

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Kerry Funck, Council President

We had a big turn out for our Founder's Day celebration. Thank you to the committee Lori Bergman, Debbie Elder, and Deb Conrad for doing an outstanding job. Thank you to Tina Zubeck, Missouri State PTA President, for attending and agreeing to speak. I always look forward to seeing Tina. Thank you to Mark Maugh, 4th grade teacher at Skaith, for taking care of the power point presentation for me. I can always count on him for anything computer related. Thank you to Daniel Johnson and Katy Bibbons. I am just in awe of Daniel's talent. And thank you for attending.

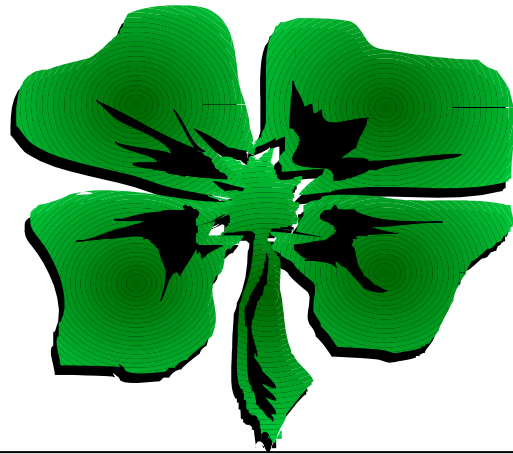
Major Saver Card sales are coming up. Remember that it is because of the Major Saver card sales that Council was able to pay for half of everyone's meal for Founder's Day, the \$700 Grant, Donations to the Carpenter Board, Salute to Schools, Sponsor the Buchanan County Spelling Bee, Reflections, and so much more. Thank you in advance for your support.

Everyone should have a nominating committee and working to get a slate of officers to present at your next General Meeting. Please send a list of your newly elected officers to the State PTA office and one to me. We have included two forms for you to fill out, send one to the State office and one to me.

St. Joseph PTA Council School of Information

The School of Information will be held at the April 4th Council Meeting. The meeting will start at 7 PM at Hillyard Technical School and the School of Information will be held immediately after. The event will be done by 8:15 PM. All units plan to send a representative for the breakout sessions of the roles of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership. There will be great door prizes, including an all expense paid trip for two to the State Convention in Springfield in October of 2005! Hope to see you there!!

Joyce Clibon, committee chair



SALUTE THE SCHOOLS

January 2005

Thank you treats were delivered to St. Joseph

School District staff not associated with a PTA.

We don't always see these people to thank them. This is a small appreciation for all they do for our children.

St. Joseph PTA Council Outstanding Principal of the Year 2005

I am pleased to be afforded the opportunity to award this year's St. Joseph PTA Council's Outstanding Principal of the Year Award. This individual has been a tremendous supporter of our PTA. This is demonstrated by the 100% individual membership achieved year after year and by the candidate's own lifetime membership. The nominee has been successful in recruiting over 30 local businesses to help lend support to her school. As an active participant in the Tears and Cheers Breakfast, the nominee has made new families feel welcome in our community. Through innovative events such as Open House, Family Fun Night, and Back-to-School Night, a sense of family and community has been fostered which has greatly benefited our local PTA. Under the nominee's leadership, her school has achieved the status of a Missouri Gold Star School. This candidate leads by example and is greatly respected by fellow teachers, students, and families alike. I am happy to award this year's PTA Principal of the Year is **Ms. Molly Pierce**.

Congratulations Molly!

Ideals

Remember that ideals
are like stars up in the sky,
You can never really reach them,
hanging in the heavens high....
But like the mighty mariner
who sailed the storm-tossed sea,
And used the stars to chart his course
with skill and certainty,
You too can chart your course in life
with high ideals and love,
For high ideals are like the stars
that light the sky above....
You cannot ever reach them,
but lift your heart up high
And your life will be as shining
as the stars up in the sky.

By Helen Stiener Rice

Council Clippings Article Assignments for April Articles are due March 10, 2005

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>School of Information</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Budget (proposed)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Application for 2004-2005 Character & Spiritual 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.

ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP 2005-2006

The St. Joseph PTA Council established this scholarship. The amount of this scholarship is \$250.00. This scholarship is for a one-year term to the student.

Requirements for eligibility:

1. Must be a graduating senior of a St. Joseph Public School (2005-2006).
2. Must be a member of their high school PTSA for 2005-2006.
3. Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.
4. Must have one (1) letter of recommendation from a school personality (example: Teacher, Principal or Guidance Counselor.)
5. Must complete the application attached.
6. Must attach a transcript with application
7. Must write and attach an essay on your goals for college and career (150 words or less).
8. **Must attend monthly General meetings of the St. Joseph PTA Council and the Founder's Day Dinner and be prepared with a motivational "thought for the evening" at these meetings. (Five meetings and one banquet)**
9. **Must prepare monthly motivational thoughts or short poem to be published in our monthly newsletter (Council Clippings). This does not have to be an original work of art.**

**Though not mandatory, please enclose a photo. It is good to have a face with a name.

Application Process

Applications will be available at guidance counselor office. Applications are due to the guidance counselor no later than **May 1, 2005**. Selection will be made by May 15, 2005. Applications will be forwarded to Lori Prussman, 2504 Ashland Ave, St. Joseph, MO 64506.

