

Council Clippings

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President's Corner

Happy March! Join us March 23rd at TMC for our meeting and school board candidates forum. Thank you for all you do!



SJSD School Board Forum

Monday, March 23rd is our annual School Board Candidates Forum. Each candidate has been sent an invitation to attend in person. We will not be able to video tape this year's event so please attend either virtually or in person to our hybrid meeting. Business meeting of the Council will begin at 7:00, Candidates Forum will begin at 7:30.

Be an informed voter!



Council Clippings Article Assignments for April 2026 Articles are due March 30, 2026

<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 Lori Prussman at Jennifker81@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 2026-2027! Results from you March election **deadline is March 31st**. Submit to MOPTA, [Missouri PTA 2026-2027 Officers Form](#) | [Missouri PTA \(mopta.org\)](#), and St. Joseph PTA Council, [Officer list – St. Joseph PTA Council\(stjoepta.org\)](#) to be in good standing.





National PTA's 2026 Convention will be held in-person in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 18-20. This year's theme, Together Again: PTA Lights the Way for Every Child, celebrates PTA's mission to illuminate educational pathways for all children. During Convention, attendees will sharpen their skills in engaging workshops, build lasting connections in networking spaces and become inspired by noteworthy speakers!

Vote April 7, 2026
Every vote counts.....



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

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And like us on Facebook!

PTA COUNCIL MEETING & BOE FORUM RESCHEDULED

Monday March 23rd 7:00pm
TMC 3401 Renick St.

We will be hosting the
Board Of Education Candidates Forum
following this meeting.
Open to the public!



- 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**

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

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BUCHANAN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

The Buchanan County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Truman Middle School. A total of 84 contestants qualified to compete in the Elementary and Middle School Divisions sponsored annually by the SJSD PTA Council.

ELEMENTARY DIVISION WINNERS

1st - Rachel Kingsley, 6th Gd. Eugene Field Elementary School

2nd – Julia Hubbard, 6th Gd. Carden Park Elementary

3rd – Cooper Flanagan 6th Gd. Coleman Elementary

4th – Genevieve Purvis, 6th Gd. St. Francis Xavier Elementary

5th – Rosalina Gale-Justus, 5th Gd. Edison Elementary

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION WINNERS

1st – Christina Zhao, 7th Gd. Bode Middle School

2nd – Paxton Boyles, 8th Gd. Cathedral

3rd – Ashton Pasch, 8th Gd. Truman Middle School

4th – Genevieve Jones, 7th Gd. Cathedral School

5th – Ryland Newell, 7th Gd. Bode Middle School

GRAND CHAMPION WINNERS

1st – Rachel Kingsley, 6th Gd. Field Elementary, daughter of Laura & Donald Kingsley

2nd – Genevieve Purvis 6th Gd. St. Francis Xavier, daughter of Everett & Christine Purvis

Both Rachel and Genevieve now qualify to compete in the Northwest Missouri Regional Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Mosaic Life Care Foundation, on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at emPowerU, 518 S. 6th 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 Ron Bowman, Cindee Haynie, Jeanette Malita, Deanna Majors, Daniel Moss, and Joyce Stohr. Registrars were Shawnda Embrey, Lynn Jenkins, Jennifer Kerns, Liz Payne, Sarah Scott, Hannah Smith, and Juria Weston.

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 Truman Custodial Staff, for the wonderful hospitality in once again helping us to host Buchanan County spellers and their families.

Karen Heyde-Lipanovich



Buchanan County Spelling Bee Coordinator



PTA/PTSA Officers List

Send completed form to St. Joseph PTA Council, 1415 N. 26th, 64506
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: _____

1st Vice's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

2nd 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: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

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.**

Address: _____ Zip: _____

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