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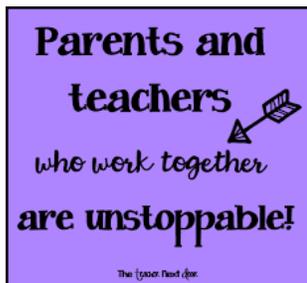
President's Corner

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving! December is upon us. All financials are due. Once they are completed, e-mail a copy to Council & State to remain in good standing.

You all should have received your unit invitation to Founders Day Banquet, on February 8, 2024. Fill it out, along with your award recipient(s) form, and return them ASAP. Be thinking about the "Unmet Needs Grant", for your unit. Fill out the application, and turn it in. Deadline is Friday January 26, 2024.

This is the time of year to connect with Family and Friends, near or far, old and new! Reach out to someone you know, that may enjoy the company of a visit, batch of cookies, or a phone call, to let them know they are thought of this holiday season. May you all have a very Merry Christmas & a most Happy New Year.

Liz Payne



"Out of a mountain of despair be a stone of hope". -
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Submitted by Brett Carter



Council Clippings Article Assignments for January 2024 Articles are due December 15, 2023

<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 Danielle Ferguson at danielleferguson.pta@gmail.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 everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving.

Now we have the countdown until Christmas break. The weather has certainly changed. It's a lot more chilly. Don't forget your child's coat, gloves, and appropriate clothing/shoes. They go outside even in chilly weather. Some have to walk to the bus stop and it's important for them to be dressed appropriately. If you need help getting a coat or gloves please reach out to your school.

2nd quarter will be wrapping up as well. Keep up that good routine at home. Students will also be taking another diagnostic. Encourage them to do their best. Help them get a good night sleep and start them off with a good breakfast and positive statement.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, holiday and a Happy New Year. Celebrate with the ones you love. Celebrate the memories and make new ones.

Disability Awareness
December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher

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

Deadline is January 26th!

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

and like us on Facebook!

**Founders Day will be held on
Thursday, February 8th
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...

Benton	yes	yes	yes		IP	yes			12/4/2021
Central	yes	yes	yes	147 + 6	yes	yes	yes		3/17/2024
Lafayette					yes				2/10/2025
Council	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		11/14/2026



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.

- 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 26th.**
- **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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Will be awarded at Founders Day dinner

School name: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

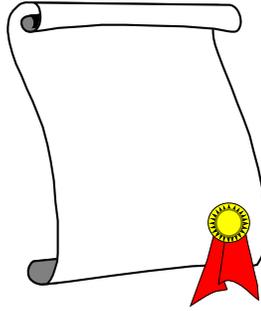
Signature of PTA/PTSA President _____

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**

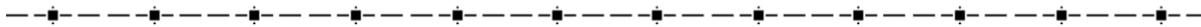
St. Joseph PTA Council
Outstanding Principal Of The Year Nomination Form

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Home Address: _____

Nominator's Work Phone: _____

Nominator's Home Phone: _____



Principal's Name: _____ School: _____

Principal's Position in the PTA/PTSA: _____



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**
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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.

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 school principals is requested.

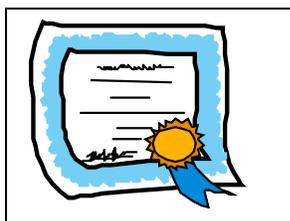
These outstanding volunteers will be presented an award at the Founder's Day Celebration in February.

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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