Orchard Park High School *PTO Newsletter*

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OPHS PTO NEWSLETTER



Hello OPHS Families,

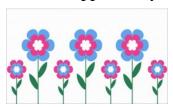
We are currently in the nomination period for the next school year. There are many opportunities to get involved with the PTO. Many positions are a "one and done" opportunity. Please consider giving your time to help. Links to see what positions are available and a description of each position is posted in this newsletter and on our website.

The Post Prom event planning is underway! The more help we have, the more we can offer our kids. There are many ways to help right now. You can participate in the "Get Egged" fundraiser by ordering eggs or donating supplies. You can get dinner from Chick-Fil-A on April 29th! You can attend the Post Prom meeting April 28th and lend a hand. Monetary or "Prize" donations are gratefully accepted as well. Be on the lookout for information about the PTO Annual Chicken BBQ, May 13th, to benefit Post Prom.

Spring is a busy time of year for the PTO. The Post Prom event is a huge endeavor but one we are happy to coordinate for the seniors. The PTO is also asked by many school groups to host receptions during this time of year. I want to thank everyone who has donated items or their time so far. I appreciate you!

Happy Spring!

Jen Domzalski, PTO President





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OPHS Class of 2025 Fundraiser

Let our bunnies help you make a special day! Our bunnies will hide candy or toy stuffed eggs in yards from 8-12 pm on Easter Eve!

April 19

Let our bunnies make a special egg hunt for kids young & old!



Get Egged

\$25 for 25 stuffed eggs \$40 for 50 stuffed eggs \$50 for 70 stuffed eggs \$20 for 20 Dog Treat eggs





Egg your house!!

Egg your families' houses!

Egg your friends!!

Egg your neighbors!!

All proceeds go to a great cause- keeping our graduating class safe on prom night!

Please order here:

https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/321948



The PTO Post Prom Committee needs your help with the Get Egg'd Fundraiser! Click the link below to see how you can help!

Thank you!

Get Egg'd Fundraiser Sign Up

OPHS Post Prom SPIRIT NIGHT AT



15% of Food Sales (Dining Room, Carryout, & Drive Thru) Back to: ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL PTO POST PROM

FUNDRAISING DETAILS

TUESDAY, April 29th 2025 5:00PM – 8:00PM 3464 McKinley Pkwy Hamburg, NY 14219

Show this flyer or simply mention "Spirit Night" Fundraiser when ordering your food to have your sales counted.



Saturday, May 3rd

Doors Open @ 6 p.m. First Spin @ 7 p.m. VFW Post 1419 2985 Lakeview Road Hamburg, NY

Tickets - \$10/per person

- 21 & Over
- Lots of Raffles!
 - Signed Josh Allen Jersey
 - Freezer full of meat (\$250
 Martket in the Square gift card
 - Gift Certificate Baord (\$150 minimum)
 - HUGE Basket Raffle!

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS









PURCHASE OR DONATE TODAY

Team Tommy Fundraiser

\$30 per ticket









Saturday, May 3 7 PM - 11 PM



Wings Meeting Place

3964 California Rd, Orchard Park



Raising funds for necessary equipment & home accessibility modifications

Unlimited beer and wine
Raffle baskets & 50/50
Cash bar
Door Prize
Live music
Pizza

No Animals Allowed I No Outside Food or Beverages Allowed

EMAIL US TRParzyFund@gmail.com 716-341-4993

OPHS Quaker Marching Band



Saturday, June 7, 2025 9 AM - Noon

Please have returnable bottles and cans at the end of your driveway by 9am for pickup. We will be picking up in the OP School District ONLY.

Questions or SPECIAL pick-up on June 7th call or text (716) 508-0606 (June 7th only).

Donations may also be brought to OPHS Baker Lot on the day of the drive from 9am to noon.

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

Thank you for your support!!!





716-662-2290
Gerard & Jodie Cappelli
Class of 1980

"Band Supporter"

OPHS HONOR SOCIETY RECEPTIONS



Thank you so much to everyone who donated items for the Society of **Science Scholars Honor Society Induction Reception!** We appreciate your help! We can't do it without you. Thank you to Heather Manocchio for chairing the event.



