

# Council Clippings

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## President's Corner

Welcome to the new year! This summer went by fast! Our first meeting is coming up on September 8th at 7pm at the TMC building. We have huge incentives and drawings for coming to our meetings! Make sure to mark your calendars and join us in person or by zoom. Dr Gabe Edgar, our superintendent, will be joining us during the meeting to answer any questions you may have! Welcome to a new year and thank you for all you do for the PTA!

Jennifer Kerns  
St. Joseph PTA Council President

"It's a mistake to not give people a chance to learn to depend on themselves while they are young."

- Walt Disney.

Submitted by: Erin Lotspeich

## National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships...

See more details at [pta.org](https://www.pta.org)...

<https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/family-school-partnerships>



## Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2022

Articles are due September 15, 2022

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Presidents Report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Character &amp; Spiritual</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Regional Director report</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Family &amp; Community Engagement</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Bylaws</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Reflections</u>

All articles must be emailed to Christy Horner at [christyhorner.ch@gmail.com](mailto:christyhorner.ch@gmail.com), subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE. Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.

St. Joseph PTA Council would like to congratulate Erin Lotspeich on being selected as our St. Joseph PTA Council Character & Spiritual Leader for 2022-2023.

Erin is a senior at Lafayette High School.

We are looking forward to working with Erin this year.



<https://mopta.org/2022-missouri-pta-convention/>

## PTA Council Dues

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

October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The amount is \$30.00.

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

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Don't forget to check out our website,

[www.stjoepta.org](http://www.stjoepta.org)

and like us on Facebook!

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## Mark your calendars...

**PTA Council meeting dates**

**2022-2023**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**

- **September 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **October 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **January 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **February 16<sup>th</sup> (Founders Day)**
- **March 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **April 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 \$400 Grant

**Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>!**

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.stjoepta.org](http://www.stjoepta.org)!

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## 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 31<sup>st</sup> each year

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## 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](https://loriptablog.files.wordpress.com/2018/08/membership-request-form_pdf.pdf)

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## 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/>



## 2022-2023 Officers

State PTA and PTA Council need your help in collecting your officer information.

Please submit this information to State PTA and to PTA Council as soon as possible. It is very important we both get the information for updating of our databases.

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### 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](http://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](mailto:sjptacouncil@gmail.com) **and** email to the State PTA office, [office1@mopta.org](mailto:office1@mopta.org) to remain in good standings!!

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### 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](mailto:sjptacouncil@gmail.com).



Welcome Back!!!!

I am so excited to begin a new year. I hope that you all had a great summer and was able to do something enjoyable. It's hard to believe that summer is over and it's time to start those important routines again to have a successful school year.

Here are some helpful hints to help your child have a great year: start a bedtime routine and make sure that they are getting plenty of sleep, try to wake up early enough that you are not feeling rushed out the door (this will help them start the day with a calm feeling), eat a healthy breakfast, send them off with a positive statement, greet them after school with a positive statement (I know a lot of times we are all in a hurry but having a positive conversation about how school went can really help your child), ask them open questions that they have to talk about to answer don't just ask questions they can answer yes or no, check your child's backpack for communication notes, find a place to do homework that is quiet.

I'll be posting some more helpful hints. Have a great year everyone!

Disability Awareness:  
Alopecia Awareness Month  
National Suicide Prevention Awareness

September 13<sup>th</sup>: Celiac Disease Day  
September 17<sup>th</sup>: Disability Awareness Day  
September 23<sup>th</sup>: International Day of Sign Language

Anita Combs  
Special Education Teacher

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THE ROAD TO  
**SUCCESS**  
IS ALWAYS  
**UNDER**  
CONSTRUCTION.

HOUSE-CURRENT



Parents as Teachers

# YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S **FIRST & MOST IMPORTANT TEACHER**

Parents as Teachers is a **free** home visiting program. We partner with you to focus on your child's learning from pregnancy to kindergarten entry.

HOME VISITS • GROUP CONNECTIONS • SCREENINGS • RESOURCE CONNECTIONS

## ENROLL TODAY!

*Scan the QR Code or visit  
[www.bit.ly/PATenroll](http://www.bit.ly/PATenroll)*



## 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](mailto: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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