

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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Presidents

Corner...

Deb Conrad, Council President

Welcome back! I hope this finds all of you rested, recharged and ready to begin another school year. Your Saint Joseph PTA Council has been preparing for another year of exciting events. The 2005 - 2006 membership drive is certainly at the top of our list. This year's theme is *Be On A Winning Team...Join PTA!* Membership is what PTA is all about. It unites nearly six million parents each year to help their children succeed academically, emotionally and personally by building a bridge between home and school. So, begin your membership drives early and don't stop until you reach each and every parent, grandparent or other significant adult involved in a child's life. Please let us know if we can assist with your drives in any way.

Council will continue to host a number of other projects this year as well. In November, American Education Week will be celebrated. The Reflections Program will conclude locally in January with this year's theme of *I wonder why....* Salute to Schools will also be celebrated in January. February activities include the Buchanan County Spelling Bee and PTA Founder's Day Dinner. Throughout the year, your Saint Joseph PTA Council will provide each unit with updates on Legislative issues concerning our children, parent involvement ideas, and information from the state and national PTA branches.

Finally, all parents, children and educators will be excited to hear that Senate Bill 480 promoting parent involvement in education was signed into law on Tuesday July 12, 2005. It will require each local board of education to develop a parent involvement plan. Tina Zubeck, Missouri PTA President, said, "Parent involvement is one of the foundations which PTA has been built on and it's an honor to take a leadership role in making it happen in the state of Missouri." Missouri Governor Matt Blunt was quoted as saying, "Educators are now indicating that the best indicator of a child's success is the level of support that child receives from his or her parent or guardian." Being involved in PTA is a great way to show that support through working together to make a difference in the lives of the children in our community.

"Life is like surfing. Sometimes we all get tied up on looking and waiting for that perfect wave to come along. While doing this, we forget that surfing is not about finding that awesome wave, it's about enjoying the moment, loving what you're doing, going with the flow and making the best of what's been given to you." 2005 Ray Memita

Submitted by Alex Dobyan

CLARENCE J. CARPENTER MEMORIAL FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005

The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund was established by the St. Joseph Parent Teacher Association Council 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. The fund is managed by a volunteer board of 13 members: 9 members elected by the St. Joseph PTA Council, the Council President, Coordinator of Health Services, and the Regional Director attached to the PTA Council. The Superintendent of Schools is an advisor to the Board. We currently have three Honorary Trustees: Mrs. Vincent Bumbacher, Mrs. Robert Beaver, and Mrs. William Mooney, Jr.

The Board met in September, November, January, March and May.

Officers for 2004-2005 were Jean Brown, Chairman; Sandy Frazer, Vice Chairman; Carol Stobaugh, Recording Secretary; Lori Prussman, Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Little, Treasurer.

This year 58 students were helped with vision care for a cost of \$4,103.95. One student was provided dental services at a cost of \$858.20.

The *Help a Child to See 2004 Campaign* was chaired by Sandy Frazer and received \$2,351.55 in donations.

Nancy Davenport, Vice-President and Trust Officer, Country Club Trust Company and administrator of the Hofheimer Trust was honored at the Founders' Day Dinner in February for her support of the Carpenter Board; Sara Hofheimer's mother was blind and Nancy has decided to use a portion of this trust to support vision related services. A donation to the Carpenter Fund, in her honor, was made by the St. Joseph PTA Council.

At the May meeting, a budget of \$6,400 was approved for 2005-2006. New officers elected for the coming year were: Joyce Clibon, Chairman; Sandy Frazer, Vice Chairman; Carol Stobaugh, Recording Secretary; Lori Prussman, Corresponding Secretary; Lisa Little, Treasurer.

Thanks to everyone for helping make this another successful year for our students.

Jean G. Brown, Chairman

Saint Joseph PTA Members Unite

At the 90th Annual Missouri PTA Convention

October 28-30, 2005

This year's event will be held at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center

In Springfield, Missouri

Over 50 workshops for student and adult delegates will be available

Information and registration is available through your PTA president, PTA council or at www.mopta.org

Registration deadline **September 21, 2005**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

List of Major Saver Preferred Card participating business

Please remember to thank them

Hoof & Horn Restaurant

Godfather's Pizza

Maid-Rite and Cabana Grill (Saint Joseph locations)

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Legends Sports Café

Whiskey Creek

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Country Kitchen

The Golf Club

Denny's Diner (Saint Joseph locations)

Dairy Queen (Saint Joseph locations)

Bredeaux Pizza

Captain D's (Saint Joseph locations)

Belt Bowl

La Mesa

Major Saver another great year!

