

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Happy Easter!



Presidents

Corner...

As the year winds down I find myself reflecting on my first year as St Joseph PTA Council president. It has been a bumpy ride and I feel like I have grown in so many ways. I would like to thank all of the people who started this journey with me. I would also like to share how part of this year has gone. Mostly I want everyone to know that we on the Council are human and have the same issues your units are having and that we are working through them as well.

When I started this year I had a full slate of officers 1st VP Karen Price, 2nd VP Lisa Holmes, 3rd VP Lori Griswold, 4th VP Nici Hayes, Treasurer Shelly Baker, Recording Secretary Tara Shryock, Corresponding Secretary Brigitte Lindstrom and Sargent at Arms Stacey Case. Throughout this year on Council life got in the way. Before the year began Karen Price had to step back due to health issues, soon after Lori Griswold also had some serious health issues that sidelined her. In October, Brigitte had to resign due to an opportunity for her child she could not pass up. In January Tara had to resign because of family health issues and in February Lisa Holmes resigned. I was sad each time and overwhelmed as each of you probably have been with things. Each of these individuals brought a wonderful uniqueness to the table that is unable to be replaced. I understand and appreciate all of them for making the best decision for their families and their own well being.

In PTA the work must continue and continue it has and it will! We have continued and we are getting the business of Advocating for our children done. I would like to thank those people who have stepped forward and filled those positions that were vacated. I would also like to thank each of the units officers whose executive boards and members kept on and got their work done. As each unit is doing so is Council, looking on to the future. With a great slate of officers to work with again this coming year, I can't help be revitalized and refreshed. I know as well that there will be its own set of issues but without those issues your accomplishments would not be as bright! Your rainbows can't happen without rain and when you are in it for our kids every drop of rain is worth it!!!!

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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) Derrick Brewka

Signature _____ St. Joseph, MO 64507

Title _____ 816-390-7287

Send Bill To: _____ j3girlsmom@yahoo.com

_____ **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 _____

Major Saver Kick-Off Assemblies

April 9 - 11

Collection dates
April 24 – May 1

Follow up date

May 2

Cost \$15.00

Example of new card

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Council Clippings Article Assignments for May 2014

Articles are due April 10, 2014

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ <u>Presidents Report</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ <u>Character & Spiritual</u> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ <u>Regional Director article</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ <u>Reflections</u> ❑ <u>Ways and means</u> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ <u>Membership report</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ <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.

"Turn your wounds into wisdom."

-Oprah Winfrey

submitted by Mollie Siemens

Presidents corner continued...

What is ahead for St Joseph Council PTA??? In our immediate future we have Major Savers coming up VERY SOON! We have a REFLECTIONS awards night. We have new officers to train both on Council and in our new units. We have two wonderful PTA units to retire, and two brand new units to open. We also have some units to combine and we look forward to be the most help we possibly can be! If you have any questions please contact me at sjpta@hotmail.com or 816-390-7287 I do work Mon-Fri 8am-5pm but will try to get everyone called back ASAP.

I have truly enjoyed this year and grown immeasurably, the work is not done and I will keep going just as I ask each of you to do. Again Thank YOU to everyone who continues to fight for our CHILDREN!

Joyce Brewka
St Joseph PTA Council President



“Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865);
16th U.S. President



St. Joseph PTA Council
Reflections Award Ceremony

Thursday, April 10, 2014

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
Joyce Brewka; 816-390-7287



St. Joseph PTA Council
Legislative Forum

Friday, April 25, 2014

Hillyards Tech. Center
Room 103

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Come and meet your Representatives.

PTA VOTES!!!
School board
election
April 8th



Your Missouri PTA Board of Managers is hitting the road again in 2014 to bring training to your local area.

