

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Can you believe that another school year has come and gone?? It has gone by so fast. We have had a great year! Thank you to all of the Presidents and treasurers who worked so hard at getting all of the units' information into the Council and into State PTA. It was a lot of work but we got things done!

Just a friendly reminder that our PACT meetings have begun! This community project has gotten off to a great start, but we still need your help. As you know, this is a very expensive project and any help would be greatly appreciated. I would ask that each unit look at their budget and see if there is a way to make a one time donation to see this project through. I would be greatly disappointed if we started this and could not finish. This is so important to the whole community. Please consider a donation to the cause!

In this issue of Clippings you will find an article "end of year checklist". Please take a look and make sure all items are "checked" off. The current treasurer will need to get the financial review done and all the forms filled out. I would suggest that you go ahead and do your IRS filing when your financial review is completed. That way it is done and you won't need to try and remember it later. The forms that need to be filled out and sent in, again I would go ahead and do it now and have it done. If you have any questions please feel free to email or call me.

I would like to thank Brigitte Lindstrom for all of her hard work on the PTA University. We had a nice turnout, though timing was not great for a lot of people. I would also like to thank all of the State PTA ladies who came and did the workshops. There was a lot of great information shared. We will be having another meeting the end of July to get even more information out. Our goal is to get everyone off to a great start before school starts in August. Keep any eye out for an invitation from me this summer!

We have just one Council meeting left; May 3rd at Hillyards. Please invite your unit's new president to come along with you and show them the ropes. It is less intimidating to come to a new venue if you can go with someone else for the first time. Let's make them feel welcome!

I want you to know how much I have truly appreciated all of your help this year. Have a great summer! See you in July!

Continued success!

Lori Prussman

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 _____

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

Title _____

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Send Bill To:

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 Card Sale

See our new card below
Sale runs April 21st - May 3rd

ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAJOR SAVER
PREFERRED CARD

\$10.00



VALID THROUGH 05/01/11



OFFERS VALID ONE TIME ONLY

<p>1 Buy One Entree Get One FREE! (Up to \$6.99)</p> <p>RIB CRIB</p> <p>279-7422</p>	<p>2 Buy One Entree, Get One Appetizer FREE!</p> <p>Carlos O'Kelly's</p> <p>St. Joseph Location</p>	<p>3 Buy Any "Like it Signature Ice Cream," Get One FREE!</p> <p>COLD STONE</p> <p>Shoppes @ North Village</p>	<p>4 Buy One Combo Meal, Get One Sandwich FREE!</p> <p>KFC</p> <p>St. Joseph Locations</p>	<p>5 Buy One King Specialty Pizza, Get a Queen 1-Topping FREE!</p> <p>PIZZA Shoppe</p> <p>233-8484</p>
<p>6 Buy One Reg. Omelet, Get One Denver Omelet FREE!</p> <p>Joe's</p> <p>671-9793</p>	<p>7 Buy One Entree, Get One Baby Bloom FREE!</p> <p>WHISKEY CREEK</p> <p>St. Joseph Location</p>	<p>8 Buy One Large 1-Topping Pizza, Get One FREE! (233-5999)</p> <p>BREADMAN PIZZA</p> <p>4229 Frederick Ave</p>	<p>9 Buy One Entree, Get One Appetizer FREE!</p> <p>5TH STREET</p> <p>Up to \$7.99</p>	<p>10 Buy One Crumbly Burger Meal, Get One Crumbly Burger FREE!</p> <p>CRUMBLY BURGER</p> <p>2701 Frederick</p>
<p>11 Buy One Pasta Meal, Get an Order of Cheesecake FREE!</p> <p>BASIL'S</p> <p>4229 Frederick Ave</p>	<p>12 Buy One Concrete, Get One FREE!</p> <p>Culver's</p> <p>St. Joseph Location</p>	<p>13 Buy One Dinner Entree, Get an Appetizer FREE! (Excludes Combo)</p> <p>THE OLD HOPF & HORN</p> <p>429 Illinois Ave</p>	<p>14 Buy One Game, Get One FREE! (Shoe Rental Not Included)</p> <p>Olympic Lounge</p> <p>St. Joseph, Missouri</p> <p>279-0967</p>	<p>15 Buy One Large Pizza @ Regular Price, Get One FREE!</p> <p>Godfather's Pizza</p> <p>233-4430</p>

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Council Clippings Article Assignments for September 2010

Articles are due August 10, 2010

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Treasurer</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director article</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Membership</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>State Convention Information</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>National Convention</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ways & Means</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Clarence Carpenter Annual 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.

**Poetry is the silence and speech between
a wet struggling root of a flower and a sunlit
blossom of that flower.**

- Carl Sandburg

Submitted by Shelby Hawkins

Thank you Shelby for being our Character and Spiritual Leader for 2009-2010! Best Wishes and God Bless!