Major Saver Fundraiser was another big hit thanks to everyone in the community and our sponsor businesses. We sold 12,315 cards. That means that the St. Joseph **PTA Council earned \$30,787.50** to support our council projects such as school grants, Founder's Day, Salute to Schools, and American Education Week to name just a few. Our **25 St. Joseph Schools also earned \$30,787.50** to be split according to the number of cards each school sold.

Thanks for all the support this project receives from the principals, secretaries, administration, community, parents and students. We couldn't do it without you!

Council Clippings Article Assignments for

October 2005

Articles are due September 10, 2005

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>American Education Week</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Parent Involvement</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Council Award</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director report</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.

Local Senior Awarded Scholarship

The St. Joseph PTA Council Character and Spiritual Leader Scholarship Committee has selected a local Senior to fill the position of Character and Spiritual Leader for the school year of 2005-2006. The selection committee had many quality student applications to consider. We would like to thank all the students who applied and thank you to the High School Counselors. We truly appreciate all of their help.

Congratulations to Alex Dobyman, a Senior at Central High School. We welcome Alex to the board and look forward to hearing from him this year.

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, or staff member, 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.)

The administrator of the nominee as well as the nominating party must sign the form to assure validity.

Each month one winner will be selected and recognized by the St. Joseph PTA Council. The winner will be awarded a certificate of recognition. In addition, a book valued at \$25 will be given in honor of the winner to the school where they are employed. If they are not employed at a school, then they may select which school will receive the book.

An impartial panel of three individuals will determine the winners. The panel will include a school district official, a PTA Council representative, and a local parent.

Nominations submitted will be kept for consideration for that school year unless they are chosen as a winner.

The child’s name will not be released to the public.

In order to be considered as the next month’s award recipient, three copies of the nomination must be received by the 20th of the previous month. The first award will be in September.

Nominations should be sent to:

Linda Peters
PTA Council Awards
406 Kentucky St
St. Joseph, MO. 64504



Thank you for your interest!

**St. Joseph PTA Council
Request/confirmation Form
For Button Machine**

Name _____

Date _____

Address _____

Telephone # Home _____

Organization _____

Work _____

Project or function _____

Email _____

Date & Time Requested _____

Number of Components Needed _____
(Plastic Cover, Shell, Pin Back=1 Component)

Send request to: Jena Kirschner
1121 N 18th St.
St. Joseph, MO. 64501
816-671-4410

Signature _____

jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us

Title _____

Send Bill To:

Make Checks Payable to: *ST. JOSEPH PTA COUNCIL*
Send Payment to: St. Joseph PTA Council
PO Box 1271
St. Joseph, MO 64501

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Button Machine reserved for
Date _____
Confirmation Sent _____

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Convention Report

Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Representative

The 109th Annual National PTA Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio, June 24-26, 2005, in the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Almost 1,800 attended the convention--the largest number in several years. Exchanging pins from your state continued to be one of the daily activities.

Linda Hodge, National PTA President, presided over the convention. In order to demonstrate a commitment to educating families on the importance of health, wellness, and nutrition, National PTA had a special **Walk for Healthy Kids** on Saturday morning. Linda announced that PTA had received \$1,070,000 from non dues revenue—from activities including sponsorships, endowments, and grants. Office Depot, Target, and Verizon made major contributions. The National PTA Website has been redesigned and is now easier to use.



In addition, an **Endowment Fund Breakfast** was held on Sunday to help ensure PTA's future. Many PTA members were honored by having a monetary gift given to the PTA Foundation in their honor. The several hundred people attending the breakfast were encouraged to honor others by a contribution.

Outstanding General Session Special Speakers were

Bonnie St. John, a paralympic Medalist, who won an Olympic Silver Medal in the 1984 Paralympics in Innsbruck, Austria, after growing up with cultural and physical disadvantages.

US Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings spoke of being the first US Secretary of Education who is a mother of school-age children. Secretary Spellings noted that there is a ratio of 1,200 to 1 in the US of teachers educated to teach PE (physical education) verses physics. Secretary Spellings spoke of the importance of the Jobs for the 21st Century Careers Campaign.

