

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Presidents

Corner...

Preparation of this month's article comes at a busy time. It seems everyone is filled with numerous winter activities. As parents, we are hurriedly running to various activities like play practice or basketball games. Our kiddos are well into the second semester of school and preparing for the end of the year testing. PTA Council and units have additional activities such as general meetings, Reflections and the Buchanan County Spelling Bee just to name a few.

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on February 14th at Truman Middle School. The event was very organized and ran smoothly thanks to Karen Heyde Lipanovich and her many volunteers. Karen always does an AWESOME job getting everything ready to go. A big thank you goes out to Karen!!!!

Our Legislative Chairperson, Sharon Kosek continues to be hard at work to bring us monthly Legislative Forums. These forums are held the last Friday of the month at Hillyard Technical Center at 4:15. It is a great opportunity to meet and greet your legislators and find out about the many issues concerning our students, parents and teachers. Please plan to come and let your voice be heard.

April 6 will be our School of Information. Please plan to attend. Workshops will be offered to presidents, membership chairs, treasurers, secretaries and reflections chairs. This is an opportunity for your unit to get information about each position and meet new officers from other units. There are always really neat prizes offered by Joyce Clibon, PTA Council School of Information Chairperson.

We celebrated Founders Day on February 2 at Ramada Inn. It was a wonderful evening. Congratulations to Marlie Williams, our Principal of the Year. We had various awards given out that evening. Lori Prussman, Carla Ewart, Mike Buckler, Steve Huff and Gertie Beaver also received some awesome awards. A special thanks to those of you that worked so hard to make this an outstanding evening. You guys are great!!!!

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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 _____ St. Joseph, MO 64507

Title _____ 816-244-1687
jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Send Bill To: _____ Or at TMC 816-671-4390

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

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 _____

**Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board Treasurer's Report
November 17, 2008 through January 20, 2009**

Beginning Balance as of 11-17-08 **\$19,320.87**

RECEIPTS:

Interest on Checking 1-28-08	3.50	
Interest on Checking 12-31-08	2.88	
Interest on CD 11-19-08	131.93	
Coleman PTA	150.00	
Edison PTA	50.00	
Ellison PTA	50.00	
Eugene Field PTA	50.00	
Hall PTA	25.00	
Hosea PTA	50.00	
Humboldt PTA	150.00	
Lake Contrary PTA	25.00	
Lindbergh PTA	25.00	
Noyes PTA	50.00	
Webster PTA	75.00	
Pershing PTA	50.00	
Pickett PTA	75.00	
Skaith PTA	75.00	
Spring Garden	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$1,088.31	\$1,088.31

DISPURSEMENTS

708 SJSD	300.99	
709 Dr. MT Aldrich	235.00	
710 Bonebrake Vision	95.00	
711 East Ridge Vision	375.00	
712 Fields Eye Site	190.00	
713 Rosenak Optical	491.00	
714 The Spec Shoppe	1,018.00	
715 Tobin Eye Inst	310.00	
716 State Farm	<u>90.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$3,104.99	(\$3,104.99)

Ending Balance as of 11-17-08 **\$17,304.19**

Council Clippings Article Assignments for

April 2009

Articles are due March 10, 2009

<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 2006-2007 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.

When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have a single
bit of talent left, and could say,
"I used everything you gave me".

Erma Bombeck

Presidents Corner

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On April 7 big decisions will be made for our kiddos. Please, please be a positive voice for both items on the ballot. Steve Huff will be furnishing us with information in the very near future concerning this. Remember, our kiddos count on us to make good decisions for them and they need us to help them on April 7. Dr. Smith and her entire staff are working so very hard to get these items passed for our children and we need to join in and help all we can. The St. Joseph PTA Council supports both issues on the ballot with no if, ands or buts about it.

Thanks to each one of you for your dedication to our children. I am so blessed to be involved with a great PTA family. God Bless each one of you.

Peggy Wood, St. Joseph PTA Council President

It's Grade Card Time: Let's See Where We Are

Your Assignment

Throughout the school year I have been sharing some ideas with you about how we can encourage parents and families to be involved in school. I hope that these ideas are finding their way into our schools. Again, I ask that you share some of your family involvement ideas with me at nadiennej@hotmail.com. Your experience could help other schools in our district be successful too.

How Is Your School Doing With The Three For Me Family Involvement Program?

PTA has started this program knowing that even as little as 3 hours a school year can make a difference in how each parent feels. As parents get comfortable with the school, the teachers and staff, they begin to see how they can really help their student succeed. When parents build a relationship with their child's teacher and are comfortable in the school environment they become a real help in education. When students see that their parents are interested in helping their school, interested in investing some time, and sharing in the responsibility of education, they will become better students.

