

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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*Presidents*  
*Corner...Peggy Wood*

Spring is here and summer is right around the corner and the JAYHAWKS ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS !!!!!!! Sorry, couldn't resist. Although this is our final PTA Council Clippings of the year, it is not time to completely forget about your PTA. Instead, think of this break as a time to organize and brainstorm for next year. Sometimes our best ideas come when we least expect it---at the baseball field, pool or picnic. This is a great time to replenish your stock of ideas for such projects as membership, programs and fundraising. Review the PTA purposes, your bylaws, and procedures. Plan a meeting in August to review or devise a plan of work for your PTA for the 2008-09 school year.

It is April again which means it is time for our annual value cards to be sold throughout the district. The cards will be sold beginning the last week of April and ending the first week of May. Kelly with Major Saver has been working very hard to make sure we have some really valuable offers on the card. Let's all work real hard to make this a successful project for the St. Joseph PTA Council and our individual PTA units.

The Saint Joseph PTA Council will be recognizing all of the Reflections winners and participants on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Keatley Center. We had a record number of entries this year and we are proud of each and every one who had an entry. Several first place winners will now advance to the National PTA Reflections competition. Thanks again to Lori Prussman who chaired this committee and to all who helped.

I can't believe this school year is just about over. I am looking forward to another great school year in 2008-09 but I am really sad to be losing some of the best PTA gals that there is. Thanks to each one of you on the Council for your hard work and dedication. You have made my job so easy. I feel so blessed to have made so many friends and I will always be grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph PTA Council.

Have a great summer and your PTA Council looks forward to seeing you all in August. God Bless.

Peggy Wood  
St. Joseph PTA Council President

**The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board** would like to thank all of the schools that made a donation to our organization. It is these donations that allow us to continue helping the students of the St. Joseph School District with gaining eye care when there is no other resources for them. We have helped numerous students in years past and with your continued support we will help many, many more.

**Please consider a line item in your budget for next year to help us continue this most needed program.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

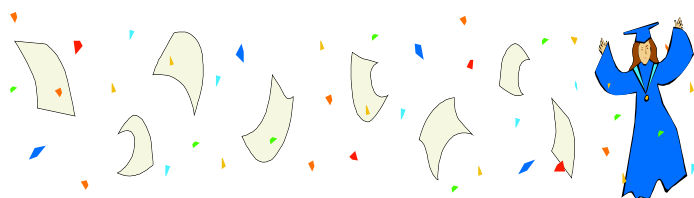
Allene Wright  
Corresponding Secretary  
Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board

## **Council Clippings Article Assignments for September 2008**

**Articles are due August 10, 2008**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Presidents Report</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Regional Director article</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Treasurer</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>State Convention Information</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Membership</u></b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Ways &amp; Means</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>National Convention</u></b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Clarence Carpenter Annual report</u></b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Council Award</u></b>

**All articles must be emailed to Lori Prussman at [aokmom@hotmail.com](mailto:aokmom@hotmail.com), subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE . Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.**



## Reflections 2007-2008

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the 2007-2008 Reflections contest. The St. Joseph School District had 99 entries with 22 of 25 schools participating. We had 9 students place at the State contest. Those students are as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> place literature was Trysta Schultz from Skaith  
 HM for musical composition was Elsa Kunz from Field  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place photography was Thomas Nelson from Central  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place photography was Quinn Reeder from Central  
 1<sup>st</sup> place visual arts was Aaron Schmidt from Coleman  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place visual arts was Sylvia Majerus from Bode  
 1<sup>st</sup> place dance choreography was Brooklyn Wattenbarger from Lindbergh  
 1<sup>st</sup> place dance choreography was Vitoria Paolillo from Central  
 HM for dance choreography was Anya Hopkins from Field

All 99 participants were invited to the Reflections Recognition Ceremony held on April 17, 2008 at the Keatley Center. Each student received a participation certificate and ribbon and those that placed at State received trophies. Great job!!