National PTA Reacts to Obama Administration's Blueprint for the Reauthorization of ESEA

3/15/2010

The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA®) agrees with the President that “a parent is a child’s first teacher,” and that a shared partnership among parents, students, and educators is essential to improve our nation’s schools.

However, we are deeply concerned that the blueprint contains no comprehensive plan for meaningful family engagement in education. The blueprint, which is aligned to the President’s FY11 budget, signals that the Administration lacks a clear vision and strategy to build capacity of states, districts, and schools to partner with parents and families. The budget proposes the elimination of the sole federal program dedicated to family engagement, and the ESEA blueprint removes essential mechanisms for engaging parents in the education of their children. The blueprint limits parent engagement to afterschool programs and programs administered by the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools – programs that already require parent involvement under the current law. Engaging parents in decision-making and school reforms is essential to all school turnaround strategies.

The research is clear—school and community-based family engagement is critical to student success. Without parents, we cannot close the achievement gap or implement effective education reforms. National PTA will work to ensure that family engagement is a cross-cutting priority in the reauthorization of ESEA.

About National PTA

National PTA® comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

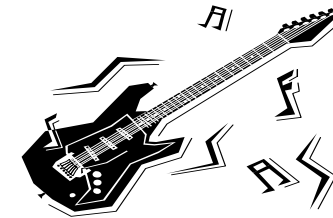
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2010 National PTA Convention

114th Annual National PTA Convention
Thursday, June 10-Sunday, June 13, 2010

Memphis Cook Convention Center
Memphis, Tennessee

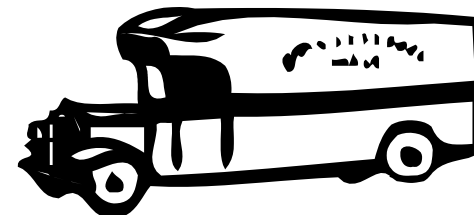
Join thousands of parents, teachers, students, and leaders who come to national convention each year to enhance their skills, connections, and success!



MO State PTA Has moved!

Please note the correct mailing address...

**MO PTA
2101 Burlington Street
Columbia, MO 65202**



Procedure books!

Each unit should have in place procedure books. They are essential to make your unit run smoothly. Having everyone on the same page will make a world of difference.

What should be included in a procedure book?

The basic sections should be.....

- First each should have a copy of “The Purposes of the Parent Teacher Association” and the “Mission Statement of the Parent Teacher Association” . This can be found in your tool kit that the state office will send out.
- Next should be a copy of your roster (officers list) including chairman. Please include names, numbers and email addresses for all of these people.
- Next should be your budget for the year. This should include all line items (Salute to school, Founders Day, Principals Day, etc.). At a glance you will have all of your financial numbers.
- Next a working calendar for the year. Makes planning a breeze if you have all of your dates sets before school starts.
- Next your current bylaws. These need to be updated every three years. The state office will have a list of when to renew and make updates.
- Next a section for your meeting agenda’s. It is good to have them on hand in case you need to go back and verify a task.
- Next a section for your meeting minutes. Again, a good thing to have on hand in case a question arises and you have them to refresh everyone’s memories.
- Next a section of your treasurer’s reports. Always good to have to keep track of spending.
- Presidents, I suggest you include your tool kit (supplied by the state office). This will contain valuable information you will need. Make copies of sections and distribute them to appropriate officers or chairman, but keep a complete copy for your records. This will help keep a handle on things if a copy is lost; you have an original to fall back on.

Submitted by Lori Prussman

Treasurer check list....

- Get 2010-2011 Budget approved
- Complete the Annual Survey of Financial Support to SJSD; a copy needs to be sent to PTA Council as well as Downtown
- Pay all end of year bills & close out books
- Prepare for financial review
- Once financial review is done; complete Financial Review form and the Annual Report form; copies must be sent to State PTA and PTA Council
- File IRS form (990N or other); confirmation must be sent to State PTA and PTA Council
- Make sure procedure book is updated
- Turn books in asap to the president so they can give them to the new treasurer
- Change signatures on checking account (have three signatures on signature card and always two signatures on checks)

End of the Year Check List

- ✓ Meet with your principal and schedule your event calendar; meeting dates, picture day, fundraiser, etc.
- ✓ New executive board will need to appoint chairman for committees.
- ✓ Collect and update procedure books or start new ones. These hold valuable information to help your unit run smoothly.
- ✓ Check your bylaws; when is your expiration date? Do you need to work on this over the Summer? Do you need to set a committee to update before school starts in the Fall? Bylaws must be up to date so that you will remain in good standings with the State and Council.
- ✓ Send officers to National Convention.
- ✓ Have a summer planning session, so you can have a jump on next year. Ask Council or State officers to assist with any questions you may have.

