

Council Clippings

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President's Corner

WELCOME, all current and incoming PTA Officers, to the 2024-2025 school year. Summer always goes by too fast! I want to THANK YOU ALL for being a part of your school's PTA Unit! I would encourage you to be a presence in your school. Introduce yourselves and PTA to parents and teachers. Fill them in on upcoming events for the school year. Share how to be a part of your PTA, and how to access, your outreach newsletters, websites, flyers, emails, etc., for information. As a reminder, your PTA membership allows you access to many local business discounts. They can be found on our website "stjoeppta.org". Being a PTA member also supports and allows you to be a voice for all children at a Local, State and National level. I would also like to give a warm welcome to our PTA Council Student Character & Spiritual Scholarship Leader, Keeleigh O'Callaghan from Lafayette High School. All PTA Council meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the TMC Building @ 7:00pm. We would love to see all your Unit Officers and Principal attend. There is a cash prize drawing every meeting for 1 Unit. The more Officers/Principals in attendance, the better chance of winning. There are also 4 individual random giveaway drawings. Please feel free to reach out to myself or any Council Officer if you have any questions or if you would like to invite me or an Officer to your PTA Unit meeting as a guest. I look forward to a great year and getting to meet and see you all.

Liz Payne

PTA Council President

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character-that is the goal of true education"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Submitted by Keeleigh O'Callaghan

Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2024

Articles are due September 20, 2024

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

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.

St. Joseph PTA Council would like to congratulate Keeleigh O'Callaghan on being selected as our St. Joseph PTA Council Character & Spiritual Leader for 2024-2025. Keeleigh is a senior at Lafayette High School. We are looking forward to working with Keeleigh this year.



PTA Council Dues

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

October 15th.

The amount is \$30.00.

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

Don't forget to check out our website,

www.stjoepa.org

and like us on Facebook!

Mark your calendars...

**PTA Council meeting dates
2024-2025**

2nd Thursday of each month

- **September 12th**
- **October 10th**
- **November 7th**
- **December 12th**
- **January 9th**
- **February 13th (Founders Day)**
- **March 13th**
- **April 10th**
- **May 8th**

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 1st!

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.stjoepa.org!

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

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>

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/>



2024-2025 Officers

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

It is very important we both get the information for updating of our databases.

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

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 and email to the State PTA office, office1@mopta.org to remain in good standings!!

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.



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.

Disability Awareness:

Alopecia Awareness Month

National Suicide Prevention Awareness

September 13th: Celiac Disease Day

September 17th: Disability Awareness Day

September 23th: International Day of Sign Language

Helpful Tips Courtesy of Anita Combs



The executive committee of each PTA/PTSA may apply for one grant up to the amount of \$400.00.

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, 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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