Submitted by Lori Prussman  
 St. Joseph PTA Council Reflections Chair

Thanks to everyone who made the Council SOI such a wonderful success. First to the members of the units that came (over 50) you are truly great people to volunteer to keep your units active and strong. Thanks to Leechia Jones from Family Guidance for motivating and inspiring us to continue the work of PTA. Thanks to the unit officers for leading the workshops, Peggy Wood- Presidents, Christy Callaway-treasurer, Deb Conrad-membership, Jena Kirshner-secretary and Sharon Kosek-Reflections. I appreciate the time each of you took to prepare packets of information for each school, for those who did not attend the packets are being sent to you through inter school mail.

The winners of the door prizes were: President-Karen Franklin from Bode won Four Council members working Two hours at any PTA sponsored event, Treasurer-Jenni Newell from Neely won a free audit of the PTA books, Secretary-Natasha Johnson from Mark Twain won a pen and pencil set and a subscription to "Our Children" magazine, Membership-Beverly Lukehart from Neely won 10 memberships being sold for their unit, and Reflections-Lori Prussman from Central won trophies for their Reflection contest winners in their school. The grand prizewinner for an all expense trip for two to the State Convention was Lindbergh School!

Again thank you for being so generous of your time and talents to help the school children in St. Joseph.

Joyce Clibon, Chair of School of Information

## Ideas for Parent Involvement

Continued from last month...

Written by MOPTA

Listed below are ideas shared within workshop focus groups on the six standards, and how they interact to improve Parent Involvement. Please share these with parents, teachers, administrators, and your school board.

**Standard 6. Collaborating with the community**  
 – Families and school staff collaborate with community members to connect the community and expand learning opportunities

- Bring in businesses from the community to give real-life learning workshops
- Ask a local church or other organization to partner with a cooking event
- Check with Girl Scouts, churches, and college students for babysitting at school events
- Start an after-school intern program with businesses using students
- Have students volunteer for community events, festivals, etc.
- Plan a student talent show and invite the community - show the community the value of their students.

This concludes the article. I hope it was helpful.

Submitted by Lori Prussman

### INSPIRATIONAL

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.  
 --Zig Ziglar

### LEADERSHIP

Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance.  
 --J. Donald Walters

### COMMITMENT

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will.  
 --Vince Lombardi

\*\*Thank you to the Council PTA/PTSA for allowing me the opportunity to be the Character & Spiritual scholarship recipient for the 2007/2008 school year.

Heather Slawson  
 Character & Spiritual



Congratulations class of 2008  
 May all of your hopes and  
 dreams come true

## Legislative Report . . . Sharon Kosek

Thank You for your support this year of the March 18 Candidates' Forum as well as the January 25, February 29, March 28, and April 25 Legislative Forums.



### **Congratulations Newly Elected Board of Education Members Sarah Siemens and Sue Wagner**

Two new St. Joseph School District Board of Education members joined continuing Board members on April 14. Sarah Siemens, mother of two children in our District and a volunteer in our schools for the past seven years, is also a CPA who has worked for nine years as an auditor of various banks, agencies, and charitable organizations.

Sue Wagner, former St. Joseph School District Gifted Coordinator and instructor, currently teaches the Gifted program at Avenue City School District. Sue is also a past St. Joseph School District Teacher of the Year and was chosen as one of the YWCA Women of Excellence Award winners a few years ago.

Both of these ladies have also made significant contributions in our community as volunteers. Congratulations to these two outstanding leaders as they join our Board of Education.

### **Thank a Teacher!—**

Celebrate PTA Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-10.

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### **Legislative Alerts Sent by Missouri PTA – Prompt Action Regarding Tax Credit (Voucher) Bills**

**On March 10**, the Missouri PTA send out a legislative alert requesting that Missouri PTA members take prompt action by calling their state Senator and Representative to let them know to VOTE NO and express their concerns with **HB 1886**, **SB 993** and **SB 770**. Tax Credit Bill would have been very similar to vouchers—taking away money from public education. A similar bill is brought forward each year—and has been defeated to date—but close watch must be taken so that such a bill does not pass. The description each year varies from vouchers, tax credits, and scholarships. Senator Charlie Shields, Representatives Ed Wildberger, and Martin Rucker were contacted; each promptly returned my communication with an email saying they would not support such bills. It is important that candidates who support public education are elected in the upcoming August Primary and the November election.

