

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Joyce Brewka,
Council President

Wow!!! The Holiday Season is upon us! Did that go fast for you to?? St Joseph PTA Council would love to wish each and everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

Now down to the work. We are fast approaching the mid point of the year which means several things!

1. If you have not already done it BE SURE to get in your 2 membership cards and your Council Dues so you can be eligible for awards and grants from the SJPTA
2. Each unit should be looking for their nominating committees.
3. Make sure you are a UNIT IN GOOD STANDING reflections are due and unless your unit is in good standing the state will not be able to entertain what your youth is contributing!
4. Big plans are in the works for Founders Day keep your eyes open!!!!
5. Founders Day plans means that we are approaching Deadlines for the AWARDS that St. Joseph PTA Council will be giving out this year!
6. Founders Day also means we are approaching deadlines for the grants that PTA wants to award your unit with so be thinking about those and getting the applications filled out. Remember your unit must have sold 50 major saver cards or more!!

Remember I enjoy hearing the wonderful things going on at your units please contact me so I can celebrate with you! I would also love to hear from schools during our meetings about those things! Together we can make the St Joseph School District a much celebrated and educated place for our children!!!

I heard this the other day and wanted to share with you: "We are not nor have we ever been in competition with one another. We want every child to have what every child deserves. The more we share our great ideas and even our failures the more each child GAINS." Please let us continue to come together, work together, teach one another and labor for those we Love!

I can always be reached at sjpta@hotmail.com and all of our award applications and grant applications can be found at www.stjoepta.org

Joyce Brewka; St. Joseph PTA Council

Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board of Trustees Annual Report 2013-2014

The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund was established by the St. Joseph Parent Teacher Association in 1937 in memory of Clarence J. Carpenter, former principal of Neely Elementary School and principal of Bliss Junior High School at the time of his death. A volunteer board of 12 members manages the fund – the St. Joseph PTA Council elects 9 and the Council President and Coordinator of Health Service also serves on the board. The Superintendent of Schools is an advisor to the Board. We currently have 1 Honorary Trustees: Mrs. Sandy Frazer. We lost a beloved trustee this year, Mrs. Robert (Gertie) Beaver passed away this year. Mrs. William Mooney, Jr. resigned her trustee position.

The Board meets in September, November, January, March, and May.

Officers of 2013-2014 were Lori Prussman - Chairman, Marcia Rippe - Vice-chair, Barb Harris - Recording secretary, Heather Weddle - Corresponding secretary, and Lisa Little - Treasurer.

This year a total of 59 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this care was \$5,944.50.

There were no dental bills presented this year.

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2014 CAMPAIGN received \$4,301.30 in donations. This was our biggest year to date.

Barb Harris, CC Board Recording Secretary, was honored at the Founder's Day Dinner for her years on the CC Board. The St. Joseph PTA Council made a donation to the Carpenter Fund, in her honor.

At the May meeting a budget of \$7,718.00 was approved. New officers elected for the coming year are: Lori Prussman - Chair, Sherri Manville - Vice-chair, Crissy O'Daniell - Recording secretary, Heather Weddle- Corresponding secretary, and Lisa Little- Treasurer.

The Board wishes to thank all the units and individuals for the donations they have made to make it another successful year for the Board to give eye and dental care to the students of the St. Joseph School District.

Submitted by Lori Prussman



PTA Council Dues

Are now Overdue

Please remit as soon as possible

MO PTA Annual Meeting

April 17 & 18

Independence, MO

Registration fee

Adults \$85

Students \$50

Salute To Schools

January is Salute to Schools month.

Jackie Grimwood, 2nd VP will be bringing treats to SJSD personnel who do not have a PTA in their building.

How does your unit celebrate?

Is Joyce Brewka a member of your unit yet?
If not please contact her asap!



Clarence J Carpenter Memorial Fund Board
donations can be mailed to:

Lisa Little

3020 Kathleen Ave, St. Joseph MO 64506

Thank you in advance for your continued support!!!



