

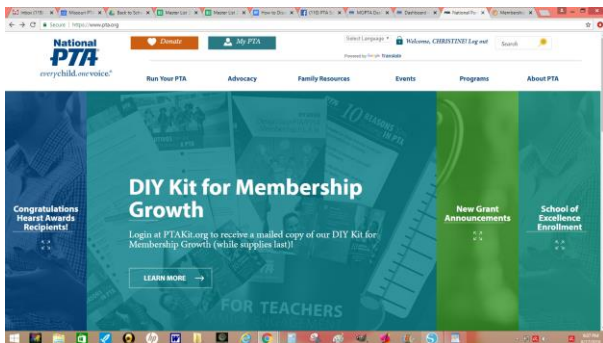
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Have you registered for your PTA DIY Kit?



- ✓ Go to www.pta.org
- ✓ Register
- ✓ Request your DIY kit

National PTA has many helpful resources on their website!



St. Joseph PTA Council would like to congratulate Madeline Arn on being selected as our St. Joseph PTA Council Character & Spiritual Leader for 2018-2019. Madeline is a senior at Benton High School. We are looking forward to working with Madeline this year.



Welcome to a new school year!!! We hope that this year will be full of exciting new things and lots of great learning. Some things to remember: It's important to get into a good routine at home, check your child's backpack daily (for communication, homework, completed work) make a quiet place to do homework, create a reading area and encourage your child to read (or read together), enjoy family time, have a set bedtime routine and assure your child is getting good rest. Have a great and safe school year.

Submitted by Anita Combs

Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2018

Articles are due September 15, 2018

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Family & Community Engagement</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</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.

Don't forget to check out our website,
www.stjoeppta.org

and like us on Facebook!

Mark your calendars...

PTA Council meeting dates 2018-2019

- September 4th, Tues.
- October 1st
- November 5th
- December 3rd
- January 8th, Tues.
- February Founders Day TBA
- March 4th
- April 2nd, Tues. (PTAU)
- May 7th, Tues.

All meeting will be held at
TMC, 3401 Renick St.
Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm,
registration is at 6:50 pm.

**MONTHLY
MEETING**

Be Connected. Be Heard. Be Informed.

Attention treasurers

It is time to fill out your year-end reports...

- Financial review/audit
- End of year report/annual review
- File your 990N

Find all the reports and link to IRS on our website

www.stjoeppta.org

Don't forget that you must present your audit to your General assembly and it must be approved by membership.

Send copies to PTA Council PO Box 1162, 64502
and to the State PTA office to remain in good standings!!

“Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will” - Karim Seddiki

Submitted by Madeline Arn

Please note the change in application
deadline for the

St. Joseph PTA Council grant.

Deadline is November 1st!

Checks will be distributed at the
November Council meeting!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to fund
a special project this school year!

See the grant application in this issue and
also available online at www.stjoeppta.org!

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**



**A warm smile is
the universal
language of
kindness.**

Students deserve a safe environment in which to live, learn and grow. Unfortunately, the threat of violence is a presence in many communities and has grown in a number of schools across the country.

What You Can Do

1. Talk to Your Children

Provide a safe environment for kids to ask questions and openly express their worries and concerns.

2. Recognize the Warning Signs

Even small changes in behavior (ex: moodiness, changes in sleep, anti-social behavior, change in school performance) can give you an early warning that something is troubling your child.

3. Know When to Intervene

If you see children exhibiting behavior or attitudes that could potentially harm themselves or others, talk to their parents or, if it's your child, do something to stop it.

4. Stay Involved

Be aware of your kid's school work loads and grades, be informed about existing emergency plans and procedures, and get to know their friends.

5. Watch "Helping Your Kids Cope With Trauma"

During this webinar, Co-hosted by the American Psychological Association, families will learn how to address when traumatic events happen to kids and when kids witness traumatic events through the media, how to talk to kids openly and directly when traumatic things occur, and how to know when they might need more help than you can give them.

Shared from www.PTA.org.

For more information and to watch the webinar go to....

<https://www.pta.org/home/familyresources/safety/School-Safety>

Have a great school year!

CLARENCE J CAPRENTER MEMORIAL FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

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 funds. The St Joseph PTA Council elects 9 and the Council President and Coordinator of Health Services for the St Joseph School District also serves on the board. The Superintendent of Schools of the St Joseph School District is an advisor to the Board. Currently we have one Honorary Trustee, Mrs. Sandy Frazer.

The Board meetings are held in September, November, January, March and May.

Officers of the 2017-2018 term were: Lisa Little, Chairman, Judd Clark, Vice Chairman, Shelly Crooks, Recording Secretary; Renee Falkner, Corresponding Secretary, and Cheryl Hale, Treasurer.

Other members of the Board were: Joyce Brewka, Crissy Juhl, Heather Weddle, and Allene Wright.

This year a total of 38 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this was \$3,790.50. There were no dental bills presented for payment this year.

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2017-18 CAMPAIGN received \$5,733.49 in donations from school district personnel. IBT was recognized and honored at the Founder's Day Dinner for their continued financial support of the Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board. A framed certificate was delivered to the business. St Joseph PTA Council made a donation to the Carpenter Fund in their honor.

At the May 2018 Board Meeting, a budget of \$7,915 was approved. The new officers elected for the coming 2018-2019 year are:

Chairman – Lisa Little; Vice Chairman – Judd Clark; Recording Secretary – Shelley Crooks; Corresponding Secretary – Renee Falker; and Treasurer – Cheryl Hale.

Board member, Allene Wright, has finished serving two consecutive terms of service and the new board member elected to serve will be Robin Nichols. Additional board members Renee Falkner and Joyce Brewka have agreed to serve another consecutive term on the board.

The Board wished 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 care to the students of the St Joseph School District.

Lisa Little, Chairman

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

We would like to invite you to apply for our grant for the 2018-2019 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 November 1, 2018 to St. Joseph PTA Council, PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502 or email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com

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

Grant Request through the St. Joseph PTA Council for the 2018-2019 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 November 1, 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.

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