

Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of
St. Joseph PTA Council

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UPDATE.....

St. Joseph PTA Council December 4th meeting has been relocated to TMC, 3401 Renick at 7:00 pm.

As you have heard the SJSD Board of Education has hired School Exec Connect (SEC) to assist in the **hiring of the new superintendent**. PTA parents will be the first focus group that SEC will meet with. We are asking for **two PTA representatives/parents to attend**. Principals will have their own focus groups later.

The information collected by SEC at this and the other focus groups will be compiled and presented to the BOE. This information will give needed input on building the new superintendent's profile, what qualities we want in that next hire!

Please plan to attend and be a part of this process. Your input is valued and much appreciated.

Nominating committee...

The St. Joe PTA Council elected its nominating committee at the November meeting. The group elected is Laura Henderson, miller62879@gmail; Shablix Jones, shablixjones@gmail.com; Anita Combs, anita.combs@sjsjd.k12.mo.us; Heather Gladhart, heather.gladhart@sjsd.k12.mo.us and Lori Prussman, aokmom@hotmail.com.

In this addition you will find a talent finder flyer. We ask that everyone take a look at this flyer and if you are interested in serving at the Council level please let one of the nominating committee members know. This will speed up the process to fill the slate for next school year.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund Board of Trustees Annual Report 2016-2017

The Clarence J. Carpenter Memorial Fund was established by the St. Joseph Parent Teacher Association 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. A volunteer board of 12 members manages the fund – the St. Joseph PTA Council elects 9 and the Council President and Coordinator of Health Service also serves on the board. The Superintendent of Schools is an advisor to the Board. We currently have 1 Honorary Trustees: Mrs. Sandy Frazer.

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

Officers of 2016-2017 were Lori Prussman - Chairman, Judd Clark - Vice-chair, Crissy Juhl - Recording secretary, Joyce Brewka - Corresponding secretary, and Lisa Little - Treasurer.

This year a total of 59 students were helped with eye care. The cost of this care was \$5,948.38.

There were no dental bills presented this year.

HELP A CHILD TO SEE 2016 CAMPAIGN received in \$5,859.86 donations.

The Spec Shoppe, was honored at the Founder's Day Dinner for their years of service to the students of SJSD. The St. Joseph PTA Council made a donation to the Carpenter Fund, in their honor.

At the May meeting a budget of \$8,065.00 was approved. New officers elected for the coming year are: Lisa Little - Chair, Judd Clark - Vice-chair, Shelley Crooks - Recording secretary, Renee Falkner- Corresponding secretary, and Cheryl Hale – Treasurer.

The Board wishes to thank all the units and individuals for the donations they have made to make it another successful year for the Board to give eye and dental care to the students of the St. Joseph School District.



**St. Joseph PTA Council
Mailing address
PO Box 1162, 64502.**

**PTA Council Dues
Are now Overdue
Please remit as soon as possible**

**Always do your best. What you plant now, you will
harvest later.--Og Mandino**

**My parents have instilled in me to always work hard
and do my best. They told me to never sell myself
short. Everything that I'm doing now will prepare
me to be a better and more successful person in the
future.**

Submitted by Nicholas Ryan

**Is Tammi Gumm; St. Joseph PTA Council
President, a member of your unit yet?
If not please contact her asap!**

**Clarence J Carpenter Memorial Fund Board
donations can be mailed to:
Cheryl Hale
1124 N. 13th, St. Joseph MO 64501
Thank you in advance for your continued
support!!!**



Plan of Works Council Clippings

My plan is to obtain all information for Clippings by the 15th of each month since we will not be printing hard copies any longer. My goal is to have Clippings uploaded to the website; www.stjoepta.org, the last week of each month or at the latest the first week of the month.

I will also prepare an email with link to Corresponding Secretary of Clippings so that it can be emailed to everyone as well.

I will also keep the website and Yearbook updated.

Clippings Chair
Lori Prussman

Mark your calendars

**PTA Council Meetings
Meetings will be held at Hillyard Tech Center
General meetings begin at 7:00 pm**

November 6th, Monday
December 4th, Monday
January 9th, Tuesday
March 5th, Monday
April 16th, Monday
May 7th, Monday



**Council Clippings Article Assignments for December
Articles are due November 15, 2017**

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Founders Day</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Spelling Bee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director article</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</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.**

Need to know info...

***Membership cards...**To request additional membership cards please go online to www.mopta.org and fill out the request form so the office can mail them to you.

***Reminder to send in your PTA memberships monthly.** The new form is on the www.mopta.org.

***IRS deadline** is fast approaching. 990 N's must be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the fiscal year. (Fiscal year ending June 30, the 990 is due November 15.)

***Reports due Dec. 1, 2017 to MOPTA office...**Financial Review/Audit, Annual year end report and a copy of your IRS confirmation. These reports can be postal mailed or emailed to the state office, office@mopta.org.