Plan of Works Council Clippings

My plan is to obtain all information for Clippings by the 15th of each month since we will not be printing hard copies any longer. My goal is to have Clippings uploaded to the website; www.stjoepta.org, the last week of each month or at the latest the first week of the month.

I will also prepare an email with link to Corresponding Secretary of Clippings so that it can be emailed to everyone as well.

I will also keep the website and Yearbook updated.

Clippings Chair
Lori Prussman

Mark your calendars

PTA Council Meetings

Meetings will be held at TMC

General meetings begin at 7:00 pm

December 1, Monday

January 6th, Tuesday

March 2nd, Monday

April 6th, Monday

May 4th, Monday



Council Clippings Article Assignments for January

Articles are due December 15, 2014

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Founders Day</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Awards</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director article</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</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.

BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Saturday, February 14, 2015, may seem far in the distance, but it will be here before we know it. For the schools enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee by the October 15, 2014, deadline, access is available online to all the information needed to insure that their spelling champions are eligible to move up to the county level. I have contacted each school with information about the bee and the official enrollment forms for their spellers.

Again this year we will have the simultaneous spell-offs for the elementary level in the boys' gym and the middle level in the girls' gym at Truman Middle School. To determine the top two finalists to the regional bee, a spell-off with the five finalists from both the elementary and middle school divisions will take place. These ten finalists will compete for the 1st and 2nd place trophies and the opportunity to represent Buchanan County at the regional bee.

Registration of the qualifying spelling participants for the bee is at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, February 14, 2015, with the bee following immediately at 1:00 P.M. As always, the bee is held at Truman Middle School, 3227 Olive, St. Joseph, Missouri. I would like to thank the Truman staff and Principal, Jason Callaway, in advance for allowing us to once again use their facility.

As always, if you have questions or comments in regards to the bee, please contact me at karenheyde@yahoo.com or 816-279-9290.

Respectfully,
Karen Heyde-Lipanovich
Coordinator, Buchanan County
Spelling Bee

Unit in Good Standing...

To be a unit in good standing with the State PTA you must...

- Submit your financial review by Dec. 1
- Submit your annual report by Dec. 1
- Submit your IRS tax confirmation by Dec. 1
- Submit membership monthly
- Bylaws must be current (no need to submit a copy if current)
- New Officers list must be submitted by March 31st each year

HARDSHIPS OFTEN
PREPARE ORDINARY
PEOPLE FOR AN
EXTRAORDINARY
DESTINY...



**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: Derrick Brewka

Signature _____

806 South 38th

St. Joseph, MO 64507

816-390-7287

j3girlsmom@yahoo.com

Title _____

Title _____

Send Bill To:

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

Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council

PO Box 8716

St. Joseph, MO 64508-8716

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 _____

TREASURER'S REPORT
 Clarence Carpenter Memorial Fund Board
 15-Sep-14

BALANCE ON HAND **June 30, 2014** **\$ 7,289.85**

Receipts:

School PTA Donations		
Council/Other Donations		
Memorial Donations	480.00	
Interest Income (checking)	0.60	
Help a Child to See		
Miscellaneous		
Total Receipts		480.60
TOTAL		\$ 7,770.45

Disbursements:

Vision Expenses		
Dental Expenses		
Secretarial Expenses		
Gifts to SJSD		
Postage		
Treasurer's Expense		
Help a Child to See Expense		
Insurance Bond for Treasurer		
Miscellaneous		
Total Disbursements:		-
TOTAL BALANCE	September 15, 2014	\$ 7,770.45

MONEY MARKET ACCT #7625

Beginning Balance 6/30/14	\$ 10,472.32	
Interest Paid	\$ 2.67	
Ending Balance 9/15/2014	\$ 10,474.99	\$ 10,474.99

TOTAL FUNDS FOR CC BOARD **\$ 18,245.44**

TREASURER'S REPORT
 Clarence Carpenter Memorial Fund Board
 17-Nov-14

BALANCE ON HAND **September 15, 2014** **\$ 7,780.45**

Receipts:

School PTA Donations	695.00	
Council/Other Donations		
Memorial Donations	30.00	
Interest Income (checking)	0.63	
Help a Child to See		
Miscellaneous		
Total Receipts		725.63
TOTAL		\$ 8,506.08

Disbursements:

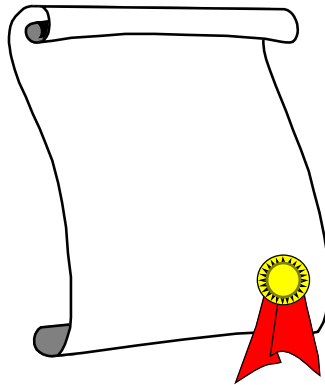
Vision Expenses	45.00	
Dental Expenses		
Secretarial Expenses		
Gifts to SJSJ	1660.09	
Postage		
Treasurer's Expense		
Help a Child to See Expense		
Insurance Bond for Treasurer	90.00	
Miscellaneous		
Total Disbursements:		1,795.09

TOTAL BALANCE **November 17, 2014** **\$ 6,710.99**

MONEY MARKET ACCT #7625

Beginning Balance 9/15/14	\$	10,474.99			
Interest Paid	\$	2.67			
Ending Balance 9/15/2014	\$	10,477.66	\$	10,477.66	

TOTAL FUNDS FOR CC BOARD \$ 17,188.65



THE ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AWARD

Our school principals provide a great deal of leadership for the children, their families, staff, teachers, other principals of the St. Joseph School District, and our community. They deserve recognition for their dedicated efforts.

The St. Joseph PTA Council (since 1994-95 school year) will honor one outstanding St. Joseph School District principal at the annual Founder's Day Banquet.

The principal must be nominated by a member of his or her PTA/PTSA unit and should be an exemplary individual for his/her peers.

The principal should actively encourage PTA/PTSA leaders in his or her school; use creativity in working with the school's unit; encourage PTA/PTSA membership; attend PTA/PTSA functions; encourage teachers and staff members from his or her school to be members of PTA/PTSA as well as encourage them to attend PTA/PTSA functions; and work for the overall betterment of PTA/PTSA. First year principals are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination forms for this award, **MUST** be received by the St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chairman **NO LATER THAN January 15, 2015!!** Please only one nomination per principal.

Nominations are to be sent to: **Shablix Jones, PTA Council Awards Chair**
5124 Miller Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505
shablixjones@yahoo.com

Only the Award Winner will be announced at the PTA Founder's Day Banquet. He or she will receive a prestigious, engraved PTA Medallion Award and a financial stipend for his or her outstanding leadership in PTA/PTSA. The individual's name will also be put on display in the School Board Room of the St. Joseph School District. ***Please feel free to use additional page for answers**

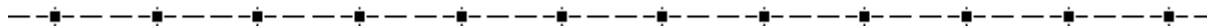
**St. Joseph PTA Council
Outstanding Principal Of The Year Nomination Form**

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Home Address: _____

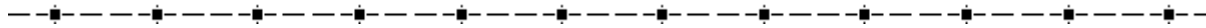
Nominator's Work Phone: _____

Nominator's Home Phone: _____



Principal's Name: _____ School: _____

Principal's Position in the PTA/PTSA: _____



How my principal encourages individuals to become PTA/PTSA members and how my principal encourages individuals to attend PTA/PTSA activities:

Please list and explain **THREE** great ideas or things your principal has done at your school during this school year:

St. Joseph PTA Council
Outstanding PTA Unit Award

In our continuing effort to recognize outstanding things going on in our Council, we have created a new award. The “Outstanding PTA Unit” award is to honor a PTA unit for their ongoing efforts to strengthen their school community by developing building cohesiveness through team building. As membership growth is a very important component to a thriving unit we felt this should be recognized and celebrated.

The Outstanding PTA Unit award will be presented at the Founders Day Banquet.

