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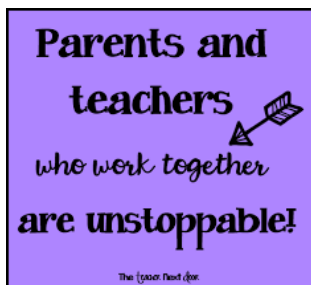
December 2021



President's Corner

Holidays are quickly approaching! Thank you for continuing to volunteer to help our schools, teachers, and the students during this busy time of the year. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help! I hope everyone has a great holiday season!

Jennifer Kerns, St. Joseph PTA Council President



Nominating committee

St. Joseph PTA Council nominating committee was elected at our November meeting. The committee will begin their work very soon and would love to hear from you. We have the talent finder form posted on our website; www.stjoeppta.org. Please take a few minutes to look it over and fill out your form asap.

The job description of each officer and chair is also on the website. This will give you a very good idea of the work involved in each position.

Please email your form to
sjptacouncil@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance!



"Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the errors that counts"

-Nikki Giovanni

Submitted by Allaina Mace



Council Clippings Article Assignments for January 2022 Articles are due December 15, 2021

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Character & Spiritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflections	<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.

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.stjoeppta.org

Deadline is December 1!

Send copies to PTA Council PO Box 1162, 64502, email tosjptacouncil@gmail.com **and** to the State PTA office, office1@mopta.org to remain in good standings!!



I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving full of love, laughter, relaxation, and wonderful memories. It's crazy to think we only have a few weeks left before 2nd quarter is complete. This year is flying by.

As we keep going strong at school, it's important to keep going strong at home. Remember keep that structure up at home. Plan time for your child to study, spend time reading with each other and talking to each other. Check in on your child, make sure they are doing well. COVID is still out there and it brings more worries and stress to a lot of the kids. The kids and staff are working very hard. Please contact your school staff if you have any concerns, questions or joys. Thanks for all that you do at home.

Have a great December, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

December Awareness:

Dec 3- International Day of the Disabled Person

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher & Council Chair

The St. Joseph PTA Council Unmet needs grant application is included in this issue of Clippings.

Deadline is January 29th!

Don't forget to check out our website,
www.stjoepta.org

and like us on Facebook!

**Founders Day will be held on
Thursday, February 17th
Stoney Creek Inn
Awards are included in this issue**



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

Update is included in this issue...



BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Saturday, February 5, 2022, may seem far in the distance, but it will be here before we know it. For the schools enrolled with Scripps National Spelling Bee, access is available online to all the information needed to ensure that their spelling champions are eligible to move up to the county level. I have contacted each school with information about the bee and the official enrollment forms for their spellers. As of 11/11/2021, only two schools have not enrolled! Enrollment is open until December 31, 2021.

Again this year, the bee will be held at Truman Middle School, 3227 Olive, St. Joseph, Missouri. Simultaneous spell-offs for the elementary level will be held in the boys' gym and the middle level in the girls' gym. To determine the top two finalists to the regional bee, a spell-off with the five finalists from both the elementary and middle school divisions will take place. These ten finalists will compete for the 1st and 2nd place trophies and the opportunity to represent Buchanan County at the regional bee.

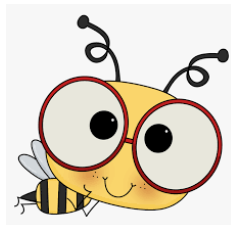
Registration for spellers will begin at 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, February 5, 2022, with the bee following immediately at 1:00 P.M. Any speller arriving after 1:00 P.M. will be unable to register. I would like to thank the Truman staff and Principal, Landi Quinlin in advance for allowing us to once again use their facility.

As always, if you have questions or comments regarding the bee, please contact me at karenheyde@yahoo.com or 816-390-3506.

