2007-2008 Officers.)

CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED BY MISSOURI PTA: PRESIDENT, TREASURER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND REFLECTIONS CHAIR.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

REGION _____ DATE _____

UNIT NAME _____

CITY _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COUNTY IN WHICH SCHOOL IS LOCATED _____

PRESIDENT _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

TREASURER _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____

Information is due to Missouri PTA office by March 31, 2008. If you have not filled all the positions, send what you have by the deadline.

Please complete information on reverse side.

UNIT NAME _____

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

E-MAIL _____

REFLECTIONS CHAIR _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

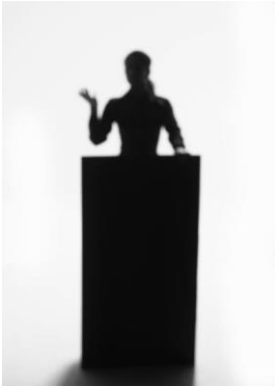
CITY _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

E-MAIL _____

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

Missouri PTA
2100 I-70 Drive, SW
Columbia, MO 65203

Fax: 573-445-4163
office@mopta.org



St. Joseph PTA Council
School District of St. Joseph Candidates' Forum
March 18, 2008

The St. Joseph PTA Council invites the public to a SJSD Board of Education Candidates' Forum for the two positions available. Please plan to attend. The forum will be held Tuesday, March 18, in Room 103 of Hillyard Technical Center, 3434 Faraon Street, with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and the forum beginning at 7 p.m. **The election is Tuesday, April 8, 2008.** All current candidates have agreed to participate. During the forum, each candidate will be given a timed, two-minute period to state their qualifications. After that portion of the program, each one will be given two minutes to answer each of the following questions:

1. What positive changes would you suggest for the School District of St. Joseph?
2. Why should we elect you as a St. Joseph School District Board of Education member?

After the two questions, the public will be invited to submit any questions they might have of the candidates.

Available at the forum will be typed candidate responses to several questions. Those questions may include:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Education?
2. What do you have to contribute to the Board of Education?
3. What do you hope to accomplish as a member of the School Board?
4. What do you believe are positive changes needed in the School District of St. Joseph?
5. What do you feel is the number one concern facing the School District of St. Joseph?

The candidates will also be asked to complete information regarding his or her address, occupation, and place of employment on the form.

The candidates at the time of the printing of *Clippings* are the following:

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| Sue Wagner | Former SJSD Gifted Coordinator/teacher /Teacher of the Year; currently the gifted teacher at Avenue City School District |
| Sarah H. Siemens | Mother of two Eugene Field students; former CPA with Clifton Gunderson |
| David Mason, Jr. | Retired St. Joseph teacher and former SJ National Education Association president |
| Teresa Simmons | Mortgage loan officer who has lived in St. Joseph all of her life |
| Walt Hanabury | Retired St. Joseph School District principal |
| Dr. Brian Cronk | MWSU psychology professor; father of two children who attend Coleman School |
| Stan Hall | Retired business executive |
| David Mejia | Former SJSD Board of Education member from 1992-2004, employed at Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory where he also serves as a pastor |

Each candidate is responsible to bring in 750 valid signatures to get on the ballot. There are a total of seven Board positions of which the members volunteer to serve. David Hornaday and Dr. Teresa Humphreys will be leaving the Board after 12 years each of dedicated service. Other current members are Leo Blakley, Barbara Moore, Dennis Snethen, Diane Watson, and Representative Martin Rucker.

Contact Sharon Kosek, Council Legislative Chair, at sharongkosek@hotmail.com for more information.

- Sharon G. Kosek
Legislative Chair
St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair

Changes in Upcoming 2008 Legislative Forums

This year, in an effort to encourage attendance at the MSTA (Missouri State Teachers' Association) Legislative Forums, two changes in format are being planned. Traditional forums

will be held on **Friday, January 25, 2008**, and **Friday, April 25, 2008**, at Hillyard Technical Center in Room 103 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. The public is invited to ask state legislators questions regarding issues that affect them. Invited legislators are Senator Charles Shields, Representative Ed Wildberger, Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, and Representative Martin Rucker. Also attending will be Chad Higdon, legislative liaison for Congressman Sam Graves, who will take questions for the Congressman.



Rather than having a traditional forum in February, MSTA is encouraging teachers to attend MSTA Legislative Day in Jefferson City on Tuesday, February 26. In addition, rather than having a traditional forum in March, a joint "Capital Connection" will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn in St. Joseph with the date to be announced.

PTA Council volunteers are needed as greeters and a timer. If you would like to assist, please tell President Peggy Wood.

St. Joseph: MAC *Creative Community* Award Recipient



St. Joseph will be recognized as the MAC (Missouri Arts Council) 2008 *Creative Community* at an awards presentation by Governor and Mrs. Blunt on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Jefferson City. This designation recognizes St. Joseph as *an exemplary community that uses the arts to promote economic growth, tourism, business and/or resident attraction, or civic growth*. Six Missouri cities vied for the 2008 *Creative Community* award. February 13 is the Missouri Day for the Arts. Other award winners will also be recognized during the presentation. International guitarist Anthony Glise (formerly of St. Joseph) is a previous MAC

Individual Artist Award winner.

Banners in Celebration of the Award

In celebration of the award, 22 banners acknowledging St. Joseph as the MAC Creative Community will be posted in St. Joseph including banners on Frederick Avenue from Noyes to 36th Street, on the City Hall grounds, and around the Arts block downtown. Also, small metal plaques with the Creative Community designation will be placed on highway signs that welcome people to St. Joseph.

Posters in Celebration of the Award

In addition, posters in celebration of the Creative Community Award will be distributed to each St. Joseph arts teachers. These posters will also bring awareness to the importance of the arts and the many life skills that the arts bring to our students. A poster will also be given to each school to be placed in a prominent location. The posters will feature a word of the month. The words include: *Dream, Inspire, Enrich, Challenge, Experience, Excite, Explore, Develop, Express, and Wonder*.

- Sharon G. Kosek
St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair
Creative Community Arts Awareness Chair

**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 _____

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Signature _____

Check in date _____

Signature _____

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Number Used _____ @ _____

Date _____

Total Due _____

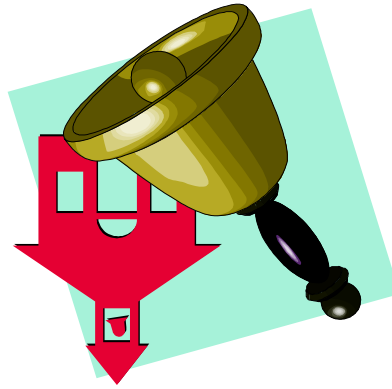
Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

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