

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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President's Corner

HAPPY AUTUMN!! Our first month of the school year has passed, and the school year is back to normal speed again. I am excited to say Benton High School PTA is in their 2nd year up and running. As of the end of September, Robidoux Middle School PTA has restarted. Currently, it is in the works to get Spring Garden Middle School PTA back with us. Soon we will have all St. Joseph School PTA Units represented!! YEA!! Thank you and welcome all officers and volunteers! I encourage you to always reach out to familiar faces at your school. Ask them to attend your meetings or to help on a committee or chair an event. Sometimes all it takes is asking a person. Remember at the next Council meeting to bring 2 membership cards for us to purchase, 1 for me and 1 for Superintendent Gabe Edgar. As a reminder, your \$30 Council Dues are due October 15th. Be looking for information on attending Missouri State PTA Convention in Independence, Missouri on October 19, 2024. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting 10/10/2024, as always the 2nd Thursday of the month. Have a fun and safe Halloween.

Liz Payne
St. Joseph PTA Council President

“Education is the foundation upon which we build our future.”-Christine Gregoire

Submitted by Keeleigh O’Callaghan



Council Clippings Article Assignments for November 2024 Articles are due October 20, 2024

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Character & Spiritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflections	<input type="checkbox"/> Family/Community Involvement
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood

All articles must be emailed Danielle Ferguson at danielleferguson.pta@gmail.com, subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE . Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.

Happy Fall everyone. I hope that everyone is having a great school year so far. It's crazy to think parent teacher conferences are right around the corner. It's important to attend them. It's a great chance to hear good things about your kiddo. Communication is key. If you have questions, ask them. If you have concerns share them. If you have successes let your teacher know. You don't have to wait for conferences, you can communicate with the school anytime.

October awareness:
ADHD
Mental Health
National Down Syndrome
Spina Bifida
National Physical Therapy Month

Days:
World Cerebral Palsy Day October 6
Mental Illness Awareness week October 3-9
World Mental Health Day October 10

Anita Combs
Special Education Teacher and Council Chair

(Pulled from the archived files—October 2023).

Attention treasurers

It is time to fill out your year-end reports...

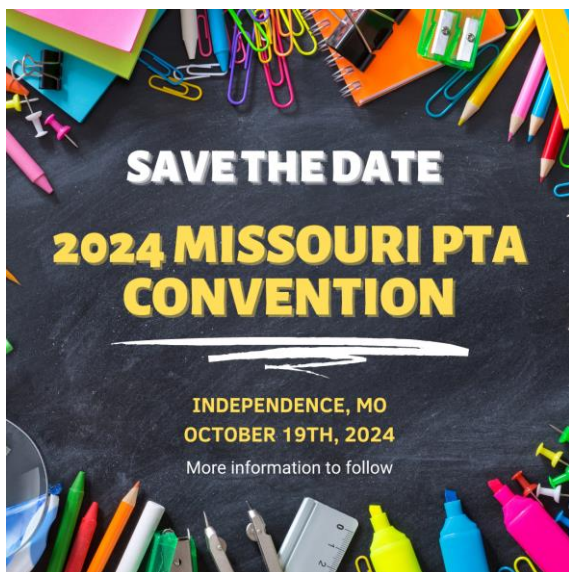
- Financial review/audit
- End of year report/annual review
- File your 990N

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.

Email copies to PTA Council, sjptacouncil@gmail.com **and** to the State PTA, office1@mopta.org to remain in good standings!! Remember to scan each report separately and attached individually so that each report can easily be identified and thus recorded.

**Don't forget that October is
Principal Appreciation Month!**



Missouri State PTA Convention

October 19, 2024

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.stjoepta.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 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.

[Membership](#) Dues Form

We will be using these numbers to determine membership incentives winners.



St. Joseph PTA Council Membership Incentives 2024-2025

- ❖ **Monthly drawings** for \$100.00 for Units who are in attendance at the monthly meetings. Every person's name attending will go into a drawing at the conclusion of each meeting a person's name will be drawn, they will win \$100.00 for their unit. Remember that your officers are invited to attend PTA Council meetings. The more officers who show up the better your chance to win.
- ❖ **10% over** last year's numbers each unit would receive \$100.00 (award in May)
- ❖ Unit with the **highest percentage increase** would be \$200.00 (splitting if there is a tie--award in May)
- ❖ **Attendance drawing** \$200.00 to PTA Unit (Unit name goes into a drawing for every person attending Council meetings--draw at May meeting)
- ❖ **Principal incentive** Two drawings for \$150.00 each to be used for school (name entered into a drawing in May for every Council meeting attended)

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!

Unit	Financial Review	Annual Report	Tax Conf	Current Officers	Ins.	Council Dues Pd	Current Bylaws	Bylaw Expiration Date
Benton								6/23/2027
Bode	x	x	x	x			x	11/3/2024
Carden Park	x	x	x	x		x	x	12/11/2026
Central	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1/17/2027
Coleman				x			x	4/12/2025
Edison							x	4/20/2025
Ellison				x		x	x	11/26/2025
Field							x	12/5/2024
Hosea						x		5/5/2027
Hyde							x	4/12/2025
Lafayette							x	2/10/2025
Lindbergh				x		x	IP	3/23/2024
Oak Grove	x	x	x		x	x	x	5/5/2027
Parkway	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11/1/2026
Pershing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	12/11/2026
Pickett				x			x	11/16/2025
Robidoux								5/10/2021
Skaith							x	11/11/2024
Spring Garden								2/14/2017
Truman	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	12/11/2026
Council							x	11/14/2026



St. Joseph PTA Council Dues

As a member unit of the St. Joseph PTA Council, you are required each fiscal year to pay Council dues. The fee is \$30.00 and is due not later than October 15th each year.

Please fill out the form below to assure proper credit is given to your unit. The St Joseph PTA Council is here to be a support to you and your unit. We want for your unit to be successful. Please feel free to contact the PTA Council President or any Council Officer, if you need any assistance!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this billing reminder.

St. Joseph PTA Council Dues Form

Unit name: _____

Unit President: _____

Person sending in payment: _____

Date sent: _____

Amount enclosed: \$30.00

Please mail to: St. Joseph PTA Council, PO Box 1162,
St. Joseph, MO 64502

St. Joseph PTA Council Grant Request

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 email to **sjptacouncil@gmail.com**.

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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