

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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*Presidents*

*Corner...Deb Conrad*

Spring is here and summer is right around the block. Although this is our final PTA Council Clippings of the year, it is not time to completely forget about your PTA. Instead, think of this break as a time to organize and brainstorm for next year. Sometimes, our best ideas come when we least expect it – at the baseball field, pool or a picnic.

Before you leave for the summer there are a few housekeeping items to remember. First, if you haven't turned in a list of officers to Council and the State office, please do so. This will ensure that your unit gets important information. Secondly, be sure you have the audit of your books lined up and a transition for your new officers planned. This needs to be done prior to your 2007-08 officers taking over, so that everyone understands their responsibilities and your financial status is in order. Finally, Sit down with your principal and outline your unit's events for next year.

Over the summer, don't totally shut off your PTA brain. This is a great time to replenish your stock of ideas for such projects as membership, programs and fundraising. Review the PTA purposes, your bylaws, and procedures. Make sure all new officers have a copy to review. Plan a meeting in August to review or devise a plan of work for your PTA for the 2007-08 school year. These steps will help you be more prepared and less stressed when school begins.

It is April again, which means it is time for our annual value cards to be sold throughout the district. This year the card will be sold April 23 – May 4. The card will have an exciting new look with many valuable vendors. We hope you enjoy the card. Remember to thank each person who purchases a card and those vendors that are on the card. Together they make this a successful project for the St. Joseph PTA Council and our individual PTA units. We will also be offering summer skate passes in conjunction with B&J Skate Center. This is a great cool summer activity for your children.

The Saint Joseph PTA Council would like to again recognize all of the reflections winners and participants. The winners from each school were recognized at a recent Reflection Reception at the Keatley Center. Saint Joseph was well represented at the state level with entries from most of our schools and winner in various categories. Several first place winners now advance to the National PTA Reflections competition.

Finally, I would like to bid the entire Saint Joseph PTA family farewell as my term as your president ends. The council remains in excellent hands under the direction of Mrs. Peggy Wood. Congratulations on a great PTA year and good luck beginning the 2007-08 school year! Have a safe and restful summer. We look forward to seeing you all again in August.

**The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board** would like to thank all of the schools that made a donation to our organization. It is these donations that allow us to continue helping the students of the St. Joseph School District with gaining eye care when there is no other resources for them. We have helped numerous students in years past and with your continued support we will help many, many more.

**Please consider a line item in your budget for next year to help us continue this most needed program.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Lori Prussman  
Corresponding Secretary  
Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board

## Council Clippings Article Assignments for September 2007

Articles are due August 10, 2007

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

# St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Report – May 2007

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## Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6-12



During the week of May 6–12, PTAs across the nation will be celebrating their teachers and school staff during the annual PTA Teacher Appreciation Week. As a parent, you see the difference teachers make in your child's life. Take time during Teacher Appreciation Week to join in the celebration.

There are lots of ways to get involved. You can help plan a meal for the teachers and staff, decorate the teachers' doors with artwork by students, or send them personal thank-you notes. Val Young, a PTA local unit president and teacher at Ashley Elementary says, "When we get thank-you notes from the students and the parents, it is priceless."

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## SJSD Educational Leaders to Retire

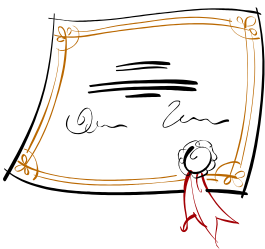
The St. Joseph School District will be losing many great educational leaders to retirement this year. Those leaders include Principal Ann Weston, whose reception is Tuesday, May 8, 4-6 p.m., at the Brookdale Presbyterian Church. Others retiring include Judy Payne and Beverly Stouffer from Hall; Bob Bradshaw, Marilyn Selkirk, Louise Untiedt, Joan Renee Voltmer from Benton; and Linda Kinder, Edison; and Shirley Lawrence, Pickett. For additional information about their receptions, please see the SJSD website at <http://web.sjds.k12.mo.us/> then see 2007 Retirement Receptions. Please recognize these leaders by attending their receptions and tell them "thank you" for their many years of dedication to our children.