Ernest G. Green, a member of the "Little Rock Nine" of which Ernest and eight other African American students were the first to integrate the Little Rock Central High School following the 1954 US Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. Board of Education. (Ernest received multiple standing ovations during his talk.) Walt Disney produced the "Ernest Green Story" to tell his story.

Jason Kamras, 2005 National Teacher of the Year described his life as teacher of the year.

Dr. Robert Gupta noted that there are three primary reasons why children are obese: they are more sedentary (watching TV), children today eat an increased portion size, and they are eating an increase in junk foods. An initiative called "Rescuing Recess" has been initiated.

Danny Glover, actor, director, producer, and literacy advocate, spoke on his advocacy of the arts, literacy, and community involvement. He quoted Martin Luther King by saying, "The time is always right to do right."



Reflections Recognition: - A Different Kind of Hero

St. Joseph's **Daniel Johnson**, a 2005 graduate of Central High School was one of four students presented with the Reflections Award of Excellence and Outstanding Interpretation. He was also a St. Joseph hero. Each one of the category winners was truly outstanding. Daniel stood proudly on stage as his music composition "Chorus of Waves" was played. Daniel is the youngest son of Dr. Martin and Mrs. Leslie Johnson. Each one of the Reflections winners received a standing ovation. Each winner received the National PTA Reflections Medallion, a certificate of excellence, and a cash reward of \$200. It was certainly a proud moment for St.

Joseph. Reflections began in 1970. Mr. Charlie Taylor, an art teacher at Central High School, is the only other St. Joseph student to win this prestigious award. His entry was a sculpture when he was a student at Central High School. The theme for 2005-06 is "I Wonder Why . . ."

Three Convention Resolutions were brought forward:

PTA Proposed Resolutions

Bullying: The National PTA and its constituent organizations resolved to work with the appropriate agencies and organizations in a national effort to inform the general public about the risks and cost of bullying for both the bully and the target, and bring about a change in societal attitudes toward bullying. It can take many forms including email, a chat room, and on a cell phone.



High School Graduation, College Preparation, and Access to increase federal grants to students and others to foster an economically, culturally, and ethnically diverse student population and improve and increase access to information on financial assistance for postsecondary education and expanding access to in-school tuition.

Teacher Quality-Equity and Accountability – The National PTA supports a balanced accountability system that uses multiple measures in order to improve academic achievement for all students.

Breakout Sessions Attended

Bullying Bullying is a learned behavior that begins with gossiping. It causes students to drop out of high school, vandalize, and develop low self esteem into adulthood.

Building Support for Early Foreign Language Programs It is important to begin teaching foreign language in the early grades. It is not as important what language it is as that the child is taught another language. The year 2005 is considered the Year of the Languages.



Hot Topics in Legislation During this session, the three PTA Lobbyists noted that the PTA priorities were Parent Involvement, Public Education, and Safe and Nurturing Environment. PTA is against vouchers and is not faith based. Todd Haiken, one of three lobbyists for PTA, led the discussion. We have excellent representation in Washington, DC, with these three individuals who are passionate about our issues and delivering our message.

Helping Parents Make Informed Decisions Standard and Poor's new public website features information about every school, including charter schools, and school districts in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated over \$6,000,000 to help better inform parents and educators. The information for the website was collected from each state's Department of Education.

Election Results

In the President-elect National PTA election, Jan Harp Domene was nominated from the floor and won the election 511 to 478. Missouri PTA President Tina Zubeck was elected to the National PTA Board of Members Representatives. At the end of the conference, Anna Weselak was installed as the new PTA National President.

National PTA Executive Director

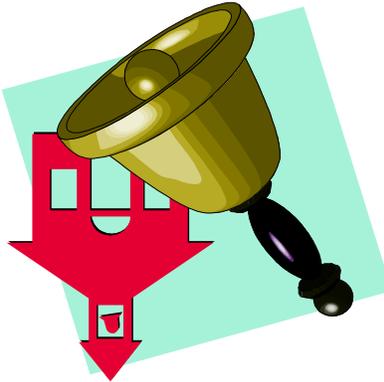
Warlene Gary made an excellent speech near the end of the conference. She strongly encouraged the audience to speak out against legislation that did not support public education. Warlene compared the importance of the message that National PTA has with the importance of the message that the Pony Express Riders carried in 1860. She noted that each PTA member is entrusted with the message *everychild.onevoice*.

Thank you

It was an honor to represent St. Joseph PTA Council at the National PTA Convention.

Sharon Kosek, St. Joseph PTA Council Legislative Chairperson

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