

Council Clippings

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President's Corner

Here we are in May, the last month of the 2024-2025 school year. Everyone is planning graduation parties, end of the year school parties, summer fun and vacations, and looking forward to warmer weather.

As for end of the year reminders...

*This month you should be finalizing and submitting your next year's budget to Council.

*Next year's Unit Officers should have already been submitted to Council & State. If not, please do ASAP.

*Treasurers book needs to be wrapping up with all financials completed by June 30th & turned in for audit. Audits should be completed and ready for the Treasurer, for the next school year, by the first of August.

Please reach out to Council for any questions, suggestions or concerns you may have for your Unit!

To Unit Officers, Parents, Teachers, Principals, Paras, Building workers. I can't thank you all enough for how much of your time you've volunteered. It is all very appreciated! Thank you for all you do helping and advocating for students, it doesn't go unnoticed!

It has been my absolute honor and pleasure to serve as your St Joseph PTA Council President for the last 2 years!!! I truly would not have been able to do my part, if it were not for all the help & support of "ALL" the Council Officers, Chairs, Regional Director Lori Prussman and my 1st VP Jennifer Kerns. You all are wonderfully amazing!!!

Meetings are always the 2nd Thursday of each month. We love seeing you there.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

With Much Heartfelt Love,
Liz Payne, St Joseph PTA Council President

"A great accomplishment shouldn't be the end of the road, just the starting point for the next leap forward."

Harvey Mackay

Submitted by: Keeleigh O'Callaghan



Happy almost MAP testing time. I hope everyone had a great break. Here are some helpful tips for you and your child.

1. Go to bed at a decent bedtime. I know the weather will be getting nice and sports will be going strong but it's important for children to get good sleep.
2. Try to leave time in the morning so you are not rushing out the door. If children start their day rushed it will continue to feel off all day.
3. Send your child off to school with positive, encouraging words.
4. Eat a good breakfast.
5. Encourage your child to do their best. Try not to let them overly stress about it but let them know they should do their best.

May Awareness

Better speech and hearing

Brain tumor

Cystic Fibrosis

Mental health

May 7 National Children Mental Awareness

May 14 Childhood Speech Apraxia Awareness

Thanks for a great year. Have a safe and great summer.

Anita Combs

Special Education

(From the Archives, May 2024)

Treasurer check list....

- 2025-2026 Budget ready
- Pay all end of year bills & close out books
- Prepare for audit
- Turn books in asap to new treasurer (they need time to prepare)
- Make sure procedure book is updated
- Change signatures on checking account (have three signatures on signature card and always two signatures on checks)

End of the Year Check List

- ✓ Send new officer list to the state office.
- ✓ Send new officer list to PTA Council.
- ✓ Approve next year's budget.
- ✓ Set up Fall picture day.
- ✓ Set up Fall fundraiser kick off date.
- ✓ Collect and update procedure books or start new ones. These hold valuable information to help your unit run smoothly.
- ✓ Check your bylaws; when is your expiration date? Do you need to work on this over the Summer? Do you need to set a committee to update before school starts in the Fall? Bylaws must be up to date so that you will remain in good standings with the State and Council.
- ✓ Send officers to National Convention.
- ✓ Have a summer planning session, so you can have a jump on next year. Ask Council or State officers to assist with any questions you may have.
- ✓ Enjoy some family fun.

Submitted by Lori Prussman



Mark your calendars... Look for more details coming soon!

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**

New officer forms are now overdue!

Please submit asap!

Online for State PTA; www.mopta.org and the form for Council is in this issue. You can email Council at sjptacouncil@gmail.com

Congratulations to the graduating classes of 2025! May all your hopes and dreams come true!



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