This "Training Camp" will:

- Provide important board/officer training
- Travel around the state to be more convenient for our local units
- Train all the members of your local unit's leadership team in the PTA Basics

Pony Express Region Registration Form

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY! Only one person per form. Copy form as needed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Email: _____ **Region:** _____

Unit: _____ **Position:** _____

* Registration opens 30 minutes prior to event

____ Pony Express/Park Hill/April 12th /Park Hill School District Office 7703 NW Barry Rd
 Kansas City/8:45am – 12:30pm

____ Pony Express/St. Joseph/May 8th /Hillyards Tech School, St Joseph /5:15pm -9:00pm

Choose one (1) workshop from each session:

Session #1

____ President

____ Legislation

Session #2

____ Treasurer

____ Bylaws

Session #3

____ Membership

____ Secretary

COST: *only* \$10 per person

Make checks payable to

Missouri PTA

(Return check fee \$10.00)

**Mail to: Missouri PTA
 2101 Burlington St.
 Columbia, MO 65202**

Registration form & payment must be postmarked
 4 days prior to the training camp you choose.

Please contact the MO PTA State Office at 1-800-328-7330 if you have any questions.

Attachment A

GASB # 39 Annual Survey of Financial Support to SJSB from Organizations (e.g. PTA, PTO, Booster Clubs, etc)
*The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement # 39 requires school districts to consider the financial activities of all parent teacher organizations, booster clubs, foundations and other fundraising entities for inclusion in the district's financial statements. In order to determine whether financial information for these groups must be included, it is necessary to gather data regarding the financial activities of these organizations. The following information will enable school district officials and auditors to determine if financial activities of the organization must be included in the annual financial report. This information is needed no later than **May 15, 2014**. Keep in mind that our external auditors who prepare the district's audit may require additional information.*

Name of PTA/Booster Club, etc: _____

Name of School where the organization operates in: _____

1.) What is the activity of your organization (e.g. PTA, Booster Club, etc)?
(e.g. to support local schools by encouraging parental involvement)

2.) What is your organization's (e.g. PTA, Booster Club, etc) Tax ID number? _____

3.) What is the date of your IRS Letter of Determination (attach a copy)?
(e.g. September 1967) _____

4.) What is the total amount of funds in your organization's bank?
As of what date? _____

5.) What is your organization's fiscal year end (Jan to Dec or other)?
From _____ to _____

6.) Does your organization's (e.g. PTA, Booster, Club, etc) gross receipts normally exceed \$25,000 per year?
(IRS defines -gross receipts" as all revenues generated before subtracting any expenses.)

(Circle one) Yes or No

6.a.) If yes to above, did you file a Form 990 and Schedule A with the IRS last year?

(Circle one) Yes or No
Date filed: _____

6.b.) If no, were you exempt from filing this Form 990 and Schedule?

(Circle one) Yes or No

7.) What are the total annual contributions to the school district and/or students? \$ _____

8.) Return a copy of financial statements of the organization, and Form 990, if available.

I confirm that the information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Position in organization
(e.g. PTA, Booster Club, etc)
(e.g. President, Treasurer)

Phone Number

Return to building Principal or Business Office

ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP 2014-2015

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 (2014-2015).
2. Must be a member of their high school PTSA for 2014-2015.
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 Tues, May 20, 2014.** Selection will be made by June 2014. Applications will be forwarded to PTA Council Awards chairman by the schools counselor:

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

APPLICANT'S NAME:

| | | | |
|------|-------|--------|---------------|
| LAST | FIRST | MIDDLE | DATE OF BIRTH |
|------|-------|--------|---------------|

| | | | |
|---------|------|-------|-----|
| ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
|---------|------|-------|-----|

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| TELEPHONE # | PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME |
|-------------|----------------------|

Name and address of high school attended and number of years at that 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 2013-2014. Yes / No

I have been a PTA/PTSA member for _____ years.

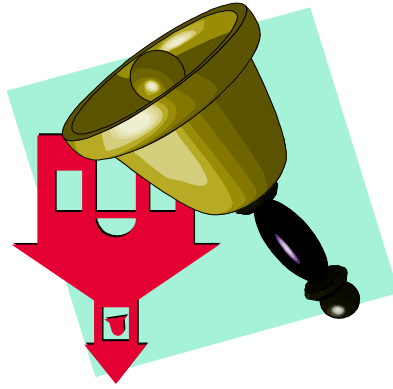
I hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Signature

NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL



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St. Joseph PTA Council
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St. Joseph, MO 64508



