

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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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**

Reflections

Reflections entries must be submitted using the “Student Entry Portal” by December 1st.

This year’s theme is “**Look Within**”.

Units should have received either at the October Council meeting or by school mail a packet with instructions.

If you have questions please contact Erin Lippincott; erinlippi@gmail.com.



“Be present in all things and thankful for all things.”

Maya Angelou

Council Clippings Article Assignments for December 2019 Articles are due November 15, 2019

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Character & Spiritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflections	<input type="checkbox"/> Family/Community Involvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood

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.

Missouri PTA wants to hear about all the awesome things going on in St. Joe PTA units. Please submit articles to susanr@mopta.org.

We have so many wonderful things going on for our students please share. It’s time to toot your horns! You may be an inspiration to another unit!

Have you signed up to receive MOPTA legislative alerts with JC/DC?
Contact magazine?

Sign up at www.mopta.org.

What to Do if You're Worried About Suicide

A parent's guide to helping a child in distress
Nadine Kaslow, PhD

Read more....

https://childmind.org/article/youre-worried-suicide/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=READ%20MORE&utm_campaign=Weekly-09-10-19

Visit www.mopta.org for other articles.

Ensure Access to Mental Health Services

The Facts

Early detection, treatment and **Family-School Partnerships** work.

- **Half of all lifetime cases of mental disorders begin by age 14¹.** While 21% of all children ages 9 to 17 in the United States have a diagnosable mental or addictive disorder², only 20% of them are identified and receive mental health services each year³.
- **Early detection and treatment of mental disorders is imperative for student success.** Half of all students ages 14 and older who live with a mental illness drop out of high school—the highest dropout rate of any disability group—and these youth also experience higher suicide and incarceration rates⁴.

Together, we can increase the percentage of students who receive the mental health services they need in order to succeed in school, continue to develop socially, and fully experience the purpose and joys of life.

Read more at www.pta.org

Hello All,

Happy Fall. The weather is sure changing. It's getting quite chilly out. Don't let the weather change, change the what you are doing at home. Keep that routine going. Remember to check your child's backpack for any communication from school. Keep in contact with your school, share your joys, concerns or questions. Parent Teacher Conferences are upon us, I hope you all have a great conference with your teachers.

Remember to keep reading with your kiddo, talk about the day, ask questions that require them to answer you with sentences or stories, not just yes or no answers.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween.

October Awareness's:
Bully Prevention
Infant Loss and Miscarriage
Physical Therapy Month
Spina Bifida

October 10th World Mental Health Day

November Awareness:
Adoption
Diabetes
Good Nutrition Month
Prematurity (November 17th)
Epilepsy

Thanks for everything,

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher Pickett Elementary/Council Chair

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

and like us on Facebook!



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.stjoepta.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!!

St. Joseph PTA Council \$500 grant deadline is November 1st! Submit by email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com

PTA Council dues are now past due. Please remit as soon as possible. \$30.00.

March is National Reading Month! Does your unit have plans on a special event to get families reading? It's not too early to begin planning.

Learn more about [Family Reading Experience](http://www.familyreadingexperience.org)
Or visit www.pta.org

2018-2019 Annual Performance Report

The 2018-2019 Annual Performance Report was recently released. This report can be difficult to understand so we invited Dr. Marlie Williams, SJSD Asst. Superintendent of Academics & Educational Services, to attend our October PTA Council meeting to help clarify some of the data. Below you will find a comparison chart that shows where the St. Joseph School District ranks to comparable districts with very similar demographics.

Comparison Data

After the release of the data last Thursday, we have been able to begin looking at the performance of other districts. While we will be doing a deeper dive into the data, we have started by building a quick comparison of other districts who are most like us in terms of demographics. Here's the data:

	ELA	Math	Sub-ELA	Sub-Math	CCR 1-3	CCR 4	CCR 5-6	Attendance	4-year grad rate
St. Joseph	325.1	292.5	307.9	271.4	66	56.7	88.4	89.2%	84.8%
Independence	326.8	290.1	309.2	270.9	69.3	73.6	94.2	86.3%	94.8%
Joplin	328	287.8	302.2	259.3	65.4	42.5	87.9	90.3%	81.9%
Raytown	310.7	250.7	297.9	236.5	53.8	37.5	81.6	86.1%	84.1%
Springfield	338.1	289.6	300.1	249	68.7	55.7	90.8	86.2%	87.4%

	Enrollment	Free/Reduced Lunch Percent
ST. JOSEPH	11,256	71.4%
Independence	14,341	71.3%
Joplin	7,617	60%
Raytown	8,712	65.2%
Springfield	24,937	53.5%



PTA Programs

Stronger families. Better schools.

Bring National PTA programs to your families and school community.

Get started at [PTA.org/Programs](https://www.pta.org/Programs)

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

PTA's signature school recognition program is dedicated to strengthening family-school partnerships. Enroll for everything your PTA needs to champion change for every child.

REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM

For 50+ years, Reflections has sparked student participation in the arts. Celebrate arts education and student achievement by hosting exhibitions and celebration events for the whole school community.

STEM + FAMILIES

Spark, inspire and engage students and families with hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math experiences hosted by your PTA. Learning in school and at home has never been this fun!

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Healthy kids make better students, so help your PTA families thrive. Use our tips and tools to improve school meals, create a positive school climate and offer fun physical activities.

PTA CONNECTED

Let's keep our kids safe, kind and secure online! Connect parents to the tools and research they need to explore solutions to today's biggest online concerns.

Grants & Giveaways

National PTA awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and prizes to support PTAs as they work to make every child's potential a reality.

Available opportunities at [PTA.org/Grants](https://www.pta.org/Grants)

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