

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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It's not too late to register!!!

2018 MOKAN Convention

Join us April 27th – 29th, 2018 in
Independence, MO for Convention!



Deadlines are fast approaching!

- Hotel reservations March 28th (Stoney Creek, Independence)
- Early bird registration 4/1 \$50.00 (adult)
- Registration 4/2 \$70.00 (adult)

For more details visit www.mopta.org!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!!!!

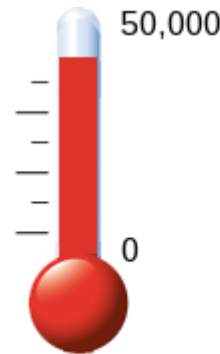
St Joseph PTA Council @StJoePTA



**Is Tammi Gumm; St. Joseph PTA
Council President, a member of
your unit yet?**

Membership Goal

Help us to reach our goal of 50,000 Memberships for
Missouri PTA!



Current Membership Total: 43,439

If your unit has not sent in all of its membership dues you
need to do so as soon as possible. The Membership dues
form is online at www.mopta.org.

“If I fell down yesterday, stand up today.”

-H.G. Wells

There have been so many times that I have wanted to give up,
especially in basketball. My ACL injury has hindered some of
my abilities. There have been many times I have left practice
and just wanted to quit. But I realize that tomorrow is a new day
and I keep fighting through it.

Submitted by Nicholas Ryan

Council Clippings Article Assignments for May

Articles are due April 15, 2018

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Proposed budget</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Ways and Means</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Treasurer</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.

St. Joseph PTA Council PTA University

5:00-8:00 pm on April 16th

Hillyards Tec. Center, 3434 Faraon

Schedule of events:

Vendor fair 5:00-5:30 pm
Dinner 5:30-6:00 pm (paid by PTA Council)
Council meeting/PTAU training 6:15-8:00

PTA Fundraiser Vendor Fair

Visit with representatives and try samples from:

A+ Fundraising	Club's Choice
Dipsticks	Dollars For U
The Fundraiser Shop	Fundraising University
Harmison's Hometown	Hy-Vee
Red Wheel	School Spirit Vending
Texas Roadhouse	World's Finest Chocolate

PTA University training will include....

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| *Roles and responsibilities of officers | *How to set an agenda |
| *How to run a meeting | *How to prepare and present minutes |
| *What should be included in a treasurer report? | *Unit in good standing, what is that? |
| *What forms do we need to submit? | *Setting a budget |
| *Handle money | *Who signs the checks? |
| *Nominating committee | *Electing officers |
| *Fundraising | *Bylaws and standing rules |

Reservation form:

St. Joseph PTA Council will be providing the meal but in order for us to properly plan for the event we need your help in registering for the event. We will need to know **by April 11th** the number of guests attending per unit.

Unit name: _____ Number attending: _____

Simply email us at..... sjptacounil@gmail.com

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.** Submit online to MOPTA; www.mopta.org and for St. Joseph PTA Council, form is included in this issue of Clippings.

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

Cheryl Hale

1124 N. 13th, St. Joseph MO 64501

Thank you in advance for your continued support!!!



PTA VOTES!!!
School board
election
April 3rd!

Volunteers needed...

The St. Joseph PTA Council nominating committee is still working on putting together the committee chairmanships for next school year. In this issue you will find a Talent Finder form that we are asking you to fill out if you are interested in becoming a part of the St. Joseph PTA Council team. The committee will be meeting again soon to fill the committee positions.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Please email to Laura Henderson;
miller62879@gmail.com or
Lori Prussman; aokmom@hotmail.com

"Life is 10% of what happens to us and 90% of how we react."
-Dennis P. Kimbro

Over the past year, life has really thrown me a curve ball. Between tearing my ACL, struggling with playing time in basketball, removing a screw from my knee part way through the season, to finally playing more minutes in a game than I ever dreamed of, the season really came full circle. There were times I wanted to quit, but I persevered through those times, and I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my senior season of basketball.

Submitted by Nicholas Ryan

Be an educated voter.
There are **links to the**
candidates' forums on
our Facebook page!

Feel free to share with
your friends and
family!!!



Our **new website** will be up and running shortly!
We need to transfer the domain to the new site
but you can view now by using the **temp address...**

loriptablog.wordpress.com

Once domain is transferred site address will be
www.stjoepa.org

We will keep you updated on the progress! Thank you for
being patient in this transition time!

**"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."
-Maya Angelou**

It is important to treat everyone with kindness and
compassion. You never know when they are
having a bad day. You may be the only person
who can keep them from making an irreversible
decision.

