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QUAKER NEWS



It's hard to believe the 2021-2022 school year is coming to a close! The PTO was thrilled to be able to host in-person events once again this year many of which we had been unable to hold in their "traditional" manner since 2019. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and support in navigating the school year and in making these events and activities a success. We are grateful, once again, for the great attendance at the monthly PTO meetings (both virtually and in person) and appreciate the involvement and support of so many of you throughout the year.

For the first time since 2019, the Post Prom Committee was able to plan to hold this year's event at the High School. We are looking forward to giving our seniors a chance to celebrate an unprecedented four years and we wish them the very best as they move towards their futures. Many thanks to so many of you, who have provided support for this event through financial and gift donations, your participation in fundraising activities and your valuable time and volunteer efforts!

To our senior parents: You will be missed! Thank you for all you have done throughout the years.

To all of our PTO chairpersons and members: Thank you for your commitment, your valuable time and your wonderful dedication to the kids, the school, and the PTO. It is only through teamwork that our goals and accomplishments are met, and each of you is a valuable member of the team!

To the teachers, staff, and administration: Thank you for all you do, every day. The students, the PTO and the school community are fortunate to have you at OPHS. Your dedication and your talents make our school special, and you are very much appreciated!

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Caren Chaffee, OPHS PTO President



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Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Graduates!

Quaker Marching Band



SATURDAY, June 11th, 9a-12p

Please have your returnable bottles and cans at the end of your driveway by 9am for pickup.

If you need a SPECIAL pick-up, call or text (716) 508-0606

You may also drop off donations at OPHS Baker Lot on the day of the drive from **9am to noon**.

PLEASE SEPARATE GLASS FROM YOUR PLASTIC AND CANS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Thank you for your support!!!

OPEN PTO POSITIONS:

The 2022-2023 Slate was voted on and approved at the May 23, 2022 meeting. The below two positions are still open. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Donna at donna.aylsworth@verizon.net or Caren at chaffeecaren@gmail.com.

- National Honor Society Reception Chairperson
- Membership Chairperson (NEW POSITION)

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Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group



OPHS CALENDAR

- 6/3 Senior Picnic—Caps & Gowns Distributed
- 6/4 Senior Prom-6pm
- 6/7 Scholarship Auditions
 -3:30pm
- 6/8 New Parents QMB Meeting—7pm
- 6/9 Last Day of Classes
- 6/10-6/14 Local Exams
- 6/11 ACT at OPHS
- 6/11 Annual QMB Can & Bottle Drive—9am to 2pm
- 6/14 Board of Education Mtg-7pm
- 6/15-6/24—Regents Exams
- 6/17 Senior Banquet
- 6/20 Juneteenth Holiday (no school)
- 6/23 Baccalaureate Service at Wesleyan Church of OP—7pm
- 6/25 Graduation at Kleinhans— 2pm

2022-2023

9/6 First Day of School

Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit info for the newsletter should email: ophspto@gmail.com by the 1st day of the month.

If this falls on a weekend, please be sure to get your entries in before then! Preferred document formats are **Microsoft Word** or **images** (jpg, png, etc.). PDF documents are difficult to incorporate. If you'd like us to format your info for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons 2022 - 2023
PTO Meeting Dates: M 9/26, T 10/25, M 11/28, M 1/30, M 2/27, M 3/27, M 4/24, M 5/22

Board				
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Phone Number	
President	Tracy Brege 2022-2024	tracybrege@verizon.net	(716) 472-9496	
Vice President	Donna Aylsworth 2022-2023	donna.aylsworth@verizon.net	(716) 866-8295	
Treasurer	Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	(310) 251-5635	
Secretary	Amy Wierer 2021-2023	wiereramy@gmail.com	(716) 662-0453	
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Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Staff Contact	
Newsletter Editor	Tara Rains	tara.rains@hotmail.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org	
Membership Chair	OPEN		N/A	
Nominating Chair	Jen Domzalski 2022-2024	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	N/A	
BET Reps (2)	Elizabeth Duckham 2021-2023	educkham@gmail.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org	
	Brenda Cimo 2022-2024	brendacimo@yahoo.com		
ILC Reps (2)	Ren Choroser 2021-2023	ren jeffchoroser@msn.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org	
	Pam Rauh 2022-2024	pamelamrauh@gmail.com		
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	Karen Fuentes 2021-2023	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	Mr. Bove above@opschools.org	
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	Cathy Kipler 2022-2024	ckipler823@yahoo.com		
Teacher Rep	Brett Norvilitis	bnorvilitis@opschools.org	N/A	

