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Hello PTO Families and Friends,

All of a sudden, it's the time of year when we really start to look toward the future. Our Seniors are choosing their paths for the fall. Many of our Juniors will be looking forward to inductions into the ranks of different Honor Societies and will join our Sophomores and Freshman with our Underclass Awards. So much to look forward to. Our PTO volunteers are getting ready to host social receptions after each of these ceremonies at the school. Celebrating our kids is always something to get excited about! Spring sports are warming up and soon the fields will be full of our OP teams' athletic competitions. I can't wait!

The PTO is looking for nominations for the 23/24 school year. In this newsletter, you will find a list of our open positions. Please consider becoming involved - you won't regret it. We welcome new ideas and new faces to our team. Want to become involved, but don't necessarily see something that feels like a good fit? Reach out and let us know, we can often find something that ends up being perfect for you. Sometimes it is as light as an hour one morning during the school year. Never any pressure to do more, we are grateful for all contributions large or small. Many thanks to Jen Domzalski for all the fine work she has done so far with the nomination process.

Post Prom has a great event planned for our Seniors in June. There is still time to join this team. Many hands will be needed to volunteer at the event on June 3rd. Please consider coming to our next Post Prom meeting at 6pm on April 24th at OPHS to find out how you can be a part of it.

Enjoy spring and all the new life and recharging that comes with the warmer temperatures. As always, Thank you for all you do.

Tracy Brege, OPHS PTO President



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- It's never too late to join the PTO!
- Open 2023-2024 PTO
  Positions



## Orchard Park High School Post Prom 2023 Restaurant Fundraising Night

Enjoy a night off from meal prep and support a great cause at the same time!

Head to .....



3464 McKinley Parkway, Blasdell

## Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

In the restaurant: Show this flyer OR mention you're there for the OPHS Post Prom fundraising night

Mobile ordering through the Chick-fil-A App and catering are <u>NOT</u> included in the total sales

15% of in-restaurant sales will be donated to OPHS Post Prom 2023



## **OPHS PTO 23-24 Open Positions**

The OPHS PTO is looking to fill several open positions for the 23-24 school year. We really need your help! Please consider sitting on a committee or chairing an event. Most of the positions are a two-year term with the exception of the Senior Class Assistants and the Post Prom Chair, which is a one-year term for parents of seniors. See something interesting but don't want to do it alone? Grab a friend and chair it together! Questions regarding what a position entails or to nominate yourself, please contact Jen Domzalski, Nominating Chair at jmdomzalski@hotmail.com. Please email all nominations to me by May 1st. Thank you!

#### Open PTO Positions for the 23-24 School Year:

#### Two-Year Term:

Vice President Newsletter Editor STAP-Comm Rep - (3) open positions BET Rep - (1) open position Fall Homecoming Coat Check Chair Staff Appreciation Lunch Chair Winter Homecoming Coat Check Chair World Languages Induction Reception Chair Underclass Awards Reception Chair Tri-M Honor Society Reception Chair

#### One-Year Term:

Senior Class Assistant - (2) positions open Post Prom Chair

Thank you in advance! Any amount of help is greatly appreciated!



100%	PTO MEMBERSHIP:
75% -	It's never too late to join!! Your \$5.00 Membership Fee helps the PTO support the students and staff of the High School. Our membership
25%	numbers are in line with where we were at this point last year. We're happy to see so many families have joined and we'd love to welcome even more!
	Join Now Joining or re-joining the <b>OPHS PTO</b> is easy and <b>takes</b> <b>just a few minutes of your time</b> ! Just go to <u>Membership Toolkit</u> .
More Info ᅌ	As all of our HS PTO emails are sent through Membership Toolkit, <i>your membership will ensure that</i> <i>you receive important information via</i> <i>email.</i> Instructions can be found on the <u>PTO page</u> of the High School website.

#### **Newsletter Submissions:**

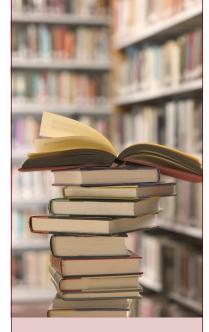
Anyone wishing to submit information for the newsletter should email: ophspto@gmail.com by the **1st day of the month**.

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 information for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

#### **OPHS CALENDAR**

- 4/3-4/7 Spring Break (no school)
- 4/12 Collegiate Athletic Signing— 3pm
- 4/12 Tri-M Music Honors Society Chamber Music Concert-7pm
- 4/17 STAP Comm Meeting-7pm
- 4/19 OPSEPTSA Meeting-6:30pm
- 4/19 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)-7pm
- 4/20 World Languages Induction Ceremony-7pm
- 4/24 Post Prom Meeting-6pm PTO Meeting-7pm
- 4/27 Orchard Park Pride Night-6:15pm
- 4/29 Summer Driver's Ed Registration
- 5/1-5/12 AP Exams
- 5/1 Music In May I-7pm
- 5/2 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)-7pm
- 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 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



#### 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)

• 4/24

• 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



Find us on: facebook。

Next Post Prom Meeting April 24th 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 next meeting on April 24th 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>April</u>

Thursday, April 20	World Languages Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 24	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	<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



Many Thanks to our wonderful and dependable PTO Bakers. The dozens and dozens of treats you provided for the annual Senior Citizen Pasta Dinner on March 9th were so much appreciated! It's so nice to know we can count on our families to help our students make a difference in our community. Thank you for taking the time to provide desserts for this event! Special thanks to the following people for their contributions, and please forgive us if we left anyone out:

Erica Patterson Julie Murphy Tracy Brege Caren Chaffee Fauzia Mattingly Denise Straitiff Jackie Clinard Sheri Carter Tracy Hemmerling Alyssa Sanelli Karen Laudico Nicole Avitahl-Curtis Pamela Rauh

## 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 next Post Prom Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

## **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

#### <u>Superintendent's Club (\$100):</u>

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

#### <u>Community Sponsor (\$150):</u>

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 Pediatrics The Apothecary at Cottrill's The Schroeder Law Firm, LLC The Krog Group Orthodontists Associates of WNY WNY Immediate Care

#### 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

Donations are current through 3/31/2023

**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 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

#### \$20.24 Club:

Michelle Bouton Lisa & Elio Gioia Suzanne & John Houlihan Valerie & Joe Venturo Barbra & Charles Lesh Tara & Allan Rains Pam & Michael Rauh Rosanne & Angel Sanchez Karen & Phil Fuentes Amanda & Sean McCormick

#### \$20.25 Club:

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

#### <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 3/31/2023



## **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 2023 summer session of Driver Education is available on the District website (<u>www.opschools.org</u>). All students will need to preregister on-line. Registration dates and times are listed. Please call 209-6295 with any questions.



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

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

• Monday & Wednesday, April 24th & 26th from 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both sessions, 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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## **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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