Submitted by Nicholas Ryan

PTA COUNCIL SPONSORS BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at Truman Middle School. A total of 86 contestants competed for awards in the Elementary and Middle School Divisions sponsored annually by the SJSJ PTA Council.

The Buchanan County champion is **Sophia Nguyen**, a 7th grader at Bode Middle School. She is the daughter of **Suu Duong and Chau Nguyen**. Second place at the County level went to **Natalie Burnett**, a 7th grader at Cathedral School. She is the daughter of **Tom and Jennifer Burnett**. Both **Sophia** and **Natalie** now qualify to compete in the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the St. Joseph News Press, on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at St. Francis Xavier.

The top five winners in the Elementary Division were; 1st Place- **Sylvia Nguyen**, 6th Grade, Oak Grove, 2nd Place- **Leila Eddington**, 5th Grade, Field, 3rd Place- **Alisha Gupta**, 6th Grade, St. Paul Lutheran, 4th Place- **Alexis Marie Norton**, 5th Grade, Hyde, and 5th Place- **Steven Carlson**, 5th Grade, Mark Twain. The top five winners in the Middle School Division were 1st Place **Sophia Nguyen**, 7th Grade, Bode, 2nd Place- **Natalie Burnett**, 7th Grade, Cathedral, 3rd Place- **Audrey Clarendon**, 8th Grade, St. Paul Lutheran, 4th Place- **Tragan Chambers**, 7th Grade, Bode, and 5th Place- **Lucy Goodman**, 7th Grade, St. Francis.

The pronouncers were **Lori Witham**, Middle School Division, and **Rhonda Slawson**, Elementary Division. The judges were **Joyce Stohr**, **Randy Harr**, **Joe Marmaud**, **Tom Slawson**, **Dr. Jennifer Patterson**, and **Julie Bravo**. Registrars were **Brooke Kissel**, **Erica Caples**, **Laura Henderson**, **Lori Prussman**, **Landi Quinlin**, and **Roberta Dias**.

An event this size cannot be successful without the help of many capable and dedicated people. In addition to the work of the pronouncers, judges, and registrars, the Truman custodial staff; **Brian Grippando**, **Terry Weyer**, and **Shaun Davis** coordinated a well-equipped and spotless environment. Thanks also to Principal, Landi Quinlin, Truman, and the Truman PTA for sponsoring a well-stocked hospitality room for the judges, pronouncers, and registrars.

Karen Heyde-Lipanovich
Buchanan County Spelling Bee Director



2018/2019 PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to St. Joseph PTA Council, PO Box 1162, 64502

This list will be used for St. Joseph PTA Council mailings.

Do not use school address for President mailing address.

Deadline March 31, 2018

School Name: _____

President's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

1st Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

2nd Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Secretary's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Treasurer's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Please continue to the back of this page for additional information needed.

School Name: _____

Membership Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Reflections Chair Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

**Please feel free to add additional officer's names, positions, addresses,
phone numbers and email addresses below.**

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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Phone _____ Email: _____

Unmet needs grant announced by PTA Council

The Council is announcing a new opportunity for Units to take advantage of this year. We are introducing what we are calling Un-Met Needs Funds. These funds will allow the Council to help supplement needs your Unit or students have that you can't quite pay for alone. We have up to \$2500 to help fund needs for this school year.

Here's the process we are implementing at this point. Note: Since this is the first time we are trying this out, this process can change as the Council sees fit.

- Write a letter to the Council explaining what your needs are, what other funding venues you have tried, and how this funding will benefit your Unit/students.
- You can request any money amount needed, however the Council may not fund your entire request.
- You should explain how you have exhausted other funding opportunities.
- Email requests to sjptacouncil@gmail.com.
- The Executive Council Board Members will review each request, and determine if the request will be granted and/or how much money will be funded to the requestor. The Council's Executive Board will inform the requestor of the Board's decision.
- The Board will award recipients until the \$2500 has been depleted.
- You may be asked to write an article for one of our publications explaining how the funding was a benefit to your Unit/students.

Please keep in mind that this is a new opportunity, so the Council does not have solid ideas or restrictions on what the money can be used for. We are asking that you make requests and the Council Executive Board will determine if we can help. If you have questions regarding this process or the funds, please call or email Tammi Gumm, Council President.



**Reflection Awards recognition
we are planning an award ceremony but
the date we had planned for is now not an
option. We will update everyone as soon
as a new date has been set!**

Update!!!

**The St. Joseph PTA Council \$500 Grant
deadline has been extended!!**

Due to low participation we have decided to
extend the deadline to **April 15th!**

You will find the application in this issue of
Clippings!

Submit by mail to our PO Box or scan and
email to us at sjptacouncil@gmail.com

Just a friendly reminder that you had to of
sold 40 Major Saver cards last year to qualify.