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## Plan to Attend the 2007 PTA National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri and the First-Ever Parents Expo

Great ideas abound for parents at the first-ever Parents Expo. This event will be held Saturday, June 30, 8 a.m.–3 p.m., in conjunction with the 111th annual PTA National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Local community groups and parents will learn about PTA resources and our work on behalf of all children and families. Expo attendees also will have the opportunity to interact with more than 200 vendors offering school-related products. This may be your best opportunity to have the chance to attend a National PTA Convention. Please make plans for your unit to gain from this outstanding event—June 28 to July 1, 2007.

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## Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification

The Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence Certification program provides schools with tools to assess and enhance their commitment to parent involvement based on PTA's National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs. After completing the assessment process and submitting an application, schools that meet the parent involvement standards and provide supporting documentation become certified as Parent Involvement Schools of Excellence. Others can use the assessment process to develop a blueprint for improving the parent involvement practices and policies in their schools. For more information, email the National PTA at [info@pta.org](mailto:info@pta.org).

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Sharon G. Kosek, Legislative Chair

# Clarence J. Carpenter Board Treasurer report

**Beginning Balance as of  
1/22/07**

**\$18,668.88**

**RECEIPTS/INCOME:**

Donations	\$150.00
Interest	\$2.26
Donations	\$569.20
Donations	\$1,440.74
Donations	\$100.00
Interest	\$2.29

**Total Receipts** \$2,264.49

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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

CK#656- Tobin Eye	\$351.90
CK#657- Spec Shoppe	\$690.00
CK#658- Rosenake Optical	\$280.00
CK#659- Field's Eye Site	\$295.00
CK#660- East Ridge Vision	\$185.00
CK#661- Aldrich	\$65.00
CK#662- Bonebrake Vision	\$80.00

**Total Disbursements** \$1,946.90

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**Ending Balance as of 3/19/07**

**\$18,986.47**

**Balance Comprised of:**

Bank Midwest Checking Acct.	\$4,834.12
Bank Midwest CD #7986	\$6,055.70
Bank Midwest CD #1590	\$8,096.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,986.47</b>



**Congratulations class of 2007**  
May all of your hopes and  
dreams come true

## St. Joseph PTA Council Proposed Budget 2007-2008

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET 2006/07</u>	<u>ACTUAL as of 3-21-07</u>	<u>BUDGET 2007/08</u>
All Day Skate	1,000.00		1,000.00
Council Dues	750.00	750.00	750.00
Summer Skate	200.00	0.00	200.00
Fundraiser Cards	23,000.00	2,996.90 *	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$26,750.00</b>		<b>21,950.00</b>
 <u>EXPENSES</u> 			
<u>Council Projects</u>			
American Education Week	100.00	7.12	100.00
Founder's Day	2,600.00	2,578.70 *	2,800.00
Grants	17,500.00	17,500.00	0.00
One-Time Semester Grants		20,000.00	NA
Reflections	500.00	106.60	500.00
Salute to Schools	350.00	275.24	350.00
School of Information	650.00	0.00 *	650.00
Spelling Bee	175.00	87.71	200.00
<b>#1 Total Council Projects</b>	<b>\$21,875.00</b>		<b>4,600.00</b>
<u>Organization</u>			
Bylaws	20.00	0.00	20.00
Character & Spiritual	500.00	0.00 *	500.00
Legislation	450.00	275.00	450.00
Membership	700.00	0.00 *	700.00
Ways & Means	250.00	0.00	250.00
<b>#2 Total Organization</b>	<b>\$1,920.00</b>		<b>1,920.00</b>
<u>Promotion</u>			
Awards	300.00	139.75 *	300.00
Founder's Day Awards	700.00	599.80	700.00
Council Clippings	250.00	98.94 *	250.00
Other Publications	50.00	0.00	50.00
Our Children- Contact			
Magazine	100.00	90.00	100.00
Parent Involvement	400.00	0.00	400.00
<b>#3 Total Promotion</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>		<b>1,800.00</b>
<u>Officers</u>			
President	350.00	109.43	350.00
1st Vice	50.00	50.00	50.00
Recording Secretary	20.00	0.00	20.00
Correspondence Secretary	200.00	36.24	200.00
Treasurer	30.00	19.35	30.00
Sgt at Arms	125.00	67.57	125.00
<b>#4 Total Officers</b>	<b>\$775.00</b>		<b>775.00</b>

