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## QUAKER NEWS

#### FROM THE DESK OF MR. WOLF:

#### Busy, Busy, Busy!

Spring is always a busy time at OPHS. The final music concerts are already taking place, the spring athletic season is in full swing and will be heading into the playoffs, Prom and the PTO sponsored Post Prom are quickly approaching. In the upcoming weeks we will be recognizing the academic achievements of our students with the National Honor Society induction ceremony, Underclass Awards Night, and the Senior Banquet. The PTO takes an active role in supporting these events by providing refreshments and in contributing volunteers in several capacities. As a school community, we are so appreciative of the PTO and all that they provide in making these events so successful!

The annual OPCSD school budget vote will take place in the high school gym on Tuesday, May 16th. Please be sure to take the time to vote on the proposed budget, propositions, and Board of Education members. Please note that the Baker Rd. entrance will not be available for voters during the school day (7 am – 3 pm). Voters should enter from the Freeman Road parking lot. Specific information is available on the District website at <a href="https://www.opschools.org/Page/10998">https://www.opschools.org/Page/10998</a>. Remember too, that the PTO will hold their annual chicken BBQ on that same date in the gym foyer. The proceeds of the BBQ help to defray the costs of the Post Prom Party.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the families who are "graduating" this year. I am sure that many of you are wondering where the time went! I would also like to wish our retiring faculty members, Mrs. Carolyn Goff, and Mrs. Bonnie Williams, all the best as they transition away from OPHS and on to the next chapter of their lives. The impact they have had on literally generations of Orchard Park students is immeasurable.

With my retirement at the end of this school year, this is my last submission to the PTO newsletter. I am so appreciative of the hard work and dedication of the countless number of parents I have had the pleasure to work with in my time as principal. The OPHS PTO is an integral part of the overall success of the high school program. I will leave in June with tremendous gratitude and many fond memories!

Go Quakers!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Open 2023-2024 PTO Positions
- Post Prom BBQ & QMB Fundraisers









Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 7 p.m.

Orchard Park High School - Freeman Parking Lot

Chicken Dinner \$13.00 (1/2 a chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll)

Rib Dinner \$15.00 (1/4 rack ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, roll)

## Krispy Kreme Dozen Fresh Donuts \$12.00

Preorder here:

https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/227429



Got a Prize to Donate to the Post-Prom Senior Prize Raffle? Drop it off at the BBQ and be entered to win: a Russell's Grand Package (includes dinner for 2 and a Room!)

Thank-you for supporting the Class of 2023! Questions? Text Maureen at 716-225-2990



Please have your returnable bottles and cans at the end of your driveway by 9am for pickup (OP School District only).

You may also drop off donations at OPHS Baker Lot on the day of the drive from **<u>9AM to noon</u>**.

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

Thank you for your support!!!

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#### MAY 16th

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND BOARD VOTE

- •Ballot information can be found here: <u>https://www.opschools.org/</u> <u>Page/10998</u>
- •Board of Education Candidate Bios can be found here: <u>https://</u><u>www.opschools.org/Page/11012</u>

#### **OPEN PTO POSITIONS:**

OPHS still has some open positions for the 23/24 school year. We need your help! You are welcome to co-chair with a friend or do it solo. For more information, or to nominate yourself please contact Jen Domzalski at <u>imdomzalski@hotmail.com</u>.

- 3 STAP Comm Representative Positions
- Fall Homecoming Coat Check Chairperson
- Winter Homecoming Coat Chairperson
- Underclass Awards Reception Chairperson
- Post Prom Chairperson
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chairperson

#### **Newsletter Submissions:**

Anyone wishing to submit information for the newsletter should email: <u>ophspto@gmail.com</u> 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 information for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