TAKE ACTION

Contact Your Legislator!

With public education under attack like never before it
is important that we (PTA members) speak as One
Voice for those who can't speak for themselves!!!
We encourage you to stay in tune with the many bills
that are coming before our elected officials!!!
Those pushing Charter school expansion and voucher
programs are at an all-time high!
Let use our voices to fight for our kids and
their public school education!

Join MOPTA JC/DC to keep up on the latest news!!!
www.mopta.org

St. Joseph PTA Council Talent Finder

The St. Joseph PTA Council nominating committee is in the process of developing the slate of officers and chairs for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking for volunteers willing to step into leadership roles.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please fill out the following form and **return by April 15th** to the Laura Henderson; miller62879@gmail.com or Lori Prussman; aokmom@hotmail.com.

VI - very interested I – Interested

Officers:

___ President	___ 1st Vice President
___ 2nd Vice President	___ 3rd Vice President
___ 4th Vice President	___ Secretary
___ Treasurer	___ Sergeant-At-Arms

Chairs:

___ Reflections	___ Reflections Ceremony
___ Spelling Bee	___ Founders Day
___ Membership	___ Salute the Schools
___ PTA University	___ Ways and Means
___ Bylaws	___ Clippings (Editor)
___ Legislation	___ Awards
___ Special Events	___ Early Childhood
___ Health/Wellness & Safety	___ Family/Community Engagement
___ Special Education	

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Unit: _____

Previous volunteer experience: _____

ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL LEADER SCHOLARSHIP 2018-2019

The St. Joseph PTA Council established this scholarship. The amount of this scholarship is \$1,000.00. 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 (2018-2019).
2. Must be a member of their high school PTSA for 2018-2019.
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 Thursday, May 8, 2018.** Selection will be made by June 2018. 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
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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.

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 2018-2019. 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 of Applicant

Dear St. Joseph School District Principals and PTA Unit Presidents,

We would like to invite you to apply for our grant for the 2017-2018 school year. **Please note to be eligible for the grant your unit must have sold a minimum of 40 Major Saver Cards in our last campaign. Enclosed you will find the Mission Statement and the Purposes of the PTA. Please remember when choosing a project to submit that you keep these ideals in mind. We want to help your school in continuing to bring worthwhile, education based programs to your students.

As we discussed at our Council meeting please remember to check with downtown office to make sure that they approve of said project (making sure any maintenance problems do not arise) example: any new equipment for the playground, any equipment with special electrical needs, or any project that would require district maintenance, etc.

We also discussed that due to IRS needs we need to have a paper trail of where we spend our not for profit monies. Please help us by turning in receipts for the projects when you have them. This just assures us that we will be able to continue this grant and not get audited by the IRS. I have heard some horror stories about other not for profit organizations losing their status because they did not have the proper paperwork. Please mail receipts to St. Joseph PTA Council, PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, 64502. We greatly appreciate your help with this.

Please submit your application on or before Jan. 25, 2018 to St. Joseph PTA Council, PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502 or email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com

“Extended deadline to April 15th!”

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Joseph PTA Council.

Grant Request through the St. Joseph PTA Council For the 2017-2018 School Year

The executive committee of each PTA/PTSA may apply for one grant up to the amount of \$500.00. To qualify for the grant your unit must have sold a minimum of 40 Major Saver cards to be eligible.

All proposals will require the following information to be eligible for consideration:

1. General description of the project's purpose and population served. 2. Brief description of the project's implementation plans. 3. Current Bylaws on file, Council Dues paid and at least one membership turned into the state PTA office. 4. Detailed description of project for which funds are requested including:

Purpose and goals of project A. Participants to be served B. Breakdown of funds requested by specific categories.

Completed proposals should be returned to St. Joseph PTA Council on or before Jan. 25, 2018. Please send to St. Joseph PTA Council, PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502.

School name: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature of PTA/PTSA President _____

Signature of Principal _____

I. Describe the purpose of your project, including the population that will be served, types of activities, length of project and how this project aligns with the Purposes of the PTA and our Mission statement, please remember that projects should be education based or have a student need focus:

II. Describe the organizational structure of your project. An organizational chart may be attached to help satisfy this requirement. (What staff will be involved? Who will be accountable for funds? Who will order and receive materials?)

III. Describe your project: A. Purpose and goals for the project (projects must have preapproval from the District office):

B. Describe participants to be served, including how they will be selected.

C. Provide a detailed breakdown of expenses, including categories and anticipated expenditures in each category. Be sure amounts are correct, including any shipping and handling fees. To ensure that funds are being used for projects that have been approved we ask that you submit receipts for said project. Once approval has been made on a project we ask that you use grant money for said project only.

COUNCIL CLIPPINGS



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