

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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January 2020

Founders Day Dinner
Thursday, February 6th
Oak Grove Elementary School

Founders Day Awards are included
in this issue of Clippings!

Deadline for awards is
January 15, 2020!

Invitations have been mailed.



The annual Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, February 15th at Truman Middle School. Registration begins at 12:30. Bee to begin at 1:00.

We need volunteers to help with registration. Please email Lori Prussman, aokmom@hotmail.com to sign up to Volunteer.



You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."
C.S. Lewis

Submitted by Angela Gastineau

Council Clippings Article Assignments for
February 2020
Articles are due January 15, 2020

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Character & Spiritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit in good standing	<input type="checkbox"/> Founders Day
<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.

*At the sound of the tolling midnight bell
a brand new year will begin.
Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast,
to the promise it ushers in.*

*May your battles be few, your pleasures many,
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.
May your confidence stand in the face of loss
and give you the strength to rebuild.*

*May peace of heart fill all your days
may serenity grace your soul.
May tranquil moments bless your life
and keep your spirit whole.*

The start of a new year. There are lots of emotions right now. It's a fresh start again. Some are tired, some are excited, some are nervous. Hopefully we've all had a nice break and hopefully got some good rest and quality time with our family and friends. It's hard to believe that it's already 3rd quarter or 2nd semester. If you have questions for your child's teacher it's important to contact them. Don't let it go and then get farther behind. It's so important to keep a good line of communication between you and the school. We are all here working as a team with your child as the star of the team. I wish you all a very successful rest of the school year.

January:

Celebration of life month
National mentoring month
Poverty in America
Self help group

Jan 1: world day of peace
Jan 4: world Braille day
Jan 27: Moebius syndrome day

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher & Council Chair

National PTA encourages PTA members form across the country to engage with their communities about registering to vote and the significance of the voting process.

PTA members can get involved by reviewing National PTA election guides, and by rolling out voter registration and pledge campaigns.



**Membership benefits for St. Joseph
PTA members...**

<https://stjoeppta.org/pta-council-member-benefits/>

Visit our website at www.stjoeppta.org

And like us on Facebook!

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

These reports are now past due! If you have not submitted them to State PTA and Council, please do so as soon as possible!

- **Updated report included in this issue.**

Be the Voice for Public School Students

Become a school board member if you are:

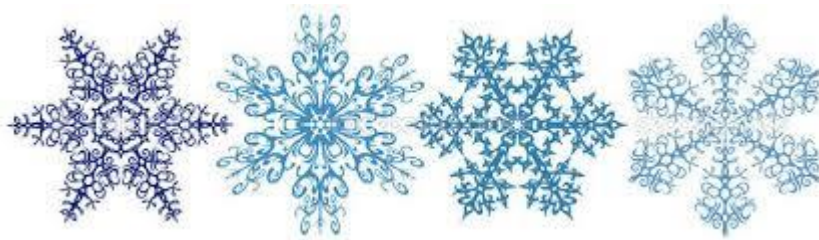
- Passionate about public education.
- Motivated by the best interests of all children in your community.
- Committed to listen and collaborate with other leaders.
- Trusting in the democratic process.

The board of education is a volunteer representative body elected by the registered voters of the local public school district. The school board governs the school district and serves as a leader and champion for public education in the community. School board members represent the interests of the entire district, not a subgroup or specific area of the school district and community. School Board members come from all walks of life and are as diverse as the communities they serve.

Filing ends January 21, 2020.....2 seats open

2019-2020 Unit in good standings with MOPTA...

Unit	Current bylaws	Membership	Fin. Review/audit	Year end report	IRS filing	Current officers	In good standing
Carden Park	Current__2/12/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coleman	Current__11/1/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Edison	Current__4/19/22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ellison	Current__7/19/22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field	Current__11/1/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hosea	Current__9/19/20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hyde	Current__11/6/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lindbergh	Current__2/23/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mark Twain	Current__1/3/20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oak Grove	Current__8/14/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parkway	Current__1/13/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pershing	Current__10/4/20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pickett	Current__6/5/22	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Skaith	Current__6/28/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bode	Current__1/23/2022	Yes				Yes	
Robidoux	Current__5/10/21	Yes				Yes	
Spring Garden	Expired					No	
Truman	Current__12/15/19					Yes	
Benton	Current__12/4/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Central	Current__2/23/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lafayette	Current__12/17/21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PTA Council	Current__1/10/20	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Updated 9/24/19 10/17/19 11/4/19 11/29/19	12/30/19						