Donations needed for the **Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Reception**. Click the link below to sign up. Thank you to those who already signed up!

Tri-M Reception Signup



Donations are also needed for the **World Languages Honor Society Induction Reception**. Click the link below to see how you can help. Thank you!

World Languages Reception Signup

OPHS PTO DONATIONS 2024 - 2025

We would like to thank the following people for PTO Donations!

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis Jennifer Bushen

Karen Fuentes Jill Skoba

Lynn Stoltz Autumn Houseknech

Lauren Sikora Kristen Maloney

Valerie Velasquez Kristen Casto

Julie Wengewicz Anna Roberts

Lindsey Clader Lauren Russo

Cameron Macon Angela Stewart

Andrea McGrath Brooke Bain

Amanda Talty Sara Kogut

Patty Balthasar Valerie Velasquez

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Anyone wishing to submit information for the newsletter should email: ophspto@gmail.com by the **FIRST 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.

PTO & Post Prom Meeting Dates 2025



Note: Meetings will take place in-person in the LMC Library on the 2nd floor of the high school. Please be certain to join PTO via the Membership Toolkit website to ensure the emails are sent to you!

Monday, April 28, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, May 19, 2025* - 6PM (Updated time!)

* Post Prom meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on these dates.



Post Prom planning is underway! Fundraising events are being planned, prizes are being collected, and entertainment options are being researched! Letters have been sent to local businesses requesting their support in the form of sponsorships, gift cards or prize donations. If you are a business owner, or you know of a business that may be interested in supporting this drug- and alcohol-free event for seniors, please encourage them to do so. Likewise, if you would like to make a personal donation, you can do so through your Membership Toolkit account.

If you'd like to help out, please reach out to Post Prom Chair Maureen Bass at MBass@abramslaw.com or join us at the next Post Prom planning meeting on **April 28** at **6:00 pm** in the HS Library/Media Center. Parents of any student in any grade can help; not just parents of seniors.



Volunteers Needed!

Please check out the links below if you are interested in getting involved in the PTO next year or if you'd just like to find out more about our positions and what we do. Deadline for nominations is May 5th.

OPHS Nominations Open for PTO Positions for 2025-2026:

Click on the link below to find out which PTO positions will be open for the next school year. If you're interested in chairing an event you don't have to do it alone. Feel free to ask a friend and chair the event together.

OPHS Nominations Llst for PTO Positions for 2025-2026:

PTO Position Descriptions

Feel free to reach out to the PTO President Jen Domzalski at jmdomzalski@hotmail.com for more information as well. Thank you!

The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on May 31, 2025 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 2024, the PTO gave away more than \$2,000 in prizes and \$3000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2024.

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

Please consider <u>making a donation</u> and/or <u>serving on the Post Prom Committee</u> by coming to a Post Prom meeting or emailing the Post Prom Coordinator. 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:

\$ 20.25	2025 Club (2026, 2027 & 2028 Clubs also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity Sponsor
\$500.00	Premier Raffle Sponsor

You can make a donation <u>online through your Membership Toolkit account</u> or <u>you can mail it</u> to:

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

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **February 24th at 6:00 pm**. All are welcome to join us to help plan the party! Parents of underclassmen are encouraged to attend as well!



Premier Raffle Sponsor (\$500)

Sam Puleo

Activity Sponsor (\$250)

Leo's Pizzeria

4Tth Wave Technologies, LLC

Ventura's Carstar Collision

Purtill Plumbing

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis

Kevin W. Hourihan, PLLC

Community Sponsor (\$150)

American Legion Post 567
Chiro First Wellness Center
Bauer Service Inc. Marathon/Tim Horton's
Bank Street Auto and Truck, Inc.
Illuminate Heath & Wellness
McAllister Plumbing & Heating Inc.
National Air Cargo, Inc.
OP McDonald's Restaurant
Kumon Math and Reading Center of Orchard Park
NYCM Insurance
Orchard Park Pediatrics

Superintendent's CLUB (\$100)

Sheila Eagan Jill Pawlowski Cristi Oczek

Principal's CLUB (\$50)

Keiko Papaj
Andrea Shurtliffe
Shannon Dommer
Chris Popek
Lynn Halter
Lucie Bowers
Vision Financial Group