Submitted by Lori Prussman

St. Joseph PTA Council Proposed Budget 2010-2011

Activity	Budget 09-10	Actual as of 4/5/10	Budget 10-11	
INCOME				
Beginning Balance	36963.01	36963.01	17000	*1
All Day Skates	700.00	1371.00	700	
Council Dues	690.00	690	690	
Summer Skates	1500.00	1965.00	1500	
Amount collected	1500.00		1500.00	
Amount Donated to Carpenter Fund	1500.00		1500.00	
Council Profit	0.00		0.00	
Major Savers	50000.00		50000	
Amount collected	50000.00		50000	
Amount Paid to Units	25000.00		25000	
Council Profit	25000.00		25000.00	
Miscellaneous/Button Machine	0.00	248.85	0.00	
Total Income	63353.01	39272.86	43390.00	
EXPENSES				
Council Projects				
American Education Week	100.00		100	
Founder's Day	3000.00	1724.8	3000	
Grants	9200.00	11500	11500	
Reflections	500.00	77.21	500	
Salute to Schools	350.00		350	
School of Information	650.00	101.29	650	
Spelling Bee	200.00	90	200	
Subtotal Council Projects	14000	13493.3	16300	
Organization				
Bylaws	20.00		20	
Character and Spiritual	500.00		500	
Legislation	600.00	5.47	600	
Membership	700.00		700	
Ways and Means	50.00		50	
Subtotal Organization	1870.00	5.47	1870.00	
Promotions				
Awards	1500.00	1396.4	1500	
Council Clippings	250.00	208.19	250	
Other Publications	50.00	31	50	
Our Children - Contact				
Magazines	100.00	100	150	
Parent Involvement	200.00	150	200	
Subtotal Promotions	2100.00	1885.59	2150.00	
Officers				
President	350.00	233.66	350.00	
1st Vice	50.00	19.98	50.00	
Recording Secretary	20.00		20.00	
Correspondence Secretary	200.00	78.64	200.00	
Treasurer	30.00	18.23	30.00	
Sgt. At arms	400.00	323.47	400.00	
Subtotal Officers	1050.00	673.98	1050.00	

Supplies				
	Office Supplies	100.00	93.76	100.00
	Postage	75.00	47.44	75.00
	Printing	50.00		50.00
	Procedure Books	50.00		50.00
	Website Fees			100.00
Subtotal Supplies		275.00	141.20	375.00
Conventions				
	National Convention	2000.00		2000.00
	State Convention	1000.00	519.30	1000.00
	MO PTA Workshop	500.00	75.00	500.00
	Special Workshop	100.00	36.40	100.00
	Leadership St. Joseph			500.00 *2
Subtotal Conventions		3600.00	630.70	4100.00
Contributions				
	Allied Arts Council	100.00		100.00
	Backpack Buddies	200.00	200.00	200.00
	New Teacher Luncheon	200.00		200
	Performing Arts (children)	100.00		100
	Safety Town	100.00		100
	SJSD Board Recognition	350.00	269.98	350
	SJSD Foundation			1000 *3
	Misc. Contributions			400 *4
Subtotal Contributions		1050.00	469.98	2450.00
Other				
	Accounting Costs	500.00		500.00
	Button Machine	200.00	224.50	200.00
	Distinguished Life Award	125.00		125.00
	Installation of Officers	30.00		30.00
	Liability/ Bond Insurance	200.00	146.25	200.00
	Misc. Expenses	500.00	447.92	500.00
	Missouri PTA Dues	25.00	25.00	25.00
	School Board Luncheon	350.00		350.00
	Yearbook	50.00		50.00
Subtotal Other		1980.00	843.67	1980.00
Total Expenses		25925.00	18143.89	30275.00

*1 - will change to reflect year end balance closer to the end of the year.

*2 - this will be \$1,000 the following year

*3 - this amount is dedicated to Long Range Planning

*4 - for one time events (example: Kits for Haiti)

Notes:

3 categories were added:

Website Fees - to maintain the website we are starting

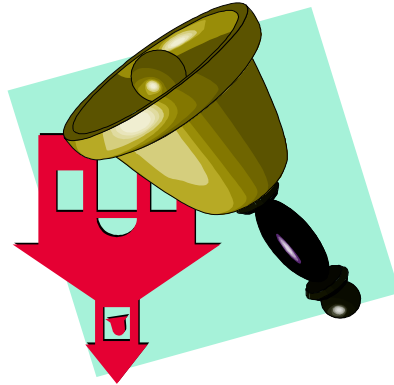
Leadership St. Joseph

SJSD Foundation

Contributions:

We deleted contributions that have not been made/ nor funds requested over the past several years. We inserted a misc. to cover any other worthy causes as needed.

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