Another Source

National PTA has a program available called Building Family-School Partnerships the PTA Way on their website. Be sure to check out this site, http://www.pta.org/family_school_partnerships.asp for help in making family involvement successful at your school. This program provides resources and tools to help your school improve your family involvement.

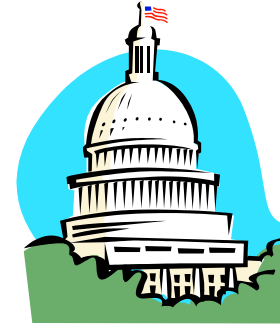
This Is Not Just A Job For One Person

Once a school has decided to reach out and encourage family involvement, everyone needs to be on board. You, as PTA executives, are the support for the faculty and staff at your school. As you plan your year events, please look for new ways to involve new parents. Ask parents how you can improve your programs, so that more parents are willing and able to participate. Smile and let all parents know that their presence in the school is appreciated.

-Nadienne Hoffman
Parent Involvement Coordinator
St. Joseph PTA Council



The Public is Invited to the 2009 Legislative Forums



Friday, February 27, 2009

Friday, March 27, 2009

Friday, April 24, 2009

**The forums are sponsored by
St. Joseph PTA Council and St. Joseph Region MSTA**

Hillyard Technical Center – Room 103
3434 Faraon, St. Joseph, Missouri

4:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Senator Charlie Shields, Representative Ed Wildberger, Representative Dr. Rob Schaaf, Representative Martin Rucker; Chad Higdon, a Field Representative for Congressman Sam Graves; Brook Balentine, a Field Representative for US Senator Claire McCaskill; and Sammy Panettiere, a Field Representative for US Senator Kit Bond, have been invited to participate.

For more information: sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us



Our Children and Our Community are Depending on Us

Tuesday, April 7, is an Important Day for Our SJSJSD

There will be two questions on the April 7 ballot:

- renewal of the **63-cent temporary operating levy** approved in 2004; **this is not an increase, not a new tax.**
- a **22-cent bond issue** that will generate \$45 million of improvements:
- **a new school** at Carden Park to replace Neely & Hall elementary schools (both 100 years old);
- **a new school** in the northeast to address the population shift to that part of town;
- **an addition** at Skaith Elementary to meet future growth;
- **purchase of property** for a future school for the South Side.

Fact The operating levy is used to turn on the lights, hire teachers, buy books and technology – everything needed to run a school. The bond issue – debt service levy - is used for major capital improvements.

Fact The 22 cents to build new schools will cost the owner of a house with a market value of \$100,000 about **\$41.80 a year – or \$3.50 a month** - a modest increase for 21st Century schools.

Fact Prospective employers see **aging buildings as a negative** – the average age of our schools is 70 years; **our newest elementary school is nearly 40 years old.** Hall and Neely are both 100 years old; it's time to retire them.

Fact The \$45 million bond issue will put **hundreds of people to work** for two years as schools are built. The \$45 million will **boost the local economy.** The Board of Education has pledged to keep as many jobs local as possible.

Fact Our community has shifted to the northeast – 300 elementary students live east of the Belt and north of Gene Field **without a neighborhood school.** New housing additions are being built, nearly 150 more kids are coming.

Fact The District can no longer afford 18 elementary schools – we have too many, they are too small, and they are located too close together. **We need to downsize to 16 schools** for more efficient, effective operations.

Fact The District would close Noyes and Webster as schools, but **continue to use** them for other purposes. The Ruth Huston Learning Center would close as a building, but the programs would continue.

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Vote on April 7, 2009



OFFICERS FORM

Important: Our **2009-2010** School Year Mailing List will be compiled from the information on this form.

Please mail this form by **March 31, 2009** with the names of NEW and/or RE-ELECTED officers. DO NOT use the school address for president mailings.

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, 2009. 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

2009/2010 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 mailing address.

Deadline March 31, 2009

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: _____

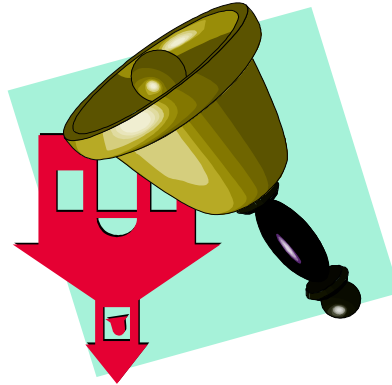
Phone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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COMMUNITY



ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL

St. Joseph PTA Council
c/o Lori Prussman
2504 Ashland ave
St. Joseph, MO 64506

