

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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President's Corner

Welcome to a new school year! I want to thank every one of you for volunteering as a PTA officer. I know with Covid, it has made things challenging for everyone, but we are still working together through it. Make sure to introduce yourselves to parents and let them know why being a PTA member is a benefit for the school and the children. Let's work on memberships this year and letting parents know that our purpose is to have a "powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for all families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child." Have a great year and please always let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Jennifer Kerns
St. Joseph PTA Council President

"Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand."
- Oprah Winfrey

Submitted by Allaina Mace

National PTA and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Team up...

See more details at pta.org...

[National PTA and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Team Up to Reduce and Prevent Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use Among Youth](#)



Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2021

Articles are due September 15, 2021

<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.

St. Joseph PTA Council would like to congratulate Allaina Mace on being selected as our St. Joseph PTA Council Character & Spiritual Leader for 2021-2022. Raeann is a senior at Lafayette High School. We are looking forward to working with Allaina this year.

Early Bird
MO PTA CONVENTION 2021
Early Bird Deadline
September 4th, 2021

[2021 Missouri PTA Convention | Missouri PTA \(mopta.org\)](http://mopta.org)

PTA Council Dues

Just a friendly reminder that each unit must submit Council dues to PTA Council by

October 15th.

The amount is \$30.00.

<https://stjoepa.org/forms/council-dues//>

Don't forget to check out our website,

www.stjoepa.org

and like us on Facebook!

Mark your calendars...

**PTA Council meeting dates
2021-2022**

2nd Thursday of each month

- **September 9th**
- **October 14th**
- **November 11th**
- **December 9th**
- **January 13th**
- **February 17th (Founders Day)**
- **March 10th**
- **April 14th**
- **May 12th**

All meeting will be held at TMC, 3401 Renick, unless otherwise stated.

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



St. Joseph PTA Council \$500 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 is also available online at www.stjoepa.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

Membership cards for Council president and SJSD Superintendent

Don't forget to bring 2 membership cards to the next Council meeting so these two can become members of your unit!

https://loriptablog.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/membership-request-form_pdf.pdf

Membership Dues reporting

Don't forget to **submit membership dues monthly** to State PTA. PTA Council will use those State numbers to keep track of membership for your unit and update monthly.

<https://mopta.org/membership-dues-submission/>



2021-2022 Officers

State PTA and PTA Council need your help in collecting your officer information. Unfortunately, last spring many units were not able to hold elections in March since school went virtual. At your first meeting this school year you will need to elect your officers and submit to the State PTA and to PTA Council. It is very important we both get the information for updating of our databases.

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 or email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com and email to the State PTA office, office1@mopta.org to remain in good standings!!

Membership cards

Council had membership cards printed this year and had them sent to the schools directly. Please contact us if you need more cards and we can make arrangements to have more printed,
sjptacouncil@gmail.com.



Welcome back!!!!

It's such an exciting time of year.

Let's kick this year off with a great start. It's really important to start getting into a good routine at home. Start setting that bedtime and doing your best to have your child go to bed at a good time
Sometimes getting your clothes ready for the next day helps to reduce time in the mornings and arguments
Send your child off with a positive message it will help them to start their day off on a good note
Eat a good breakfast

Ask your child about their day (ask questions that they answer with more than just a yes or no) have them share what they accomplished for the day and celebrate

Contact your school staff if you have any questions, concerns or joys. Have a great year everyone!!!

September Disability Awareness
Deaf Awareness Month
National Service Dog Month
Sickle Cell Awareness Month
World Suicide Prevention Month

September 10th World Suicide Prevention Day
September 23 International Day of Sign Languages
September 29th World Heart Day

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher Pickett Elementary &
Council Chair

Kindness
is free.
Sprinkle
that stuff
every-
where

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Clarence Carpenter Memorial Fund Board of Trustees Annual Report for 2020-2021

The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund was established by the Parent Teacher Association in 1937 in memory of Clarence J. Carpenter, former principal of Neely Elementary School and principal of Bliss Junior High School. This Board continues to be an associate board of the St. Joseph PTA Council. The St. Joseph PTA Council elects 9 members who serve along with the Coordinator of Health Services for the St. Joseph School District, the PTA Council President and Ms. Sandy Frazier, Honorary Trustee.

The Clarence Carpenter Memorial Fund Board serves to ensure St. Joseph School District students have access to eye examinations and glasses for students with a proven financial need after all other means have been exhausted.

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

Officers of the 2020-2021 term were: Heather Weddle, Chairman, Robin Nichols, Vice Chairman, Shelley Crooks, Recording Secretary, Joyce Roberts, Corresponding Secretary, and Cheryl Hale, Treasurer. Other members of the board included: Maria Burnham, Erica Caples, Shawnda Embrey, Sandy Frazer, Dr. Crystal Green, Tammi Gumm, and Liz Payne.

This year, \$3,413.08 of support was provided to St. Joseph School District students for vision examinations and glasses.

The HELP A CHILD TO SEE CAMPAIGN received \$ \$4,015.00 in donations from school personnel.

Lori Prussman was recognized and honored at the Founder's Day Dinner for her ongoing service to the students of our community and the Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund.

At the May, 2021 Board Meeting, a budget of \$5908.00 was approved for the 2021-2022 school year. The new officers elected for the 2021-2022 school year are:

Chairman, Heather Weddle; Vice Chairman, Robin Nichols; Recording Secretary, Shelley Crooks; Corresponding Secretary, Bekka Matthews; and Treasurer, Cheryl Hale

Our new board member is Bekka Matthews. We would like to thank Joyce Roberts, whose term ended for his years of service.

The Board wishes to thank all units and individuals for the generous donations they have made to allow for another successful year of providing eye care support to the students of St. Joseph School District.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Weddle, Chairman



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 or **email sjptacouncil@gmail.com, preferred email applications.**

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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