

Council Clippings

St Joseph Council PTA Monthly Newsletter

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President's Corner

Greetings PTA officers! My name is Shawnda Embrey, I'm the incoming St. Joseph PTA Council president for the 25-26 school year. Thank you for giving your time to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. Each new year comes with lots of activity for local units. As you are kicking off the year, please remember that the Council is here to offer resources, training, and guidance if you have questions or need support.

Please submit officer information to Council and State PTA if you haven't already. Check out our new membership benefit flyer!

Shawnda Embrey
St. Joseph PTA Council President



Council Clippings Article Assignments for October 2025 Articles are due October 5, 2025

<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 Jennifer Kerns at Jenniferk@mopta.org, subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE . Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.

St. Joseph PTA Council would like to congratulate Olivia Edwards on being selected as our St. Joseph PTA Council Character & Spiritual Leader for 2025-2026. Olivia is a senior at Central High School. We are looking forward to working with Olivia this year.

Save the Date 2025 Missouri PTA Convention

November 8th, 2025

More Information
To Follow



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

Registration is open! Register at
<https://mopta.org>.

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://stjoeppta.org/forms/council-dues//>

Don't forget to check out our website,

www.stjoeppta.org

and like us on Facebook!

Mark your calendars...

**PTA Council meeting dates
2025-2026
2nd Thursday of each month**

- September 11th
- October 9th
- November 13th
- December 11th
- January 8th
- February 12th (Founders Day)
- March TBD- BOE Candidate Forum
- April 9th PTA University
- May 7th

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 it is also available online at www.stjoeppta.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 to council via email or mail and online at <https://mopta.org>.

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!

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/>



2025-2026 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 1415 N. 26th St., St. Joseph MO 64506 or email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com and submit to the State PTA office online at <https://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.



Welcome Lake ELC Mark Twain ELC

We are excited to have PTA up and running at both of our ELCs. Thank you to everyone for your support in this process. I am excited to see how they continue to grow!

-Dlo Duvall

Coordinator of Early Childhood Education



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, 1415 N. 26th St., St. Joseph MO 64506 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 expenditure 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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