

# Council Clippings

Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Joseph PTA Council

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## President's Corner

It is always heartwarming to see all the schools in attendance at our Founder's Day celebration in February. It is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge all volunteers, units, and special award honorees. Thank you to all that attended!

Our next PTA meeting is Thursday March 13, 2025. It will be a brief agenda, followed by the SJSD School Board Forum of Candidates.

Please join us at 7pm at the TMC for a timed Q&A period with the candidates. This is a good opportunity hear candidates speak, and help you be informed when voting at the polls. The whole public is invited to attend.

Your list of Unit officers for next year needs to be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Look for those familiar faces around school, for potential helpers and volunteers for your unit.

Lastly, we have our PTA University Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> at Hillyard. It starts at 5:30pm with Vendor Pop Ups and free samples. Dinner is provided at 6:00pm. Then we'll have our presentation discussing the duties and responsibilities of President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. Whether you are a returning officer, or new to a position, there is helpful information to be found. You should have received an email for registration. If not, please reach out to me! Hope to see everyone at both events! Thank you for taking the time to be a volunteer!

Liz Payne, St Joseph PTA Council President

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela

Submitted by Keeleigh O'Callaghan

## Council Clippings Article Assignments for April 2025

Articles are due March 15, 2025

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Character & Spiritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit in good standing	<input type="checkbox"/> Founders Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Legislation

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

Just a friendly reminder that March is **election month** for new officers for 2025-2026! Results from you March election **deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Submit to MOPTA, [Missouri PTA 2024-2025 Officers Form | Missouri PTA](#) and St. Joseph PTA Council, [Officer list – St. Joseph PTA Council \(stjoepta.org\)](#) to be in good standing.



We are almost ready for Parent Teacher Conferences. I hope they all go well for everyone.

Hopefully the weather starts warming up soon. As that happens it's important to continue to keep a routine but also enjoy that nice weather. Get creative, do some reading outside, find a place that could be used to do homework, come up with safe scavenger hunts that incorporate reading and math skills, start a writing journal. There are so many things you can do to encourage learning.

Thanks for everything you do.

March disability awareness

### **National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

**(Just a few days dates)**

March 1 self-injury awareness

March 18th Trisomy Awareness

Marc 24 World Down Syndrome Day

Thanks for everything,

Anita Combs

Special Education Teacher & Council Chair

(From the Archives, March 2022 edition)

**Vote April 8, 2025**

**Every vote counts.....**



**Be informed on the candidates!  
Let your voice be heard!**

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And like us on Facebook!



## **Save the Date**

### **2025 Missouri PTA Convention**

**November 8th, 2025**

**More Information  
To Follow**



Hickman High School  
1104 N. Providence Rd.  
Columbia, MO 65203

## **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**

**Financial Reports are now past due!** If you have not submitted them to State PTA and Council, please do so as soon as possible!

- **Updated report included in this issue.**

We have a great card this year!  
Thank you for your continued support!



# MAJOR SAVER COMING SOON!!

Benefits the St. Joseph PTA Council and your school. Since 2001, the St. Joseph PTA Council St. Joseph schools have raised over 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS with the program. PTA is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for all families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child. Making every child's potential a reality.

## 2025 MAJOR SAVER CAMPAIGN

St. Joseph  
PTA Council  
Campaign Kickoff:

Wednesday, March 5th

Campaign Collections:

Tuesday, March 11th to  
Wednesday, March 26th

### PURCHASE ONLINE

Visit [majorsaver.com](http://majorsaver.com) and purchase cards online. Cards may be purchased from other areas. Participating students will receive credit for cards purchased online. All cards purchased online will be mailed directly to the customer. Prizes will be awarded the next scheduled collection day.



### MAJORSAVER.COM

Generate a custom link for your selling student and send to friends and family,



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Those sales will automatically be credited to your student and you can track how many cards have been purchased benefiting your student!

Get Thousands More  
**REUSABLE Offers On Our App!**

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- Register your Major Saver Card.

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Program ID: 201369  
Member ID: XXXXXXX

**\$10**  
Valid Thru: 3-4-26

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**PRICE CHOPPER**

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**AXE FACTOR**

Buy One Hour Session Of Cosmic Axe Throwing,  
Get One Hour Session 1/2 OFF!

One time use. Must turn in at redemption.  
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Each offer valid one time only - Expires 03/01/26

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<b>Outback's</b> Buy Any Corned Beef, Get One FREE! 2010 N. Belt Hwy	<b>Buy Any Wings, Get One FREE!</b> 306 S. 7th St.	<b>Gambino's Pizzeria</b> \$3 OFF Any Large Pizza 5428 Frederick Ave
<b>Any One Game Of Bowling, Get One FREE!</b> Bowling shoes not included. 800 Lafayette Ave	<b>Pizza Ranch</b> Buy One Party Get One FREE! 3007 N. Belt Hwy, Suite A	<b>SHOOTING POW!</b> Buy Any 12mm Shotgun, Get A 12mm Shotgun FREE! 218 N. 1st St & 939 Frederick Ave
<b>CRABBERS</b> \$5 OFF Any \$35 Food Purchase 210 N. Belt Hwy	<b>FREE Kid's Meal</b> With Any Adult Entree Purchase 3120 Marshall Ave	<b>PIZZA MURPHY</b> FREE Prices Tagged, With Any \$10 Purchase 2020 N. Belt Hwy, Suite C
<b>\$5 OFF Any \$25 Food Purchase!</b> It's valid on real food! 210 N. Belt Hwy	<b>SONIC</b> Buy One Any Soft Drink, Get A Soft Drink FREE! All St. Joe Locations	<b>TEXAS</b> Buy Any Adult Entree, Get A 12oz. Bottle Of Fries FREE! St. Joe Location Only

FREE ITEMS ARE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE. NOT VALID WITH OTHER PROMOTIONS OR DISCOUNTS.