Custom Donation

Thomas Johnson Realty



POST PROMDONATIONS & SPONSORS















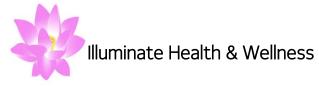






























Parkland Professional Park
Where business comes to grow









\$20.25 CLUB

Tara Rosa

Joy Higgins

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis

Tara Barclay

Jill Edwards-Tills

Nicole Danna

Sheila Eagan

Nancy DeBroka

Jennifer Carducci

Jillian Chudzik

Shannon Fisher

Danielle Schwanekamp

Jennifer Breitwieser

Jennifer Meyer

Lucie Bowers

Maureen Quagliana

Renee Wall

Nicole Zelasko

Jen Domzalski

Margaret Anderson

Lori Matthews

\$20.25 CLUB (cont.)

Lindsay Wright

Erin Mastroianni

Parkland Professional Park

Angela Dorsheimer

Louie's Texas Red Hots

Wolf Agency, Inc.

Main Street Ice Cream

\$20.26 CLUB

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis

Karen Fuentes

Rosanne Sanchez

Erin Homer

Jennifer Breitwieser

Shannon Dehn

Jill Pawlowski

Lisa Taips

Erica Patterson

Sarah Jahnke

Erica Carr

Anna Roberts

Erin Mastroianni

\$20.27 CLUB

Nancy DeBroka

Jennifer Duff

Amanda McCormick

Courtney Wahowski

Rebecca Jubulis

Maura Watson

Sarah Rera

Tammy Vitko-Woods

Kelly Kerl

Renata Doerr

Julie Szczublewski

Karry Kazial Backes

Heather Kasprowicz

\$20.28 CLUB

Jennifer Duff

Caren Chaffee

Amanda Talty

Sarah Jahnke

Mark Blum

Deanna McDonald

Brooke Bain

Donations are current through 4/1/2025



April News

From the High School Counseling Department

- The School Counseling Department took about 200 students on a field trip to the Buffalo National College Fair in mid-March. Approximately 200 colleges were present to talk with students about their post-high school plans.
- The School Counselors recently provided a career lesson to all 10th-grade social studies classes. Students took an inventory that highlighted careers that could interest them. Students can continue to access their career assessment in Scoir and research careers as they progress through high school. Scoir also provides an indepth character assessment that connects cognitive, interpersonal, and motivational skills with potential career paths. This assessment takes about 45 minutes to complete and is available for each student to take 1 time only. We recommend waiting until 10th or 11th grade. If you are interested in having your student take the Principles You assessment, please click HERE for detailed directions.
- Beginning in fall 2025, Canisius will launch the full-tuition <u>Buffalo Promise Scholarship</u>. This award automatically covers 100% of the cost of tuition after any government aid for up to four years of undergraduate education at Canisius for eligible accepted students from the Buffalo area. The student must currently live in Buffalo, defined as a ZIP code beginning with 142. Check out the website for information and eligibility requirements
- OPHS is a test center for the May 3rd SAT (registration deadline 4/22/25) and June 14th ACT (registration deadline 5/9/25). Please visit the ACT and SAT websites for details and registration information.
- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available for the 2025-2026 academic year. All students attending college in Fall 2025 and their parents must complete the FAFSA. Click here for more information.
- The NYS TAP application is open for the 2025-2026 academic year. Click here for more information.
- The High School Counseling Department hosts a Google Classroom for each grade level. Ask your child to log in and check out the latest announcements.
- Check out the <u>School Counseling page</u> of the high school website. It includes a variety of resources for students and parents.
- Save the date Financial Aid Night for Parents of Juniors will be held on Thursday, May 8th at 7 PM in the High School Commons.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION INFORMATION

DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the 2025 summer session of Driver Education is available on the District website (www.opschools.org). All students will need to pre-register on-line. Registration dates and times are listed. Please call 209-6295 with any questions.



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

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

Monday & Wednesday, April 7 & 9 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both evenings, be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There is a \$40.00 fee. Sign up and pay online at www.opschools.org/ communityed or register in person at the Community Education Office (cash or make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District). Call 209-6295 for more information.