***Bylaws; are your units bylaws current?...** Each unit needs to check their bylaws to make sure they are not expired. Remember that units should have a committee to review the bylaws and they should bring any changes to the general assembly for approval. Typically, any changes must be presented and wait until the next meeting to vote on approval.

***Be on the lookout for upcoming Convention information. Convention will be held in Kansas City, April 2018.**



Council Clippings Article Assignments for January Articles are due December 15, 2017

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Founders Day</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Awards</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director article</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character & Spiritual</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.

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

"Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."

-- Winston Churchill

I can relate this to my own life and my ACL injury. For the last 6 months each time I thought I was failing and would never be the same, I continued to work hard and move to my next failure. I didn't think I would get released to play sports again and now that I'm to that point I continue to see failures. I'm not as good as I once was, but I need to continue to work hard to overcome this obstacle. And after this, another is waiting in the foreground. I just need to continue to work hard, believe, and trust in the Lord.

Submitted by Nicholas Ryan

Unit in Good Standings Report 2017-2018

Unit Name: _____

	State PTA	Council	Complete
Financial review	X	X	
Annual report	X	X	
Tax confirmation	X	X	
PTA memberships to State PTA	X	X	
Current bylaws	X	X	
Council dues paid		X	
Insurance confirmation		X	
Unit budget		X	
District form/their external audit		X	

This form can be used to track the reports/information as you submit them to the State PTA and also St. Joseph PTA Council.

Reflections information...

It's that time of year. Reflections information is available online at www.mopta.org.

- **Units must be in [good standing](#) to participate in the Reflections Program**
- **[Register](#) your unit for the program by December 1st**
- **[Advance](#) your entries to the state round by December 16, 2017**
- **[17-18 Reflections One Page Guide to Registration, Online Entry Submission & Participation Reporting is a must have for the Unit Reflections Chair!](#)**

Please do not hesitate to contact us at reflections@mopta.org if you have any questions. The Missouri PTA Reflections Team is here to help you!



"You can't expect to hit the jackpot if you don't put in a few nickels."-Flip Wilson

I can't expect success to come easy. If I want to succeed, I need to really put the time and effort into the task.

Submitted by Nicholas Ryan

Unmet needs grant

The Council is continuing with the Unmet needs grants this year. These funds will allow the Council to help supplement needs your Unit or students have that you can't quite pay for alone. We have up to \$3,050 to help fund needs for this school year.

Here's the process we are implementing at this point. Note: Since this is the first time we are trying this out, this process can change as the Council sees fit.

- Write a letter/email to the Council explaining what your needs are, what other funding venues you have tried, and how this funding will benefit your Unit/students.
- You can request any money amount needed, however the Council may not fund your entire request.
- You should explain how you have exhausted other funding opportunities.
- Email requests to Tammi Gumm at gummi_bears@att.net.
- The Executive Council Board Members will review each request, and determine if the request will be granted and/or how much money will be funded to the requestor. The Council's Executive Board will inform the requestor of the Board's decision.
- The Board will award recipients until the funds have been depleted.
- You may be asked to write an article for one of our publications explaining how the funding was a benefit to your Unit/students.

"If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success." *James Cameron*

Don't sell yourself short....shoot for the stars, if you fail, you will still land beyond all those who have set their bars low.

Submitted by Nicholas Ryan

The St. Joseph PTA Council nominating committee is in the process of developing the slate of officers and chairs for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking for volunteers willing to step into leadership roles.

Are you interested in volunteering? Please fill out the following form and **return by December 11th** to the nominating committee. Email addresses for the committee are on page 1 of Council Clippings.

VI - very interested I – Interested

Officers:

___President:	___1st Vice President
___2nd Vice President:	___3rd Vice President
___4th Vice President:	___Secretary:
___Treasurer:	___Sergeant-At-Arms

Chairs:

___Reflections:	___Reflections Ceremony
___Spelling Bee:	___Founders Day
___Membership	___Salute the Schools
___PTA University	___Ways and Means:
___Bylaws	___Clippings (Editor)
___Legislation	___Awards:
___Special Events	___Early Childhood
___Health/Wellness & Safety	___Family/Community Engagement
___Special Education	

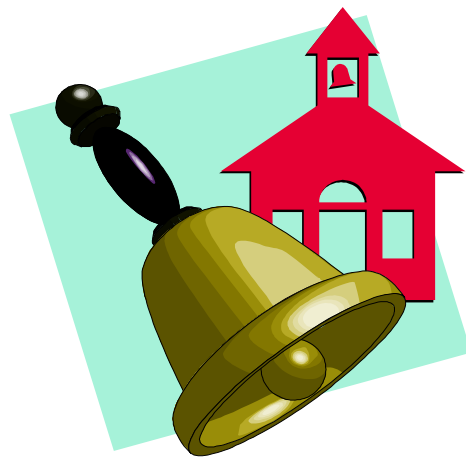
Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Unit: _____

Previous volunteer experience: _____

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