Respectfully,

Karen Heyde-Lipanovich

Coordinator, Buchanan County Spelling Bee





Eleanor Ruth Langemach passed away at Country Squire Retirement Residence in St. Joseph on Nov. 24, 2021.

She was born on June 19, 1926, in Hinsdale, Illinois, and was baptized on Dec. 25, 1927, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Berwyn, Illinois.

Her adoption by Walter Alva and Esther Ruth (Dillon) Peckenpaugh was finalized on Dec. 27, 1927.

They lived in Berwyn until Walter and Ruth separated and Eleanor moved with her mother to St. Joseph, at the age of six. Eleanor recalled the trials of growing up during the depression. She remembered having scarlet fever, whooping cough and the old-fashioned measles.

Eleanor attended Humboldt, Todd and Pershing elementary schools and Lafayette High School in St. Joseph, graduating in 1944. Her classmates knew her as "Peck". High school yearbooks show her to have been involved in a wide variety of clubs and activities, mostly centered around art and music. Eleanor was inducted into the Lampion Honor Society during her senior year and was recognized as one of the six highest ranking seniors that year, being named as class valedictorian. She was Editor in Chief of "The Oak" yearbook during her senior year and was described as "one of the most versatile students ever to attend Lafayette, endearing herself to all by her willingness to accept any responsibility". Eleanor made many lifelong friends during high school. As the years passed, Eleanor always took an eager and active part in planning class reunions.

Upon graduation, Eleanor expressed an interest in going to college at a time when finances were scarce. She once told this to a friend who quickly responded, "You talk like a crazy woman. You can't afford college." And Eleanor quickly responded, "I'm going!" Through the help of scholarships, Eleanor attended the St. Joseph Junior College (now Missouri Western State University). During her summers, she worked at Wonder Bread to help pay for her college expenses. While at Junior College, Eleanor was editor of The Griffon News and secretary of Phi Theta Kappa, a national scholastic fraternity for junior colleges. She was pleased to receive the Junior College Service Award, given to a student intending to continue his or her education. Eleanor spent the next two years of college at the University of Missouri in Columbia and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism.

On Nov. 25, 1948, she married Vernon Rollin Langemach and was privileged to enjoy 51 years of marriage, before Vernon's death in 2000.

Eleanor is survived by: her children, Susan (Wayne) Cole and Paul (Nancy) Langemach; grandchildren: Scott (Sephra) Brown, Brian (Tishia) Brown, Eric (Ekta) Langemach, Kristin (Nathan) Peterson, Mark (Maddy) Langemach and Bailey Cole. She is also survived by great-grandchildren: Gabe Brown, Seth Brown, Zach Brown, Riley Brown and Sage Langemach, along with sister-in-law, Darline Langemach.

Eleanor first secured an advertising job in Kansas City, but ended up with appendicitis and had to cancel her job. She saw that as an act of fate that allowed her to stay in St. Joseph, where she would end up marrying Vernon. Her professional employment included being a layout and copy writer in the advertising department of the St. Joseph News Press (1948-1953) and serving as advertising manager for Hirsch's department store (1953).

After her children were grown, Eleanor worked as Christian Education Director at Francis Street First United Methodist Church for 13 years, retiring in 1991.

At age 12, Eleanor was confirmed into membership of the Francis Street Methodist Church and remained a member there for the rest of her life. Through the years, she served there as a board member of the church. She loved helping with landscaping around the church building. Elsewhere, she was Building Chair and Finance Chair of the former Wesley Foundation campus ministry at MWSU, being one of the incorporators of the Foundation in 1989, and playing an integral part in the building of their new campus ministry home.

In 2008, Eleanor traveled to the Holy Land in a group led by Dr. Jimmy Albright. While there, she rededicated her baptism in the Jordan River. In later years, she often accompanied her family to Sunday services at Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church, and the church welcomed her graciously and with love.