#### **OPHS CALENDAR**

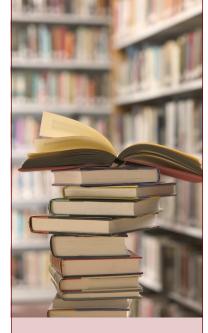
#### 5/1-5/12 AP Exams

- 5/6 SAT at OPHS-7:30am
- 5/9 Music In May II-7pm
- 5/11 Financial Aid Night—7pm
- 5/12 National Honor Society Induction—7pm
- 5/15 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 5/16 Annual Budget Vote & Board Member Election—7am-9pm
- 5/16 Music In May III-7pm
- 5/17 AOF Senior Graduation Night— 6:30pm
- 5/17 OPSEPTSA Meeting-6:30pm
- 5/22 Post Prom Meeting—6pm PTO Meeting—7pm
- 5/23 & 24 NYSSMA Instrumental Majors
- 5/24 Underclass Awards Night— 7pm
- 5/26 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 5/29 Memorial Day (no school) Parade—9am
- 6/1 Regents Exam—No regular classes
- 6/2 Caps & Gowns Distributed & Senor Picnic
- 6/3 Senior Prom
- 6/6 Scholarship Auditions—3:30pm
- 6/7 New Parents QMB Meeting— 7pm
- 6/9 Last Day of Classes
- 6/10 ACT at OPHS-7:30am
- 6/10 Annual QMB Can & Bottle Drive—9am to 12pm
- 6/12-6/23 Local & Regents Exams
- 6/13 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.) - 7pm
- 6/15 Senior Banquet
- 6/19 Juneteenth Holiday (no school)
- 6/21 OPSEPTSA Meeting-6:30pm
- 6/24 Graduation—2pm

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#### **PTO News & Information**



#### PTO MEETINGS 2022-23

All meeting are held at 7 **pm in the OPHS Media Center II room** (inside the library on the second floor)

• 5/22

#### **POST PROM PLANNING**

The post prom committee works all year to plan for this event and we need help! All parents are welcome, especially junior and senior parents.

Join us before every PTO meeting at 6:00 pm, beginning in October.

"Many hands make light work" John Heywood

## YOU'RE INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to attend our PTO meetings. These meetings are a great venue for having open discussions, exchanging ideas, and asking questions. PTO meetings will take place <u>the last Monday of each</u> <u>month.</u> We meet in the LMC (Library) in the back room, it is located on the second floor across from the house 2 office. Check out this year's meeting schedule on the left side of this page.

#### We encourage you to join our Facebook page!

To join, click on the Facebook logo below or enter "Orchard Park High School PTO" in the search box.

\*\* Please be sure to answer the "membership question" prior to submitting your request to join the page to ensure your request is reviewed and approved! \*\*

Click the OP logo below to get to our section of the HS website Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group





Last Post Prom Meeting May 22nd at 6pm!

#### **Post Prom Party**

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 3, 2023, after Prom. Planning and fundraising are underway! Please consider attending our final meeting on May 22nd at 6:00 p.m. It's never too late to participate! There is still much to accomplish! You do not need to have a senior student to attend or to be involved!

#### OPHS PTO Events 2022-2023



#### <u>May</u>

Friday, May 12	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 22	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 22	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.
	June	
Friday, June 2	Senior Picnic	Morning
Saturday, June 3	Post Prom	Late night



#### World Languages Reception

Many thanks to all the families who donated food, drink, balloons, etc. for the World Languages Induction Ceremony on April 20th at OPHS.

The event was a tremendous success!

Students and their families enjoyed the reception very much. Special thanks to PTO Chairperson, Amy Woodward, for putting this event together!

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## 2022 – 2023 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 3, 2023, immediately following Prom. The Post Prom Party is a safe, alcohol-free event for OP Seniors and their Prom dates. OP Seniors do NOT need to attend Prom in order to attend the Post Prom Party.

In past years, almost 400 students have attended the Post Prom Party. The students enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and prizes. In 2022, the PTO gave away more than \$5000 in prizes and more than \$3000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2022.

<u>The success of Post Prom depends upon the generosity of parents, community members, and</u> <u>local businesses in making monetary and prize donations.</u> The fundraising campaign beings NOW!

