

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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September 2019

Welcome back to a new school year. All of the staff have been working hard to make sure that this school year is one of the best. We hope that each one of you had a great summer and that you and your child are both excited for school to start. As we begin this new school year it's important to remember the things we have discussed in the past such as:

- helping your child at home
- decide now where you want to do homework (with as little distraction as possible)
- create a reading nook so that they have a fun place to go to for reading
- set aside 15 minutes during the evening to read with your child (this can be reading aloud or all of you sitting down and reading silently)
- get into the routine of checking your child's backpack or teach him/her to get the papers out of their backpack to show you
- talk about the day (discuss the joys and any concerns)
- set a bedtime and bedtime routine
- get to know your school team. We are all here to help your child.

I wish you all the best school year ever.

September Awareness: Craniofacial Acceptance Month
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Awareness
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Syndrome Awareness Month
Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
National Spinal Cord Awareness Month
Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher & Council Chair

St. Joseph PTA Council would like to congratulate Angela Gastineau on being selected as our St. Joseph PTA Council Character & Spiritual Leader for 2019-2020. Angela is a senior at Lafayette High School. We are looking forward to working with Angela this year.

Start Your Amazing School Year Now!

Get ready for the 2019-2020 school year with PTA!

Register for the **Local PTA Leader Kit**: your free, *year-round resource* to support all of your PTA leadership needs. You will find strategies, tips and turn-key tools to ensure your success.

www.pta.org



Mark your calendars...

PTA Council meeting dates 2019-2020

- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 4th
- December 2nd
- January 13th
- February 6th Founders Day*
- March 2nd
- April 7th, Tues.
- May 4th

All meeting will be held at TMC,
3401 Renick St.

Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm,
registration is at 6:50 pm.

*Proposed date.

MONTHLY MEETING

Be Connected. Be Heard. Be Informed.

Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2019 Articles are due September 15, 2019

<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.

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.stjoepa.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!!

"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

George Eliot

CLARENCE J CAPRENTER MEMORIAL FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

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 2018-2019 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: Heather Weddle, Joyce Roberts, Robin Nichols and David Cripe.

This year a total of 55 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this was \$4,132.99.

There were no dental bills presented for payment this year.

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2018-19 CAMPAIGN received \$3,913.10 in donations from school district personnel.

Dr. Jack Bonebrake was recognized and honored at the Founder's Day Dinner for his years of service to the Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board. A framed certificate was delivered to Dr Bonebrake by Maria Burnham. St Joseph PTA Council made a donation to the Carpenter Fund in their honor.

At the May 2019 Board Meeting, a budget of \$6,515 was approved. The new officers elected for the coming 2019-2020 year are:

Chairman – Heather Weddle; Vice Chairman – Judd Clark; Recording Secretary – Shelley Crooks; Corresponding Secretary – Renee Falkner; and Treasurer – Cheryl Hale.

New board members will be Tammi Gumm, Dr. Crystal Green and Joyce Reynolds will finish the unexpired term for David Cripe. David Cripe is the incoming St Joseph PTA Council President.

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

SJSD News.....



SJSD has implemented a new volunteer application process for school volunteers. There is a \$5.00 fee that volunteers will need to pay to cover the cost of background checks. Click the link below for more information...

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MjAwNDplbi1VUw==>

Here is a news article with more details...

http://amp.fultonsun.com/news/local/story/2019/aug/29/background-checks-required-school-volunteers/792775/?_twitter_impression=true



Peachjar Community Flyers

Our district cooperates with approved community partners by posting digital flyers online and distributing them electronically through our service provider, Peachjar. As part of our efforts to be more environmentally friendly, embrace innovative technology, and maintain fiscal responsibility, we have transitioned from paper to electronic flyer delivery.

For full details click link below...

<https://www.sjsd.k12.mo.us/Page/26975>

Bridgett Blevins will be at our September meeting to do some training.

**Don't forget to follow us
On Facebook
And
Check out our website;
www.stjoepta.org
for important updates!**

St. Joseph PTA Council grant. Deadline is November 1st!

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.stjoepta.org!

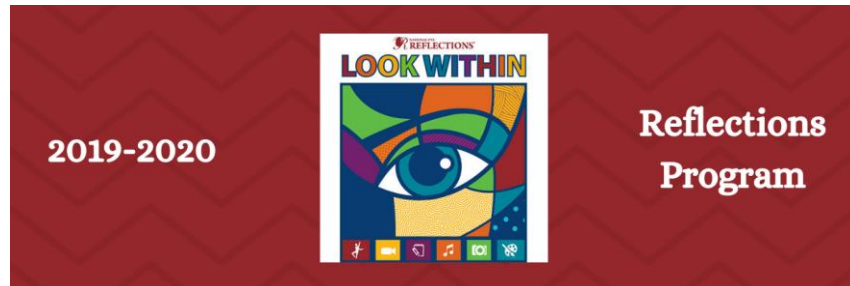
Unit in Good Standing...

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

State PTA Reminders

- Download **Incoming Officers Guide** at www.mopta.org; login and click on PTA Members Section, click on MOPTA Tools, click on tool kits & guides, click on officers documentation, click on Incoming officers guide
- **Officers** contact information...any new officers and their contact information should be emailed to MOPTA office and to PTA Council
- **Membership cards**...order at www.mopta.org
- **Submit** membership dues **monthly**
- **Bylaws**—review and check expiration date
- **Grant deadlines** are fast approaching view online



What is Advocacy?

For the purposes of PTA, advocacy is supporting and speaking up for children - in schools, in communities, and before government bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.

- **Speak up for your child.** Advocacy is happening every time you reach out to a teacher or school administrator to address a concern about your child's education. This could be as simple as attending a parent-teacher conference, checking in with the teacher about a low test score, or requesting a meeting with your principal and other school staff to discuss your child's disability and how the school can help.
- **Take action to improve conditions for all children at your school.** A group of concerned parents might write a letter or request a meeting with school administration to discuss a safety issue affecting children on their route to school. Your PTA might organize a "town hall" meeting about school lockdown procedures, dress codes, or nutrition in the cafeteria, ask to review the principal's continuous improvement plan, or request a seat on the school's parent advisory committee.
- **Call on your community to respond to an urgent public policy matter.** Occasionally, your state or National PTA will issue an alert that a pending piece of legislation has serious implications for public education. Local PTA leaders are in a unique position to educate and mobilize their members to speak up for children's needs.

See more at www.pta.org

Why Advocate?

"Unless someone like you cares
a whole awful lot, Nothing is
going to get better. It's not."
- Dr. Seuss, The Lorax



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

We would like to invite you to apply for our grant. 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 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.

St. Joseph PTA Council Grant Request

The executive committee of each PTA/PTSA may apply for one grant up to the amount of \$500.00.

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**. 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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