In addition to caring for her family, much of Eleanor's life was spent doing volunteer work with a focus on education and projects that benefit children and youth. As a young mother, Eleanor was active in the YWCA Young Matrons program and pre-school activities. She frequently helped out at school as a room mother or even as a chaperone for an 8th grade field trip to Dallas-Fort Worth, by train. And she somehow made time to serve as a Cub Scout assistant den leader. Her children remember her as PTA president of Pershing Elementary School, which automatically placed her on the St. Joseph PTA Council as a representative from Pershing.

When her children were grown, Eleanor's energies expanded to the state level. She was state president of the Missouri PTA (1975-1977). She served on the National Board of Directors (1975-1981) and as chairperson of the National PTA Cultural Arts Reflection Project (1980-1981). In 1978, she was one of 12 representatives of the U.S. Friendship Commission selected to participate in an Educational Seminar, held in Japan. Also, in 1978, she was honored to be named Lay Educator of the Year by the local chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. In 2007, she received the Dr. Dan L. Colgan National PTA Foundation Award, a lifetime PTA leadership award. Eleanor has been honored as an honorary life member of the Missouri PTA, the Nebraska PTA and the National PTA.

Eleanor's love of gardening was always evident, via a simple walk through her back yard. It was a showplace to behold. Her children remember her love of flowers, her longtime membership in the Bu-An-Co Gardeners and countless hours of preparation for flower shows. She was a past president of that club and also served as parliamentarian. In the role of Habitat for Humanity Chairman for the Bu-An-Co Garden Club, she helped coordinate landscaping plantings for several Habitat Homes in St. Joseph. Eleanor served as Director of the Northwest District Council of Judges and treasurer of the Northwest District. As state president, Eleanor was quoted as saying "Cherish the memories of yesterday, savor the beauty of today, but nurture the promise of tomorrow!"

She was a past state president of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri (1981-1983) and was honored as a life member. She served on the state executive committee as parliamentarian and was a member of the advisory council. In 1984, she became a nationally accredited Master Flower Show Judge and enjoyed judging in state and county fairs and garden club flower shows. Continuing education included attending state Symposiums every three years. In 2019, she was granted the status and title of Master Judge Emeritus.

Eleanor served on the St. Joseph Public Library Board of Directors from Oct. 1981 to Nov. 1988. She was a member of Chapter FP of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and greatly appreciated the many cards and notes from her sisters during these past few years.

In 2016, Eleanor was honored to be recognized as one of two recipients of the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award. In a newspaper article detailing the award, long-time friend Sharon Kosek was quoted as saying "She always just was so gracious, and still is, in everything she does. She treats everyone like they're a queen or a prince."

While there never seemed to be enough spare time, Eleanor still enjoyed playing the piano, singing in the church choir and she had her own kiln for completion of exquisite ceramics. She loved doing needlework and had made a couple of cross stitch quilts. Her favorite song on the piano was "Living for Jesus", which she played by memory and the Bible verse she quoted almost daily was from Psalm 118:24, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Preceding her in death are her husband and her adoptive parents, Ruth Matthews and Walter Peckenpough.

The family would like to thank the staff at Country Squire and the Freudenthal Home Health and Hospice teams, for their many kindnesses extended to both Eleanor and her dog, Cocoa. We appreciate the gentleness in which Eleanor was allowed to finally travel home into God's waiting arms.

Farewell Services and Public Livestream: 3 p.m. Tuesday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

Interment: Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will gather with friends 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Meierhoffer Funeral Home & Crematory.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Davis-Langemach Scholarship, C/O: St. Joseph PTA Council, P.O. Box 1162, St. Joseph, MO 64502.

St. Joseph PTA Council extends our deepest sympathy to Eleanor's family. Hers was a life well lived and we are all grateful for her many efforts on behalf of the children of St. Joseph and beyond. Heaven gained an extraordinary lady!