Please consider <u>making a donation</u> and/or <u>signing up to serve on the Post Prom</u> <u>Committee</u>. Donors are recognized in the monthly PTO newsletter and your donation is tax deductible.

Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Suggested donations levels are:

\$ 20.23	2023 Club (2024, 2025, and 2026 Clubs also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity Sponsor

You can make a donation **online through your Membership Toolkit account** or **you can mail it** to:

#### OPHS attn: Post Prom 4040 Baker Road Orchard Park, New York 14127

You can sign up to become a member of the Post Prom Committee through your Membership Toolkit account, or you can email Maureen Bass at MBass@abramslaw.com.

The final **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday**, **May 22<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**.

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## **OPHS Post Prom Donations**

#### Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Buffalo Harley-Davidson Leo's Pizzeria Michael's Banquet Facility Nino's Pizza Purtill Plumbing Robert Basil Buick GMC Cadillac Uncle Joe's Diner Orchard Park Aesthetics



#### Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Lynn & Darryl Halter Joe & Shannon Dommer David & Kathleen Goodman Anonymous Karen & Phil Fuentes James & Diana Rotterman Benzinger's Clothing Care Colleen Collins Eco Serve Pest Services Julie & Tom Grimes Karin & Thomas Provost

#### Community Sponsor (\$150):

Marcelene Burkett 4th Wave Technologies LLC Eye Care & Vision Associates Modern Window of New York, Inc. National Air Cargo, Inc. Orchard Park Collision Orchard Park Collision Orchard Park Pediatrics The Apothecary at Cottrill's The Schroeder Law Firm, LLC The Krog Group Orthodontists Associates of WNY WNY Immediate Care Buffalo Sports Garden

#### Principal's Club (\$50):

- Kelly & Jeff Werdein Kristen Casto Debbie & Michael Leach Renee & Mike Gruin Amy Woodward Anonymous "In Honor of Mr. Wolf" Amy Conley Amy Gottstine
- Todd & Shelly Musterait Orchard Park Principals' Association Zuccala Orthodontics Joseph Armenia & Keri Raymond Tracy & Wayne Hemmerling Village Ice Cream of Orchard Park Bobbie & Jason Wabick Jennifer Domagalski

#### Donations are current through 5/2/2023

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**OPHS Post Prom Donations** 

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#### <u>\$20.23 Club:</u>

Lisa & David Breth Lynn & Michael Buffamonti Laura & Raymond Carter Sheri & Scott Carter Caren & Chris Chaffee Maureen Dempsey & Paul Moskal Barb & Mark Dojnik Sheila & Gregg Eagan Tara & Chris Hart-Nova Margaret Hodson Alyson & Kevin Kirk Ann Marie & Kenneth Newbury Michelle & Andrew Slotman Zeina & Paul Williams Jennifer & Donald Brady Jen & Jim Domzalski

#### <u>\$20.24 Club:</u>

Michelle BoutonJLisa & Elio GioiaHSuzanne & John HoulihanMValerie & Joe VenturoHBarbra & Charles LeshMTara & Allan RainsMPam & Michael RauhMRosanne & Angel SanchezKaren & Phil FuentesAmanda & Sean McCormickMMelanie Wojcik & Craig Rodgers

Cathy & Earl Kipler, Jr. Molly & Jonathan Heraty Lori & Chris Mathews Fauzia & Chris Mattingly Gigi & Kevin Wieszczecinski Kim Caligiuri Jill & Stephen Schottman Holly Yoshida Amy Zboch Marcelene Burkett Elizabeth & Alan Duckham Donna Malik-Buckley William Benfanti & Kathleen Makolinski Amy Conley Dave's Automotive Karen & Jeff Dolce

JoAnn Litwin Pappaceno's Pizza Savilles Country Florist Travis Terranova Wolf Agency, Inc. Anthony-Brown Pharmacy Kellie & Kevin Crane Kristi & Daniel Walh Nicole Avitahl-Curtis & Rory Curtis Jacqueline & Daniel Clinard Alison Conley Tara & Chris Hart-Nova Jacqueline & Joseph Ippolito Amy & Ronald Jablonski Tracy Kahler Jillian & Steve Switek