**APPLICATION FOR THE ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL CHARACTER
AND SPIRITUAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP.**

APPLICANT'S NAME:

LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	DATE OF BIRTH
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ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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TELEPHONE #	SOCIAL SECURITY #	PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME
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Name and address of high school attended and number of years at this school.

Name and address of the college or university you plan to attend.

I plan to be a member of my high school PTSA for the year of 2005-2006. Yes / No

I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Signature of Applicant

2005/2006 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to Kerry Funck @ Skaith School

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 add name and position of any other officer

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

OFFICER'S FORM

IMPORTANT: OUR 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR MAILING LIST IS COMPILED FROM THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM.

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM BY MARCH 31, WITH NAMES OF NEW AND/OR RE-ELECTED OFFICERS. DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL ADDRESS FOR PRESIDENT MAILINGS. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT.

REGION _____

DATE _____

NAME OF PTA _____

CITY _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT _____

COUNTY IN WHICH SCHOOL IS LOCATED _____

PRESIDENT _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

TREASURER _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

MISSOURI PTA
2100 I-70 DRIVE SW
COLUMBIA MO 65203

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 20th of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:

Linda Peters

PTA Council Awards
406 Kentucky Street
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

(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: Maria Reynolds

1115 E. Highland Ave.

St. Joseph, MO 64505

816-364-2848

rama@magiccablepc.com

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

Check out date _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Confirmation Sent _____

Check in date _____

Signature _____

Number of Components Issued _____

Number Returned _____

Date _____

Number Used @ _____

Total Due _____

Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for _____

Signature _____ Date _____



A Day at our Missouri Capitol

During my recent visit to Jefferson City, on Wednesday, February 2, the top **2005 Legislative Priorities** for Missouri PTA were

- **Support** for appropriations for elementary and secondary education that guarantee equity of opportunity for all children and adequate funding to support NCLB and MSIP standards and the quality of education Missourians want for their children, and support for funding for all state mandated programs, including special education, gifted, transportation, at-risk, Parents as Teachers and testing.
- **Support** for legislation requiring school districts to have policies dealing with bullying and programs to prevent bullying and in some way secure or require skilled intervention and/or treatment for both bullies and their targets (victims).
- **Support** for legislation that promotes increased parent involvement in their children's education.
- **Opposition** to tax credits or tax deductions for tuition or any related expenses at any elementary or secondary institution; and
- **Support** for a constitutional amendment to allow school districts to approve bond issues with a simple majority vote.

As the Legislative Committee Chair for St. Joseph PTA Council, Missouri ACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education), and the Missouri Business Education, I was given the opportunity for a combined visit to represent all three organizations.

After a briefing by a pro-education lobbyist in the House of Representatives chamber (prior to the start of the session), visits were made to legislators' offices.

I visited the offices of the following individuals:

Representative Ed Wildberger is my representative from the 27th District. He and I spoke for approximately 30 minutes about topics including revising the Foundation Formula to his support of public education.

Representative Martin Rucker is the newly elected representative from the 29th District, who was recently voted in office to the position formerly held by Representative Maurice Lawson. Representative Rucker is also a member of the St. Joseph School District Board of Education. Among other committees, he serves as a member of the Appropriations Committee for Education. Martin and I also spoke for approximately 30 minutes during which time he advocated for public education.

Senator Charlie Shields is the Senate Majority Floor Leader and serves his constituents in the 34th District. Charlie serves on multiple committees including the Senate Education Committee. He is a strong supporter of public education and working to make the Foundation Formula more equitable. We also spoke for about 30 minutes.

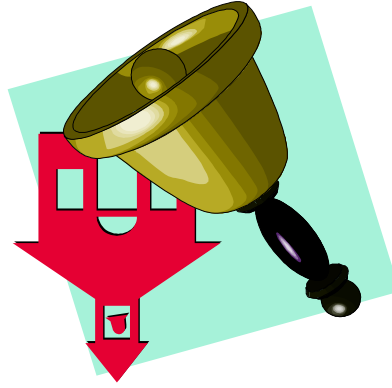
I also visited with **Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf** of the 28th District and **Representative Jim Guest** of the 5th District. In addition, I visited the offices of **Representative Curt Dougherty** of the 53rd District, **Secretary of State Robin Carnahan**, and **Governor Matt Blunt**.

It is always a pleasure to represent St. Joseph PTA Council in Jefferson City.

Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chair

NOTICE FOR PARENTS

COMMUNITY NOTICE



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St. Joseph, MO 64501