Unit in Good Standing

Council Unit in Good Standing 2021-2022											
Unit	Financial	Annual	Tax Conf	Memberships	Current	Council Dues	Insurance	Unit	Dist.	Grant	Current
	review	Report		to State	bylaws	Paid	Conf	budget	Form		Officers
Carden Park	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Coleman	yes	yes	yes	yes	NO					yes	yes
Edison	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Ellison	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Eugene Field					IP	yes					yes
Hosea	yes	yes	yes		yes			yes		yes	yes
Hyde					IP	yes				yes	yes
Lindbergh	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Mark Twain	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Oak Grove	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Parkway	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes	yes
Pershing	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	yes
Pickett	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes
Skaith	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Bode	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Robidoux					no						no
Spring Garden	yes	yes	yes		no						no
Truman	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Benton					yes						yes
Central	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes
Lafayette	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	yes
Council	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes to State	yes	yes			yes
Updated	11/30/2021										



Unit membership report

2021-2022	Membership totals								
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Carden Park		4	4	4					
Coleman			50 + 1	50+1					
Edison		51 + 1	51 + 1	51+1					
Ellison		88	88	88					
Field									
Hosea									
Hyde									
Lindbergh									
Mark Twain		35	35	35					
Oak Grove			126 + 3	214+5					
Parkway		64	64	64					
Pershing			47	47					
Pickett			85 + 1	85+1					
Skaith		136 + 3	243 + 3	243+3					
Bode	36	36	41 + 1	41+1					
Robidoux									
Spring Garden									
Truman			21	21					
Benton									
Central			117 + 5	117+5					
Lafayette			96 + 2	96+2					
	36	418	1085	1175					
updated	11/30/2021								



St. Joseph PTA Council Unmet Needs Grant

The Council is happy to continue providing the Unmet Needs Grants. These funds will allow the Council to help supplement needs your Unit or students have that you can't quite pay for alone. The budgeted amount for 2021-2022 is \$3,050.00.

- Submit this form to the Council explaining what your needs are.
- Explain how this funding will benefit your Unit/students.
- Explain how you have exhausted other funding opportunities.
- Your unit can request any money amount needed, however the Council may not fund your entire request.
- The Council's Executive Board 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 Council's Executive Board will award recipients until the funds have been depleted.
- Email requests to sjptacouncil@gmail.com.
- **Deadline is January 29th.**
- **Checks will be awarded at Founders Day Dinner.**

You may be asked to write an article for one of our publications explaining how the funding was a benefit to your Unit/students.

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Joseph PTA Council.

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Please email requests to sjptacouncil@gmail.com

Deadline is January 29th.

Will be awarded at Founders Day dinner

School name: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

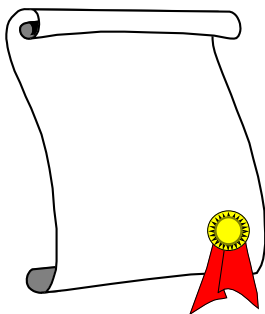
Signature of PTA/PTSA President _____

Signature of Principal _____

I. Please describe what the requested funds will be used for.

II. Please describe how this request will benefit your unit/school.

III. What other funding sources have you applied for?



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 15th!!** Please only one nomination per principal.

Nominations are to be sent to: **PTA Council Awards Chair**
email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com

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: _____

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Principal's Name: _____ School: _____

Principal's Position in the PTA/PTSA: _____

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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 15th!!**

Nominations are to be sent to: **PTA Council Awards Chair**
email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com

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 15th, to**

PTA Council Awards Chair
email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com

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.

***The St. Joseph PTA Council
Lifetime PTA Leadership Award***

Nominee _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Nominated by _____

Nominator's Address _____ Phone _____

Reason why the nominee should be awarded the St. Joseph PTA Council Lifetime PTA Leadership Award: (Please use this form or attach sheet with all necessary information.)

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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 15th.**

Please mail nominations to **PTA Council Awards Chair**
email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com



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 in February.

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 15th.**

Please mail nominations to: **PTA Council Awards Chair**
email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com



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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