PTO News & Information

Position	Name	Email Address	Staff Contact
Senior Class Assistants (2) ONE YEAR	Caren Chaffee 2022-2023	chaffeecaren@gmail.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org
Tie Dye: Senior Picnic:	Barb Dojnik 2022-2023	bdojnik11247@icloud.com	Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Freshmen Orientation	Elizabeth Duckham 2021-2023	educkham@gmail.com	Dr. Cervoni acervoni@opschools.org
	Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Bagel Breakfast	PTO Board	tracybrege@verizon.net	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Refreshments	Tammy Vitko-Woods 2022-2024	tlvwsmiles@icwoods.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Coat Check	Sheri Carter 2021-2023	sherilentcarter@gmail.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org
	Pam Rauh 2021-2023	pamelamrauh@gmail.com	Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Staff Appreciation Lunch	Sheri Carter 2021-2023	sherilentcarter@gmail.com	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
	Pam Rauh 2021-2023	pamelamrauh@gmail.com	
Winter Homecoming Refreshments	Nicole Curtis 2022-2024	NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming	Sheri Carter 2021-2023	sherilentcarter@gmail.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org
Coat Check	Pam Rauh 2021-2023	pamelamrauh@gmail.com	Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
World Language Induction Reception	Amy Woodward 2021-2023	amyswoodward@hotmail.com	Mrs. Holterman kholterman@opschools.org
National Honor Society Reception	OPEN		Mrs. Karalus <u>lkaralus@opschools.org</u>
Underclass Award Reception	Nicole Curtis 2021-2023	NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
Post Prom Chair ONE YEAR	Maureen Bass 2022-2023	MBass@abramslaw.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org



Underclass Awards Ceremony

Thank you to the below volunteers who donated candy and beverages and to those who helped set up for this special ceremony.



Amy Woodward	Elizabeth Duckham	Jill Pawlowski	Mike Rozic
Barb Dojnik	Erica Wahl	Juliette Reashor	Nicole Curtis
Bryan DeBroka	Erin Homer	Karen Fuentes	Rory Curtis
Caren Chaffee	Erin Mastroianni	Karen O'Brien	Suzanne Houlihan
Chris Popek	Erin Noe	Kristen Casto	Tammy Vitko-Woods
Debbie Leach	Jen Coyle	Laura Carter	Tara Rosa
Denise Straitiff	Jen Domzalski	Michelle Slotman	Ian Woods



Post Prom Chicken BBQ

Thank you to our volunteers listed below for all their help!

Andrea Smith, Chair	Sheila Eagan	Sam Smith
Sheri Barsottelli	Julie Fanutti	Andrea Wereski
Maureen Bass	Lisa Galas	Nicole Zelasko
David Bogart	Lisa Lucente	Tony Smith
Mike Ciesielski	Ruth Mosey	Jeremy Copeland
Mollie Crescente	Jennifer Patterson	Lincoln Eagan

Transportation Breakfast

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered to help with the Transportation Breakfast!



National Honor Society Induction

Thank you to event Chairperson, Kristen Birmingham and to Lynn Thorpe for their help with setting up for this event!

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Premier Raffle Sponsor (\$500):

West Herr of Orchard Park Athletes Unleashed Buffalo Freddy's Party Rental

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Buffalo Harley-Davidson M. Purtill Plumbing Nino's Pizza Kathy & Jim Evans Abbott Family Dental Gocella Agency



Special Thank You:

Face 2 Face Coalition of Kids Escaping Drugs

Community Sponsor (\$150):

Michael's Studio

Orchard Park Pediatrics

Pace Law Firm

DAO Sushi & Grill

Uncle Joe's Diner

Great Erie Federal Credit Union

National Air Cargo, Inc.

Orthodontic Associates of WNY

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Sheri & Bill Barsottelli

Michelle Bouton

Nicole & Jeff Zelasko

Rachel & Charles Messina

Amy Burnett

Carole Descovich

Ken & Jean Onetto

Mollie Scanlon

Karen & Felipe Fuentes

Forbes Capretto Homes

Ann & Andrew Trank

Sheila Barnes

Melissa & David Bogart

Tammy Hollins

Dawn & Jamie Jackson

Andrea Smith

Principal's Club (\$50):