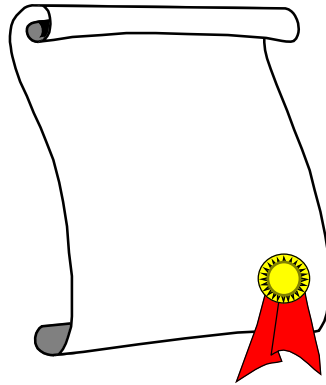




Unit membership report

St. Joseph Council									
PTAName	Individual	Business	Individual	Business	Individual	Business	Individual	Business	
	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-2020		
Benton High School PTSA	16	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	
Bessie Ellison PTA	205	1	131	0	144	0	128	0	
Bode Middle School PTSA	4	0	362	10	285	7	330	9	
Carden Park PTA	354	0	329	0	223	1	118	3	
Central High School PTSA (St. Joseph)	392	11	394	18	400	5	214	9	
Coleman Elementary PTA	118	0	158	6	80	0	66	0	
Edison Elementary PTA	182	3	249	0	96	0	318	1	
Eugene Field Elementary PTA	161	5	229	1	195	4	130	3	
F. L. Skaith Elementary PTA	225	6	194	6	212	11	206	4	
Harry S. Truman Middle School PTSA	376	0	349	0	154	0	0	0	
Hosea Elementary PTA	64	0	133	12	151	0	78	1	
Humboldt PTA	105	0	41	0	Closed	Closed	0	0	
Hyde Elementary PTA	127	0	122	0	112	0	73	0	
John J. Pershing Elementary PTA	105	2	84	0	89	4	86	1	
Lafayette High School PTSA	175	4	179	5	168	0	154	5	
Lake Contrary Elementary PTA	147	0	56	0	Closed	Closed	0	0	
Lindbergh Accelerated Elementary School P	122	1	116	0	98	0	77	0	
Mark Twain Elementary PTA	122	0	189	0	164	1	139	3	
Oak Grove Elementary PTA	464	17	280	17	293	8	276	9	
Parkway PTA	135	0	88	0	84	0	83	0	
Pickett Elementary School PTA	185	0	157	0	158	0	202	1	
Robidoux Middle School PTSA	199	0	163	0	0	0	54	0	
Webster PTSA	26	0	Dissolved	Dissolved	0	0	0	0	
Total	4009	50	4003	75	3106	41	2783	49	
							updated 9/4/19		
							10/17/2019		
							11/4/2019		
							11/29/2019		
							12/30/2019		





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, 2020!!** Please only one nomination per principal.

Nominations are to be sent to: **PTA Council Awards Chair**
PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502

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**

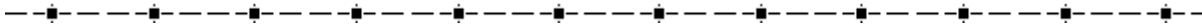
St. Joseph PTA Council Outstanding Principal Of The Year Nomination Form

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, 2020!!**

Nominations are to be sent to: **PTA Council Awards Chair**
PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502

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

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.

Award Information:

The St. Joseph PTA Council Lifetime PTA Leadership 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 St. Joseph PTA Council Lifetime PTA Leadership Award. Nominations are due **January 15, 2020** to **PTA Council Awards Chair**

PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502.

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, 2020**.

Please mail nominations to

PTA Council Awards Chair
PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502



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 21 school principals is requested.

These outstanding volunteers will be presented an award at the Founder's Day Celebration, February, 2020.

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

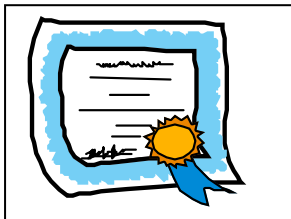
Deadline

All nominations must be sent to St. Joseph PTA Council Awards Chair no later than **January 15, 2020**.

Please mail nominations to:

PTA Council Awards Chair

PO Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502



Thank you for your participation.

St. Joseph PTA Council Outstanding Volunteer Award

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

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