**On April 4**, the Missouri PTA sent out another legislative alert requesting Missouri PTA members to take action regarding an omnibus bill that had been filed in the House has a number of very negative legislative proposals attached to it. HCS for **HB 2040** and **2430** (Sponsored by Speaker Jetton and Rep. Holsman) includes **HB 1886** on tuition tax credit scholarships. Unfortunately, it also contains several positive bills including **SB 779** on pre-school and **HB 1722** on teacher protection. Representative Rucker and Representative Wildberger were asked to please vote NO on HB 2040 and 2430. We must pay close attention to these pro-voucher bills—those legislators supporting vouchers will continue to bring them forward.

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### **A Salute to Dr. Teresa Humphreys and Mr. David Hornaday**

Dr. Teresa Humphreys and Mr. David Hornaday have well served our District, our community, and our children for the last 12 years. They have given hundreds and hundreds of hours of their time for the betterment of our schools. Please consider sending them a note of appreciation for their years of dedication.

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**Clarence J. Carpenter  
Memorial Fund Board**

**Treasurer's Report**

1-22-08 thru 3-16-08

**Beginning Balance as of  
01/21/08**

**\$18,489.88**

**RECEIPTS/INCOME:**

Donation: Benton	\$50.00
Donation: Mark Twain	\$50.00
Help a Child To See Donations	\$2,502.20
Council-Founders Day	\$100.00
Interest on Checking 01-31-08	\$3.74
Interest on Checking 02-29-08	\$3.92
Void Check #681-M.T. Aldrich	\$32.50

**Total Receipts:** \$2,742.36

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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Ck #688- Dr. M.T. Aldrich	\$32.50
Ck #689- Bonebrake Vision	\$97.00
Ck #690- Fields Eye Site	\$252.00
Ck #691- Rosenak's Optical Options	\$425.00
Ck #692- The Spec Shoppe	\$556.00
Ck #693- Tobin Eye Institute	\$310.00

**Total Disbursements:** \$1,672.50

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**Ending Balance as of 03-17-08**

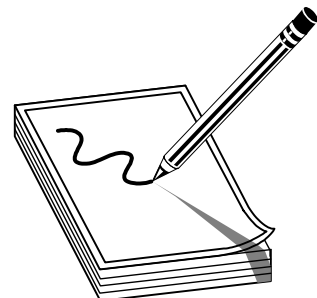
**\$19,559.74**

**Balance Comprised of:**

Bank Midwest CD 4910014155	\$9,665.50
Bank Midwest Checking	\$9,894.24
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,559.74</b>

**Check list of things to do before the end of the school year.**

1. Send in officers list to Peggy Wood and State PTA.
2. Set your budget for next year.
3. Set your calendar; dates for events.
4. Make sure your bylaws are current.
5. Collect and update procedure books or make new ones.
6. Hand out procedure books to new officers/chairman.
7. Set up your fundraiser.
8. Set up a summer meeting with your officers.
9. Make sure all outstanding bills have been paid.
10. Set up an audit of your books and send in audit form to State.



**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  
10489 SE State Rt. A  
St. Joseph, MO 64507  
816-244-1687

[jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:jena.kirschner@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

Or at TMC 816-671-4390

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

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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For Council Use Only

Button Machine reserved for

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Sent\_\_\_\_\_

Check out date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Check in date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Components Issued\_\_\_\_\_

Number Returned\_\_\_\_\_

Number Used @ \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Total Due\_\_\_\_\_

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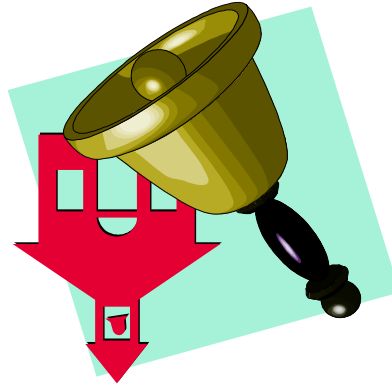
Confirmation

Your Request for the Button Machine is Confirmed for \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

## SENDING TIDINGS



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