



Connections

ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

As I get out and talk to local businesses supporting education continues to be one of the key topics. As many of you know, the Chamber and Mosaic Life Care paid for the consultant for Vision Forward, a community engagement plan to assist the St. Joseph School District in future planning. I wanted to give an update on where we are with Vision Forward.

The following list of priority statements resulted from a series of Vision Forward meetings that took place from January through May 2022. The Community Engagement Team developed the Priority Statements based on public comments and responses shared during the Community Engagement sessions. The Priority Statements have been forwarded to the SJSD leadership as part of the next steps in the process.

District Leadership Solutions, a consulting group with a focus on developing strategic solutions for school districts, will assist the SJSD in developing an Action Plan over the summer.

The community will have an opportunity to review the Action Plan and provide feedback. The anticipated plan will be submitted to the SJSD Board of Education in December 2022.

The Priority Statements to come out of the process are as follows:

- Work toward enhanced pride and improved community commitment to the importance of public education.
- Improve staff recruitment and retention including additional staff support and payment of competitive salaries.
- Expand the availability of quality early childhood education programs citywide.
- Provide a consistent middle school/junior high model both in configuration and curriculum to improve academic achievement.
- Address discipline and low attendance challenges.
- Consolidate, right-size and make more equitable and functional facilities at all levels (elementary, middle school and high school) so that curricula and programs are equivalent, and building operate at optimum efficiency.



Natalie Redmond
President & CEO

I believe that it is our jobs as the local community to own the commitment to quality education. So I ask all of to do your part to support the SJSD.

NEW MEMBERS

The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

UniFirst Corporation

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Rental Service

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Martial Arts

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Agribusiness

**Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
Stein & Summers Real Estate**

-- Kim Gray
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Real Estate (Associate)

BMO Harris Bank

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Banks/Savings & Loans

Community Housing Ministry, Inc.

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Property Management

**Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
Stein & Summers Real Estate**

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Transportation



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HOURS:
TUESDAY-SATURDAY | 4PM-10PM
CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

DAILY SPECIALS:
TUESDAY-SATURDAY | 4PM-10PM



777 Winners Circle, St. Joseph, MO 64505

StJoFrontierCasino.com  

August Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**, www.saintjoseph.com

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges. See COVID-19 event guidelines at saintjoseph.com

3, 17, 11, 25 Circle of Influence

Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/speciality in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. (Holidays affect this schedule.) Contact Tony Luke for more information, luke@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

Aug. 3 & 17 and Aug. 11 & 25
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free

Lunch & Learn Seminar

Lunch by Pronto Cafe

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Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse
"Financial Literacy is a Workforce Win-Win"

Economic pressures like workforce shortages and inflation are affecting our businesses on a daily basis. Employers need innovative approaches for engaging, retaining, and optimizing the productivity of existing team members. One such approach is to improve your team's financial literacy – around both the business and their own personal finances. During this session, you'll learn about the profitability, productivity, and engagement benefits of teaching employees the financial basics of how your business operates – and how they can apply those lessons to their own financial well-being. You'll come away with connections to practical financial literacy tools and resources you and your employees can start using right away. Everybody wins! Presented by Lyndsey Parker of Missouri Enterprise.

Tuesday, Aug. 9
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

Parties on the Parkway

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Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

It's Parties on the Parkway time! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. Yachtly Groove will perform island music. Food and drink vendors available, no coolers allowed. Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway. Rain date Aug. 18 if necessary.

Thursday, Aug. 11
5 to 8 p.m., Free
Northside Complex

New Executives Welcome

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Presented by Family Guidance Center for Behavioral Healthcare

Do you have a new executive in your company that you want to congratulate? Honor them at the New Executives Welcome where they can meet other new executives, be recognized publicly, receive gifts, food and drinks. They could be newly promoted or transferred into St. Joseph from another location. Because of the pandemic, the Chamber hasn't hosted this event since 2019. So anyone from 2020, 2021 or 2022 are eligible. Cost to register a new executive is \$20. Want to attend to support them? The cost is \$15 and includes networking, food and a cash bar.

Wednesday, Aug. 17
5 to 7 p.m., \$15 or \$20
The Metropolitan
107 S. Sixth St.

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

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Presented by Top Property Realty, LLC & Preferred Title of St. Joseph, LLC

The Diplomats Club will meet at Chiefs Training Camp for a special meeting. Limited seating. Practice starts at 8:15 a.m. **Registration and ticketing are required.** Diplomats, check your email for specific instructions. Support sponsor is Altec Industries.

Thursday, Aug. 18
7 a.m., \$7

Breakfast provided
Chiefs Training Camp
MWSU, 4525 Downs Drive

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Women's Leadership Group

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Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri

Each month the Chamber and Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center bring business topics to light that are important to women. This month's topic will be "Core Values in Business and Life."

Monday, Aug. 22
Noon, Free

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Bring your business cards and come meet your next potential client at this event. It's free and you can bring a guest. Don't miss this opportunity.

Thursday, Aug. 25
5 to 7 p.m., Free

Preferred Community Center
14375 U.S. 71 Hwy, Savannah, MO

Know a business that should be a Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!

Send them to our website:

saintjoseph.com/join