

MID-TOWN EXPRESS

April 2023



The first of Spring!

We hope you are enjoying the nice weather and blooming flowers as much as we are!

It is with great joy that we announce that our student enrollment is increasing, and we've added nine new drummers to our St. Joe Stixx Drumline! We extend a warm welcome to all our new students and can't wait to see how their talents will enhance our upcoming performances! As we remain committed to hosting and participating in community events, we invite you to stay up to date with our latest news by following us on Facebook or subscribing to our email newsletters. We appreciate your continue support and look forward to sharing our journey with you!

MCE Alumni visit

Former MCE student and Harlem Globetrotter, Raheem Tyner along with fellow globetrotters, Mace Grier and Kevin Samuel Baker surprised us by generously sponsoring the students to attend their Globetrotter event at the civic arena! To add to the excitement, the Globetrotters decided to pay a surprise visit to the program. They played basketball, shared valuable insights on making smart decisions, and got to know our kids on a personal level. It was an extraordinary day filled with laughter, inspiration, and memories that our students will cherish forever. Thank you, Harlem Globetrotter's, for your generosity and genuine commitment to empowering our youth!



Volunteer Highlight

We are excited to share with you a heartwarming story of one of our exceptional volunteers who has been making a difference in the lives of our students. We want to shine a spotlight on Mrs. Deedie Killgore, who has been with us for over five years as a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer. Kilgore is a retired special education teacher who brings her invaluable expertise and compassion to our center. Mrs. Kilgore's kindness, patience, and dedication to our students' education have been a source of inspiration to our team, and we feel blessed to have her on board with us. We are deeply grateful for her years of service, and her unwavering commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of our students is a testament to her selflessness and generosity. *Thank you Mrs. Deedie!*



Event Calendar

April 23: St. Joseph Community Chorus performance with Gospel Artist Isaac Cates and Ordained at Missouri Theater, 4PM (RSVP Required)

May 6: Apple Blossom Parade, starting at 2200 Northeast Parkway 8:30am-12pm

June 17: Juneteenth Talent Showcase & Parade at John Lucas Park 1805 Sylvania St. 9am-12p

July 3: 4th of July event and Performance at St. Joseph's Country Club , 6PM

October 14: Annual Banquet at St. Joseph's Country Club Ballroom (RSVP Required), 6PM-9PM

December 14: Christmas Joy Showcase and Gift Exchange, 4:30PM-6PM

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What's Next?

Exciting Collaboration: We are so excited to be collaborating with the St. Joseph Community Chorus for a Community Gospel Spectacular concert happening on April 23 at 4pm at the Missouri Theater. Don't miss your opportunity to hear the 200-member choir and St. Joe Stixx! Tickets are selling fast! Tickets can be purchased at the St. Joseph Community Chorus website. It's also not too late to sing with us, see the flyer below for more info!

MCE Wishlist

- **Drums Needed:** St. Joe Stixx needs new bass and snare drums to accommodate the growing number of drummers. Your support will help ensure that all students can excel in their musical education.
- **Support Monthly Mission:** Sponsor our “Incentives Field Trips” for youth involved in various activities and achievements, including drumline, choir, dance, good grades, good behavior, and volunteerism. Trips will include Main Event, Sea life, Air/Sky Zone, and more.
- **Classroom Makeover:** Pick a room to paint, carpet, furnish and/or enhance a classroom like “Bob’s” Corner Enrichment Library, named in honor of Mr. Robert “Bob” Crouch, the beloved 10 year MCE Board Trasure & CPA
- **Adopt-a-MCE-student:** Help provide gifts for our annual “Christmas Joy” event or be a sponsor for our October “Gift of Hope” Benefit.
- **Laptop Drive:** Thanks to our donors, we’re only 1 laptop away from our goal of 15 new laptops for our computer lab! Help us reach it by purchasing a laptop on Amazon or donating to the cause! Give us a call to see how you can help, 816-273-5450