Sheila & Gregg Eagan

Lisa & Kevin Galas

Sara & Andrew Kogut

Maura & Matt Watson

Nancy & John DellaContrada

Lynn & Darryl Halter

Bonnie & John Cantanzaro

Sheila & Gregg Eagan

Susan & Christopher Heard

Shannon & Michael Robertson

Valerie & James Velasquez

Sharon Azurin

Laurie & Scott Hess

Robert & Rachel Newton

Bret Norvilitis

Valerie & James Velasquez

Julie & Robert Wengewicz

Sharon Azurin

Kathy & Jim Evans

Colleen Mesi

Sharon Azurin

Mary Ellen

Kerri Griffin

Pete & Erin Marshall

Rachel Messinia

Michele & Marc Poitras

Jennifer Ray

Tom Skwara

Gayle Struble

Sabrina Tanevski

Dabinia Tanevski

James & Kayla Wilder

Donations are current through 6/3/2022

OPHS Post Prom Donations

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\$20.22 Club:

Sara & Andrew Austin
Valerie & David Conforti
Anne & Edward Draves
Jill & Bret Norvilitis
Jennifer & Dominic Patterson
Lori & David Pohrte
Leslie Skwara
Mark VanDerwater
Tara & Dennis Nahabetian

Mollie Scanlon
Barbara Sedita &
Glenn Nenoff
Andrea Wereski
Wendy & Mark Menz
Beth Draper
Craig Hanlon
Rachel & Will Curtin
Jennifer Dinero

Dawn Whalen
Anthony Brown Pharmacy
Carole Descovich
Bryan Lang
Louie's Texas Red Hots
McCarville Insurance Agency
Denise & Arnold Miller
Pie O' Mine & Greens
Repp Renovations

W.G. Arthur Company
Maureen Casey, DDS
Sylvie Cuvelle
Julie & Peter Murphy
Maureen & Joe Quagliana
Jill Gebhard
Pappaceno's Pizza and Pasta

\$20.23 Club:

Sheri & Scott Carter
Jennifer & Timothy Coyle
Kathleen & Dave Goodman
Molly & Jonathan Heraty
Michelle & Andrew Slotman
Karen & Sean O'Brien
Caren & Chris Chaffee
Barb & Mark Dojnik
Debbie & Michael Leach
Pam & Michael Rauh
Laura & Raymond Carter
Jennifer & Timothy Coyle
Jaclyn Robison

Amy Gottstine

\$20.24 Club:

Michelle Bouton
Lisa & Elio Gioia
Erin & Clint Homer
Suzanne & John Houlihan
Valerie & Joe Venturo
Peggy & Michael Blidy
Barbra & Charles Lesh
Cynthia Nichols
Tara & Allan Rains
Sharon Azurin
Karen & Felipe Fuentes
Alexandra Passarell

\$20.25 Club:

Michelle & Andrew Slotman Tara & Dennis Nahabetian Erin Mastroianni Amy Gottstine Maureen & Joe Quagliana

General Donations:

Anne & Edward Draves
Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty
Sylvie Cuvelle
Bauer Service, Inc.
Amy Burnett
Krista Hollins
Chris Popek

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OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:

Thank you to the local businesses below for supporting **OPHS** with their Post Prom Donations!

























































DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the summer program is available on the district web site, www.opschools.org. All line assignment numbers are currently taken, however please call 209-6295 beginning Monday, May 16th to see if there are any available spots.



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

The next 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course will be held at the Orchard Park High School on:

Monday, August 8th from 9:00am -2:00pm.

You must be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There is a \$35.00 fee, checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District. Sign up at the Community Education Office or call 209-6295.





What is a SEPTSA?

It's part of the New York State PTA and National PTA. SEPTSA was designed to build strong partnerships among parents, teachers, students, administrators, existing PTAs and the community, for the benefit of families and children in need of special education and/or individualized services.

Save the dates!

Monthly meeting dates & times for 2022:

JANUARY 19, 2022 | 6:30 pm*
FEBRUARY 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm*
MARCH 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm*
APRIL 20, 2022 | 6:30 pm*
MAY 18, 2022 | 6:30 pm*
JUNE 15, 2022 | 6:30 pm*

Please email OPSEPTSA@gmail.com for Zoom link.

* Meetings are currently scheduled as virtual & will hopefully switch to hybrid and/or in-person in the future.

Not a member yet?

Attend one of the meetings. Bring a friend.

Learn more about this group at opseptsa.org

Membership Benefits

- Get support & share experiences with other families
- Networking with district administrators, community members, parents, education experts & students
- Access to local, regional & NYS seminars and learning opportunities (usually FREE with your annual membership fee!)
- Be a part of a powerful association than can advocate on behalf of children and educators at the local, state and national levels. (pta.org)

Ready to join?

Support OPSEPTSA today!
Register at the Member Hub.
orchardpark.memberhub.com/store

