

Council Clippings

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St. Joseph PTA Council

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President's Corner

Hello everyone!

Happy New Year to everyone as we welcome in 2026. Hope you all had an enjoyable Holidays! Seeing and spending time with family and friends are the memories we carry throughout our life. You should have already turned in all your financials last month in December to remain in good standing. If you have any questions about them, please let us help you out. Coming up quickly next month are two things. The annual Spelling Bee, which is always held at Truman Middle School, will be happening soon! If you would like to help with registration, let us know. Also, next month is our PTA Founder's Day Banquet at Stoney Creek on Thursday February 12, 2026. Everyone should have received their invitations. Please try to have all your unit officers, Principal, and guest volunteer representative registered to attend, along with Awards & Grant forms filled out and turned in ASAP!! Deadlines are approaching soon. All links are in this packet.

Shawnda Embrey, St. Joseph PTA Council President



Council Clippings Article Assignments

for February 2026
Articles are due January 30, 2026

<input type="checkbox"/> Presidents Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Character & Spiritual
<input type="checkbox"/> Reflections	<input type="checkbox"/> Founders Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood

All articles must be emailed to Jennifer Kerns at jennifer81@gmail.com, subject: CLIPPING ARTICLE . Thank you for getting your articles to me in a timely manner.

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

Deadline was December 1!

Send reports to 1415 N. 26th St., St. Joseph MO 64506 or email to sjptacouncil@gmail.com
File electronically at mopta.org

The annual Spelling Bee is coming soon! Stay tuned for more information to come!



The St. Joseph PTA Council Unmet needs grant application is included in this issue of Clippings.

Deadline is January 29th!

**Don't forget to check out our website,
www.stjoepta.org**

and like us on Facebook!

**Founders Day will be held on
Thursday, February 12th Stoney
Creek Inn
Invitations and Award
nomination links below.**



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

Update is included in this issue...

St. Joseph PTA Council Unmet Needs Grant

The Council is happy to continue providing the Unmet Needs Grants. These funds will allow the Council to help supplement needs your Unit or students have that you can't quite pay for alone.

- Submit this form to the Council explaining what your needs are.
- Explain how this funding will benefit your Unit/students.
- Explain how you have exhausted other funding opportunities.
- Your unit can request any money amount needed, however the Council may not fund your entire request.
- The Council's Executive Board will review each request, and determine if the request will be granted and/or how much money will be funded to the requestor.
- The Council's Executive Board will inform the requestor of the Board's decision.
- The Council's Executive Board will award recipients until the funds have been depleted.
- Email requests to sjptacouncil@gmail.com.
- **Deadline is January 29th.**
- **Checks will be awarded at Founders Day Dinner.**

You may be asked to write an article for one of our publications explaining how the funding was a benefit to your Unit/students.

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Joseph PTA Council.

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Will be awarded at Founders Day dinner.

School name: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature of PTA/PTSA President _____

Signature of Principal _____

I. Please describe what the requested funds will be used for.

II. Please describe how this request will benefit your unit/school.

III. What other funding sources have you applied for?

Saint Joseph PTA Council

Founder's Day 2026

Dear Guest-

On behalf of the Saint Joseph PTA Council I
proudly invite you to our annual
Founder's Day Celebration on
February 12, 2026 at Stoney Creek Inn.

Please plan on attending this dinner and award
celebration hosted by the
Saint Joseph PTA Council in recognition of
your contribution to our community this year.
Please follow the RSVP instructions enclosed.

Thank you for your service to our students.

Christy Horner
Saint Joseph PTA Council

Saint Joseph PTA Council Founder's Day Celebration

Complete your registration online
using this link to a google form! →
[Founder's Day RSVP](#)

February 12, 2026
Stoney Creek Inn
1201 Woodbine Road

Registration begins at 6:00pm
Program begins at 6:30pm

Dress is Business Casual
Cost is \$15 per person
Registration Deadline is January 15, 2026

— No Refunds —

Dinner will be provided

Saint Joseph PTA Council

Founder's Day 2026

Dear Building Principals and Unit Presidents

Please read the following important information:

- Every unit is required to have an outstanding volunteer. Outstanding volunteers should be invited to Founder's Day and will be paid for by their local unit.
- Every unit is required to complete and return ALL award applications.
 - Award applications must be completed by following the given google forms link for each award.
- Every unit is required to send an attendee.
- Every unit is awarded three books on behalf of Saint Joseph PTA Council President, Saint Joseph School Board and in honor of the school's outstanding volunteer.

ALL AWARD APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE GIVEN LINKS NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2026.

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT FOUNDER'S DAY RSVPS AND AWARDS -CONTACT CHRISTY HORNER @ 816-914-0991

Unit Presidents and School Principals

Please work together in making sure that a nomination from your building is turned in for each award. Follow the links below for a description of each award and to submit your nomination.

Outstanding Unit Nomination

Outstanding Principal Nomination

Outstanding Volunteer Nomination

Davis-Langemach Award of Excellence Nomination

Saint Joseph PTA Council Lifetime Leadership Award Nomination

Submit your building Teacher of the Year here!

Submit your building Support Staff of the Year here!

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