Orchard Park Central School District Announcements & Points of Pride! August 15, 2023



Announcements

Mark your calendars!

OPHS New Student Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 30th from 6 p.m. - 8 - p.m.

Immediately following orientation, STAP Comm (our student government) is hosting a Welcome to OPHS Movie Night outdoors on the Baker fields from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m., there will be drinks, popcorn, and food trucks onsite to purchase snacks. This event is weather permitting.





Announcements

Community Education Registration Moving Online This Fall! The Fall 2023 Community Education Brochure is Coming Soon!





Reminders

Check the school calendar for important dates

- First day for staff is Wednesday, August 30th
- First day for students is Tuesday, September 5th
- School supply lists are available on our website under the Quick Links section
- School Calendars will be available soon







New York State Department of Education Update

- August 9, 2023 memo from SED and the NYS Attorney General
- Reaffirms a school district's legal responsibility to "...place dignity, inclusion, and respect at the center of their educational decisions."
- Key Points:
 - District's are to pay special attention to two state policies:
 - Dignity for All Students Act ("Dignity Act") and the Board of Regents' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policy.
 - Ensure teaching and learning reflect principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion and provide opportunities for all students to make educational progress
 - "Accordingly, school districts cannot respond to local electorates or stakeholders by banning curricular materials that accurately portray and critically analyze topics related to protected classes such as race, national origin, gender (including gender identity and expression), or sexual orientation."
 - District's must address disciplinary practices that lead to disapportional outcomes. A focus on restorative practices, not punitive measures, must be at the center of this work.
 - Ensure effective policies and procedures to prevent and address bullying and harassment in schools.



Sarah Hornung Presented at the NYSCOSS Women's Initiative





Windom Community Church Provides Meals for Quaker Camp Students





Quaker Camp