We are asking principals to nominate their unit for all the hard work and dedication that their executive board has exhibited in their ongoing efforts to strengthen their PTA.

Nomination forms for this award must be received by the St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chairman **NO LATER THAN January 15, 2015!!**

Nominations are to be sent to: **Shablix Jones, PTA Council Awards Chair**
5124 Miller Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505
shablixjones@yahoo.com

The award winning unit will have the honor of hanging a traveling trophy in their school until next year’s winner is selected. Each board member will be recognized with a certificate of appreciation.

Please feel free to use additional page for answers.

The St. Joseph PTA Council
Outstanding Unit Award Nomination Form

Nominator's name: _____

Nominator's email: _____

Unit name and Executive board members names: _____

Please list three great activities OR one outstanding program that your PTA or PTSA has done at your school.

Please share your PTA/PTSA's ongoing efforts to build membership, outstanding membership campaign.

Please share how your PTA/PTSA is working on increasing student involvement and building cohesiveness between parents, staff and administration.

*The St. Joseph PTA Council
Lifetime PTA Leadership Award*

The Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award

Background:

In order to keep the National PTA organization financially strong for generations to come, the National PTA started a Foundation.

At the 2005 National PTA Convention, the first National PTA Foundation Breakfast was held. This activity helped to initiate the idea of making gifts to the National PTA Foundation to keep PTA a strong organization for the future. Please see www.pta.org for additional information about the foundation.

The Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award is named after Dr. Colgan because of his strong support and positive relationship with the St. Joseph PTA Council, its units, and members as well as the Missouri PTA. Dr. Dan Colgan has been a model for superintendents across Missouri as a caring and passionate supporter of all children and PTA.

Dr. Colgan has served as the Superintendent of School District of St. Joseph for 13 years. During that time, he has successfully passed much needed levies and a bond issue, befriended thousands of St. Joseph residents, and given of his heart and soul to the children for whom he has been devoted.

Award Information:

The Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award, which is sponsored by the St. Joseph PTA Council, will donate \$250 each year to the National PTA Foundation in the name of a PTA leader who has given a lifetime of enthusiastic dedication to PTA.

Any PTA member may make a nomination for the Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award. Nominations are due January 15, 2015 to **Shablix Jones, PTA Council Awards Chair**, 5124 Miller Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505. shablixjones@yahoo.com

The St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chair with the St. Joseph PTA Council Executive Officers Board making the decision as to the award winner. The presentation will be made at the Founders' Day Banquet. The winner will be presented an award as a keepsake. The first presentation was made at the 2006 Founders' Day Banquet.

Davis-Langemach PTA Council Award of Excellence

Background

The “Davis-Langemach 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.

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.)

This honoree will be presented an award at the annual Founder’s Day Celebration.

Deadline

All nominations must be sent to St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chair no later than January 15, 2015.

Please mail nominations to

Shablix Jones, PTA Council Awards Chair
5124 Miller Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505
shablixjones@yahoo.com



Thank you for your participation.

DAVIS-LANGEMACH PTA COUNCIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

SCHOOL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

NAME OF NOMINATOR _____

SCHOOL _____ PHONE _____

MY NOMINEE HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE BY.....

(Please use back of page if necessary.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE

St. Joseph PTA Council Outstanding Volunteer Award

Background

This award is to recognize the outstanding volunteers who give of their time to help make a difference at their school. Please help us to show our appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication. These outstanding volunteers are to be honored annually at the Founder's Day Celebration to be held each February.

Determination of Winner

A nomination from each of the 23 school principals is requested.

These outstanding volunteers will be presented an award at the Founder's Day Celebration, February, 2015.

Be sure to invite your nominee to the Founder's Day Dinner and include them in your PTA/PTSA reservations. Your unit should pay for your volunteer to attend.

Deadline

All nominations must be sent to St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chair no later than January 15, 2015.

Please mail nominations to:

Shablix Jones, PTA Council Awards Chair
5124 Miller Road, St. Joseph, MO 64505
shablixjones@yahoo.com



Thank you for your participation.

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