

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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April 2011



Happy Easter



## Presidents

### Corner...

Spring has finally arrived and how glorious is it. It feels so good to have the sun shine on my face. I'm ready to put away the overcoats and clunky shoes. Here's to sandals and short sleeves ☺.

April is another busy month. We have several events planned for this month. We have our Legislative Forum scheduled for Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Hillyards Room 103, 4:30-5:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to ask your elected officials those burning questions that you have always wished you could.

I would like to thank Robin Redmon for attending the school board meeting with me last month. It was a very informative meeting. We have just two more this school year; sign up to attend at our next Council meeting.

Reflections Award Ceremony is Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Keatley Center. Viewing is from 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm and Awards presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. We will have cookies and punch during viewing. We had over 120 entries this year from 19 schools. We hope to see you there.

Deadline for membership awards is Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. All awards must be postmarked by this date and mailed to State PTA office.

PACT meetings are winding down; we just have two meetings left. This is such an important opportunity for us all. We will be presenting one PTA with a check for \$100.00 after the May PACT meeting. Our attendance award is still going on; the Unit with the most PTA members attending will win this prize to use for their students.

Backpack Buddies Walk-a-thon will take place on Sat., April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Proceeds go to keep this important program going. See the article in this issue for more details.

MO PTA Leadership Conference; Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Sat., April 30<sup>th</sup>. Again this is a great learning experience. I suggest all new officers (and returning) make plans to attend. They have several sessions planned with many different topics to choice from. Deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>. See the article in this issue with more details.

Our next Council meeting will be Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hillyards, Room 103 at 6:30 pm. Please invite your new officers to attend.

You will also find in this issue the application form for the St. Joseph PTA Council Character and Spiritual Leadership Scholarship. This

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## St. Joseph PTA Council Request/confirmation Form For Button Machine

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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  
10489 SE State Rt. A  
St. Joseph, MO 64507  
816-244-1687

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

[jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us)  
Or at TMC 816-671-4390

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

For Council Use Only

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Confirmation

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

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St. Joseph PTA Council  
Reflections Award Ceremony

Beauty is...

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Keatley Center,  
1202 S. 28th Street

Gallery Viewing 6:00 pm

Recognition Ceremony 6:30 pm

Cookies and punch will be served at 6:00

For additional information, please call  
Lori Prussman; 816-232-2125



**Council Clippings Article Assignments for May 2011**

Articles are due April 10, 2011

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u><b>Presidents Report</b></u>         | <input type="checkbox"/> <u><b>Character &amp; Spiritual</b></u>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u><b>Regional Director article</b></u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u><b>Reflections</b></u><br><input type="checkbox"/> <u><b>Ways and means</b></u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u><b>Membership report</b></u>         | <input type="checkbox"/> <u><b>Council Award</b></u>  |

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.

"The fact is, that to do anything in the world worth doing, we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can."

**Robert Cushing**

**Submitted by Jameison Welch**

**Presidents Corner**

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scholarship will be awarded to a graduating 2011-2012 Senior. Applications will be sent to each High School's guidance counselor's office. Applications are due to the counselor's office by Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The student chosen; after meeting the requirements, will receive a \$500.00 scholarship to be used towards their college degree. If you know of anyone with a senior (2011-2012) please let them know about the scholarship.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to our students. Without you we would only be the \_TA. It just doesn't work without the P!!!! You all have done a great job and I wish you much success in all that you do.

God Bless you all.  
Lori Prussman



## Mark your calendars!!

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
TMC; 3401 Renick  
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

We will be holding a training session for elected presidents and treasurers. We will go over...

- “forms”, what do I turn in, to who & when
- how to be a unit in good standing & what does that mean
- sample meeting agenda & treasurer report
- Reflections info
- what is bonding insurance and why do we need it
- bylaws
- membership
- procedure books

and more.

Please plan to attend.

Please RSVP to Lori Prussman,  
[aokmom@hotmail.com](mailto:aokmom@hotmail.com) or call 816-232-2125.

Bring your questions.



St. Joseph PTA Council  
Legislative Forum

Friday, April 8, 2011

Hillyards Tech. Center  
Room 103

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Come and meet your Representatives.

## **PACT**

**Save the dates...**  
**Just two meeting left...**

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Central HS  
Presentation of Draft recommendations  
&

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Benton HS  
Presentation of long range plan recommendations

Please join us from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



**Missouri PTA  
2011 Leadership Conference**

April 29-30, 2011  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Independence, MO

Deadline: April 8, 2011

Many informative workshops!!  
Get a jump start on next year!!  
Training makes all of the difference!!  
Network with others in  
your area and throughout the State.

Hope to see you there!!



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**Just a friendly reminder...**

Now is the time to prepare a budget for next year  
and approve it in May.  
This will assure that your unit will be able to hit the  
ground running in the fall.