#### <u>\$20.25 Club:</u>

Jill Edwards-Tills & Mike Tills Erin & Clint Homer Michelle & Andrew Slotman Elizabeth & Alan Duckham Nancy & Bryan DeBroka Maureen Dempsey & Paul Moskal Nicole Avitahl-Curtis & Rory Curtis

#### <u>\$20.26 Club:</u>

Erin & Clint Homer Karen & Phil Fuentes

#### **General Donations:**

Karen & James Nuwer Benzinger's Clothing Care Repp Renovations Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty Zuccala Orthodontics Orthodontists Associates of WNY

Donations are current through 5/2/2023



## **OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:**

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



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### **DRIVER EDUCATION**

Information on the summer program is available on the district web site, <u>www.opschools.org</u>. Please check the website or call 209-6295 for availability.



Information on the fall program will be posted in July.

## **5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE**

The next 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course will be held at the Orchard Park High School on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am -1:00pm.

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.





## **Orchard Park Music Boosters**

It's time to join or Donate!!!

#### Who are we?

An organization devoted to enhancing and supporting Music Programs across the Orchard Park School District: including band, orchestra, chorus, and other K-12 music programs.

#### Who does this program benefit?

Everyone! Orchard Park Music Boosters benefits all students involved in a music program within the school district.

#### Why does it matter?

The O.P. Music Boosters have initiated and assisted in numerous musical projects, including partnerships with the O.P. School District, PTO, and Alumni Association to:

- Help purchase audio equipment and music rights to enrich operettas, plays, musicals, and other performances.
- Help purchase new instruments in conjunction with the school district.
- Annually funded several **student workshops** with guest artists and conductors.
- Award music scholarships to students pursuing the field of music in college, as well as, students not majoring in music who have dedicated themselves and made significant musical contributions while attending the O.P. School District.
- Provide **an on-going music lesson program** available for all instruments and voice during the school year, as well as a Summer Lesson Program.

## Visit us soon at The Music Booster Website: opmusicboosters.com

#### What does it cost to join?

One year membership is a minimum donation of \$10 per family.

----- Please detach and fill in form ------

- 1. Scan QR Code (on the right) to use your PayPal account or Credit Card. -OR-
- 2. Fill out the form below and mail it in with your donation. -OR-
- 3. Venmo to @opmusicboosters

SCAN ME

Name: Address:	 	
School(s): Grade Level(s): Email (optional):	 	

Send the form & check to: Orchard Park Music Boosters % Joseph Biondo Orchard Park High School 4040 Baker Rd. Orchard Park, NY 14127

Please make check payable to: Orchard Park Music Boosters



## Quaker Athletics Booster Club Membership Form

The Quaker Athletics Booster Club is a group of parent volunteers that work to support the athletes of the Orchard Park School District. QABC raises money to help provide equipment, training, officials, etc. that is not covered in the athletic budget. We have seen a significant decline in volunteers in the last few years, likely due to the pandemic, and we are looking to revitalize our group. If you would like more information or want to get involved, please contact Tim Fischer (President) at <u>Timmyfish8@yahoo.com</u>.

# Visit our website, register, and pay online to become a member at <u>www.quakerboosters.com</u>.

Like us on Facebook: Quaker Athletics Booster Club & follow us on Twitter @OPBoosterClub

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	Platinum	\$200.00	(includes parking spot al	t stadium for varsity football games
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			OPHS Main Office	
			4040 Baker Road	
			chard Park, NY 14127	



## **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

The Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters is a non-profit organization of dedicated parents, teachers and community members who value and support visual art opportunities for the youth of our community.

#### The goal and objectives for the boosters are:

- Provide additional learning opportunities for students.
- Fund events and field trips that expose our youth to art and artists.
- Support the efforts of our students through art displays and exhibitions.

Please help support the visual arts boosters by becoming a member.

#### Membership for the school year is \$10.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

A membership covers all members of your household.

## VISIT WWW.OPVAB.COM for more information

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