**\$5 OFF A Purchase Of \$50 Or MORE!**  
EXPIRES 03/01/26

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One time use only. Must turn in at redemption.  
Not valid with any other offers or discounts.  
Not valid on liquor, gift cards, lottery, or tobacco.

**\$10 OFF Any Oil Change! OR \$20 OFF Any Service!**  
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St. Joseph, MO 64501  
Please call for an appointment: 816-268-8659  
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One time use only. Must turn in at redemption.  
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**Buy One Game Of Laser Tag, Get One FREE!**  
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St. Joseph, MO 64508  
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**\$5 OFF Any \$20 Purchase!**  
Valid on regular priced items only!  
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St. Joseph, MO 64501  
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## **PTA COUNCIL SPONSORS BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Truman Middle School. A total of 96 contestants qualified to compete in the Elementary and Middle School Divisions sponsored annually by the SJSD PTA Council.

### **ELEMENTARY DIVISION WINNERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Alexandria Boontheekul**, 6<sup>th</sup> Gd. Oak Grove Elementary School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Christina Zhao**, 6<sup>th</sup> Gd. Bessie Ellison Elementary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Danielle Volosenco**, 6<sup>th</sup> Gd. Oak Grove Elementary
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **Rachel Kingsley**, 5<sup>th</sup> Gd. Eugene Field Elementary
- 5<sup>th</sup> - **Jayton Hufford**, 6<sup>th</sup> Gd. Bessie Ellison Elementary

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION WINNERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Tristan Embrey**, 8<sup>th</sup> Gd. Bode Middle School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Owen Herzog**, 8<sup>th</sup> Gd. St. Joseph Christian
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Marshall Hoffman**, 8<sup>th</sup> Gd. St. Paul Lutheran
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **Norah Spencer**, 7<sup>th</sup> Gd. Cathedral School
- 5<sup>th</sup> - **Alli Mae Moore**, 7<sup>th</sup> Gd. Truman Middle School

### **GRAND CHAMPION WINNERS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Marshall Hoffman**, 8<sup>th</sup> Gd. St. Paul Lutheran, son of **Everet & Jana Hoffman**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Alexandria Boontheekul**, 6<sup>th</sup> Gd. Oak Grove Elementary, daughter of **Dustin & Norjasushinta Boontheekul**

Both **Marshall** and **Alexandria** now qualify to compete in the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the **Mosaic Life Care Foundation**, on Saturday, March 1, 2023, at emPowerU, 518 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph Missouri. Registration is at 12:30 with the bee beginning promptly at 1:00 P.M.

The pronouncers were **Karen Heyde-Lipanovich** and **Lori Witham**. The judges were **Cindee Haynie**, **Randy Harr**, **Jeanette Malita**, **DeAnna Majors**, **Joe Marmaud**, and **JoLynn Venneman**. Registrars were **Shawnda Embrey**, **Christy Horner**, **Lynn Jenkins**, **Jennifer Kerns**, **Liz Payne**, and **Sarah Scott**.

An event this size cannot be successful without the help of many capable and dedicated people. In addition to the work of the pronouncers, judges, and registrars, the Truman custodial staff coordinated a well-equipped and spotless environment. Thanks to Truman **Principal, Landi Quinlan**, with assistance from **Walen Comia**, for the wonderful hospitality in once again helping us to host Buchanan County spellers and their families. A big thank you also goes to the SJSD PTA Council for providing snacks for the judges and pronouncers.

Karen Heyde-Lipanovich  
Buchanan County Spelling Bee Coordinator

## 2025 Buchanan County Spelling Bee



1st Place  
Alexandria  
Boontheekul  
6th Grade  
Oak Grove  
**OVERALL  
2nd Place**

2nd Place  
Christina  
Zhao  
6th Grade  
Bessie Ellison

3rd Place  
Danielle  
Volosenco  
6th Grade  
Oak Grove

4th Place  
Rachel  
Kingsley  
5th Grade  
Eugene Field

5th Place  
Jayton  
Hufford  
6th Grade  
Bessie Ellison

## 2025 Buchanan County Spelling Bee 7/8 Winners



5th Place  
Alli Mae Moore  
7th Grade  
Truman  
Middle School

4th Place  
Norah Spencer  
7th Grade  
Cathedral  
School

3rd Place  
Marshall Hoffman  
8th Grade  
St. Paul Lutheran  
**OVERALL 1st PLACE**

2nd Place  
Owen Herzog  
8th Grade  
St. Joseph  
Christian

1st Place  
Tristan Embrey  
8th Grade  
Bode Middle  
School

# PTA/PTSA Officers List

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Send completed form to St. Joseph PTA Council, PO Box 1162, 64502

This list will be used for St. Joseph PTA Council mailings.

Do not use school address for President mailing address.

After elections can be held

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**President's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please continue to the back of this page for additional information needed.**

**School Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Chair Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

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Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**Reflections Chair Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**Please feel free to add additional officer's names, positions, addresses,  
phone numbers and email addresses below.**

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