<u>Supplies</u>			
Office Supplies	75.00	0.00	75.00
Postage	50.00	37.80	50.00
Printing	50.00	0.00	50.00
Procedure Books	50.00	0.00	50.00
<b>#5 Total supplies</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>		<b>225.00</b>
<u>Conventions</u>			
National Convention	1,500.00	0.00 *	1,500.00
State Convention	800.00	758.91	900.00
MO PTA Workshop	500.00	0.00	500.00
Special Workshop	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>#6 Total Conventions</b>	<b>\$2,900.00</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>
<u>Contributions</u>			
Cotillion	100.00	100.00	100.00
Backpack Buddies	75.00	75.00	75.00
Allied Arts Council	75.00	75.00	75.00
Jr. Deputy	75.00	75.00	75.00
Nat'l Fire Safety	75.00	75.00	75.00
Safety Town	75.00	75.00	75.00
Performing Arts(Children's)	75.00	75.00	75.00
Project Graduation	100.00	*	100.00
SJSD Board Recognition	200.00	166.33	200.00
<b>#7 Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>		<b>850.00</b>
<u>Other</u>			
Accounting Costs	400.00	125.00	400.00
Installation of Officers	30.00	0.00 *	30.00
Distinguished Life Award	100.00	0.00	100.00
Misc Expense	200.00	90.00	200.00
SJSD Employee Reception	100.00	0.00 *	100.00
Treasurer's Bond	100.00	90.00	100.00
Yearbook	50.00	0.00	50.00
<b>#8 Total Other</b>	<b>\$980.00</b>		<b>980.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$31,325.00</b>		<b>14,150.00</b>

**Button Machine Account** 467.14

**Future Bond & Levy Public relations** 9,993.25

**Certificate of Deposit**

**Money Market Account** 19,440.35

\* Items still need to be paid before the end of year.

# Davis-Langemach-Kosek PTA Council Award of Excellence

## Background

The “Davis-Langemach-Kosek 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. This award is also in honor of Mrs. Sharon Kosek who is a past St. Joseph PTA Council President and Legislative chair.

## Determination of Winner

The administrator, teacher, staff member, or volunteer 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.**

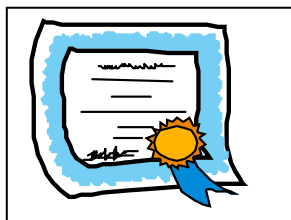
An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

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 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:



**Angie Davies**

PTA Council Awards

4703 Huntsboro Ct.

St. Joseph, MO 64506

[angieiscooking@yahoo.com](mailto:angieiscooking@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your interest.

DAVIS-LANGEMACH-KOSEK 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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Send Bill To:  
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Make Checks Payable to: *ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL*  
Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council  
PO Box 1271  
St. Joseph, MO 64501

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For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for  
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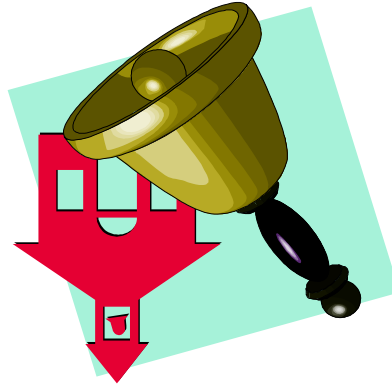
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