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**CONNECT-TOMORROW MENTORING PROGRAM**

**What is mentoring?** Connect-Tomorrow is a program of the St. Joseph School District that pairs caring, responsible adults with children who have been selected by the schools to have a special friend. This program began in 1992 with 8 mentors and has grown to have over 150 mentors.

**What do mentors do?** Mentor volunteers meet with a student to be a listener, encourager, and most importantly, a friend. By having this kind of support outside of the family, a student is more likely to succeed in school and in their lives.

**How much time will it take?** Only one hour a week is required of the mentor, but it is important to show up at the same time on a very regular basis.

**Where do we meet?** The volunteer must meet with the student at the school. All meetings must take place inside the school or on school property.

**Are there any special requirements?** There are very few. The mentor must have a love of children and a desire to improve the lives of the children. Volunteers are also required to fill out an application and to be trained.

**How can I get involved?** Anyone who is interested can call SJSD Volunteer Services at 671-4390 and get an application for more information. The application is also on the SJSD website.

Submitted by Charisse Giseburt; Parent Involvement Chair



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**Reminder...**

Backpack Buddies Walk-a-thon  
Griffon Indoor Sports Complex  
Saturday, April 23th  
Registration is at 10:00 am  
Walk 10:15-10:45 am

Fundraiser to benefit Backpack Buddies program.

Contact Stacy at [sfisher@ourcommunityfoodbank.org](mailto:sfisher@ourcommunityfoodbank.org) to register.

2011-2012  
St. Joseph PTA Council Elected Officers

President: Lisa Little  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Brigitte Lindstrom  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Barb Harris  
 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Charisse Giseburt  
 Rec. Sec.: Lisa Richie  
 Corr. Sec.: Amy Ryan  
 Treasurer: Erin Ivanov  
 Sgt at Arms: Lisa Holmes

Clarence J Carpenter Board  
 Marcia Rippe 3 year term  
 Lori Prussman 3 year term  
 Carol Leivan 1 year term (filling an unexpired term)



**Major Saver Cards are coming!!!**  
**Kick off assemblies have**  
**been scheduled for**  
**April 18, 19, & 20!!**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline to turn in orders!!**

Clarence J Carpenter Board Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance as of 1/18/11 \$9,823.01

RECEIPTS/INCOME:

|                              |            |  |
|------------------------------|------------|--|
| 1/27- HACTS                  | \$3,037.39 |  |
| 1/27 - Humboldt PTA          | \$150.00   |  |
| 1/31 - Interest              | \$2.17     |  |
| 2/10 - HACTS                 | \$31.00    |  |
| 2/10 - Mark Twain & Hyde PTA | \$100.00   |  |
| 2/11 - Council -Founders Day | \$100.00   |  |
| 2/14 - Ellison PTA           | \$50.00    |  |
| 2/28 - Interest              | \$2.22     |  |

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| Total Receipts | \$3,472.78 | \$3,472.78 |
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DISBURSEMENTS:

|                            |          |  |
|----------------------------|----------|--|
| #770- Insight Eye Care     | \$270.00 |  |
| #771 - Fields Eye Site     | \$145.00 |  |
| #772 - Rosenak Optical     | \$320.00 |  |
| #773 - Murphy Watson       | \$338.00 |  |
| #774 - Spec Shoppe         | \$312.00 |  |
| #775 - Tobin Eye Institute | \$350.00 |  |

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| Total Disbursements | \$1,735.00 | \$1,735.00 |
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Ending Balance as of 3/21/11 \$11,560.79

Checking Account Balance as of 3/21/11 \$11,560.79

Bank Midwest CD #4155  
 Beginning Balance 11/15/10 \$10,284.95  
 Interest Paid \$56.41  
 CD Balance as of 3/21/11 \$10,341.36  
 \* cd matures 5/18/11 - rate of 1%

TOTAL CASH ON HAND as of March 21st, 2011 \$21,902.15



## **ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP 2011-2012**

**The St. Joseph PTA Council established this scholarship. The amount of this scholarship is \$500.00. 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 (2011-2012).
2. Must be a member of their high school PTSA for 2011-2012.
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 bi-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; Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May, and one banquet; Feb.)**
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 Friday, May 6, 2011.** Selection will be made by June 2011. Applications will be forwarded to PTA Council Awards chairman; Mary Cargill, by the schools counselor:

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

APPLICANT'S NAME:

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

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

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I plan to be a member of my high school PTSA for the year of 2011-2012. Yes / No

I have been a PTA/PTSA member for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

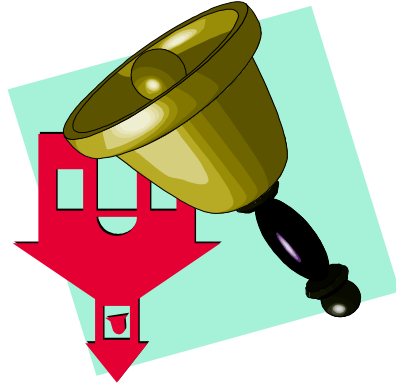
I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

PTA PRESIDENT

ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL



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