



Orchard Park High School PTO

Welcome Back Packet 2025 - 2026



Dear High School Parents:

Welcome or welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and that you are excited that your child will soon be heading back to school. **The PTO is looking forward to supporting the students, teachers, staff and families and returning to our schedule of events and activities for the year! We hope that you will consider getting involved.** Here are a few ways to do that:



Join the PTO - Membership is only **\$7** and can be done quickly and easily online, through Membership Toolkit.

Membership dues pay for PTO events and activities (see What Does The OPHS PTO Do? section in this packet!). Emails related to PTO-sponsored events, activities, and volunteer opportunities are sent to members through the Membership Toolkit website, and members have access to the online directory of all PTO member families. You can choose to volunteer IF you wish too - never any pressure, we just really appreciate your membership! The website to join can be found here: <https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/>



Join the Orchard Park High School PTO Facebook page. We use the page to keep parents informed about upcoming events and donation opportunities, and we share other information important for high school parents.

Please be sure to answer the "membership questions" prior to submitting your request to join the page! The page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394/> or by searching "Orchard Park High School PTO" on Facebook.



PTO meetings - We meet at OPHS in the Library Media Center (LMC) in the back room, it is located on the second floor across from the House 2 Office. A list of meeting dates is included in this packet. **The meetings are usually the last Monday of the month.** We do not meet in December.



Be informed - Look for PTO updates and information in the weekly Gazette and on our Facebook page. Become a PTO member and receive PTO emails.



Volunteer to help. As volunteer opportunities become available throughout the year, they will be communicated through PTO emails, on the Facebook page, and in the weekly Gazette.

We hope you enjoy the last days of summer!

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What Does The OPHS PTO Do?

We host 2 events celebrating OPHS staff:

Welcome Back Breakfast (Aug.)

Staff Appreciation Lunch (March)

The OPHS PTO supports many events for students all school year through funding and providing volunteers.

Events include:

Freshman/New Student Orientation (Aug.)

Senior Tie-Dye (Aug.)

Senior Picnic BBQ lunch (May)

Fall Homecoming Refreshments and Coat Check (Sept.)

National Society of Science Scholars Reception (March)

Tri-M Music Honor Society Reception (April)

World Languages Honor Society Reception (April)

National Honor Society Reception (May)

Underclass Awards Reception (May)

Post Prom Party (May)

The OPHS PTO has representatives on many high school committees that include parents, teachers, administrators, and students. These committees work hard to solve problems and enhance the school experience as a whole for our kids.

Committees include:

STAP-Comm (Students, Teachers, Administrators, and Parents Committee)

BET (Building Effectiveness Team)

ILC (Instructional Leader Committee)



Senior Tie Dye



This year's Senior Tie Dye will take place on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025** between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on the **Baker Road lawn**.

Seniors may come at any time between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm to make their shirts. Students will be asked to **bring \$5 cash** to cover the cost of supplies, which includes a white t-shirt.

The activity will take place outside, under tents, rain or shine.

Senior Parents:

If you are interested in volunteering at this year's Senior Tie Dye or donating, please sign up at:

[SignUp Link for Senior Tie Dye](#)

or contact our Class of 2026 Parent Assistants:

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**Are you the parent of a student who is new to
Orchard Park High School?**



to the OPHS community!

The **New Student/Freshman Orientation** for incoming 9th graders and students new to OPHS is a great opportunity for students to get to know the High School better, meet classmates and check out their class schedules! Only the students should attend!

The New Student / Freshman Orientation

will be held on

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Students will be getting a new OPHS Chromebook, please bring your old Chromebook and cords to exchange and something to carry these items in (bag, backpack, etc).

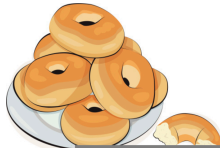
OP Clubs and students will be in the Commons to talk about the clubs offered at OP. New students can take advantage of this opportunity to find out what OP has to offer!

As a **“Welcome to OPHS,”** the PTO will provide 9th graders and new students with a snack, “OP” sticker, and selfie station at orientation. Visit the PTO tables in the Commons!

The PTO is asking for donations for this event. We are asking for some snacks and water for the students. If you'd like to help out, please click the link below. Thank you in advance!

[SignUp Link for Orientation](#)

Welcome Back Breakfast



The PTO will once again be hosting the **Welcome Back Breakfast** to kickoff the **2025-2026 school year for the Teachers and Staff at OPHS.**

This year, it will take place the morning of **Thursday, August 28th.**

As in past years, we are hoping to have some of the breakfast items donated, and the PTO will purchase fruit platters, juice, etc.

The list of breakfast items that are needed can be found here:

[SignUp Link for Welcome Back Breakfast](#)

If you'd like to make a monetary donation to help cover the cost of items, you can do that below with this link.

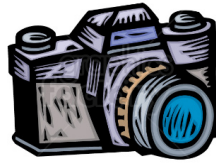
<https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/344210>

If you are able to help out by donating, thank you!

Breakfast items can be dropped off to the high school (Baker Road side) the day before, on Wednesday, August 27, or for any early risers, you can bring them over to OPHS between 6:30AM-7AM on August 28th.



Picture Days



Picture Days will be **Wednesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 4.** Pictures will be taken on each student's assigned gym day, and students will be sent to have their pictures taken during their gym period.

Open House



OPHS will offer our traditional OPEN HOUSE opportunity for parents/guardians to experience their student's high school schedule. They will be able to meet the teacher and learn a little bit about the classes they are taking.

This in-person open house will be on:

September 17 from 6:30-8:30PM

Please note this will be the only in person open house this year

Your OPHS PTO will have a table set up in the cafeteria to welcome you! You will be able to join the PTO or renew your membership as well for only \$7.00. We will be accepting cash, checks, card, and electronic payment.

OPHS will also offer a virtual open house - available on the district website between 9/18 - 10/17

2025 – 2026 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on May 30, 2026 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 2025, the PTO gave away more than \$9,000 in prizes and \$2000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2025.

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 **making a donation** and/or **serving on the Post Prom Committee** by coming to a Post Prom meeting or emailing any PTO Board member. Donors will be recognized in the Gazette (monthly), on the PTO website, and on the OPHS PTO Facebook page. Your donation is tax deductible.

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

\$ 20.26	2026 Club
\$ 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 **online through your Membership Toolkit account** or **you can mail it to:**

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

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the OPHS Library**. All are welcome to join us to help plan the party! Parents of underclassmen are encouraged to attend as well!

***Please note* The Post Prom meetings are now starting in September. This is also a week earlier than the PTO meeting due to a conflict of meetings on 9/29.**

PTO Meeting Dates 2025-2026



Note: Meetings will take place in-person in the Library Media Center (LMC) on the 2nd floor of the high school.

Monday, September 29, 2025 - 6PM

Monday, October 27, 2025 - 6PM

Monday, November 24, 2025 - 7PM

Monday, January 26, 2026- 7PM

Monday, February 23, 2026 - 7PM

Monday, March 23, 2026 - 6PM

Monday, April 27, 2026 - 7PM

Monday, May 18, 2026 - 6PM

June meeting TBD

Post Prom meetings will start in September. Meetings start at 6:00 in the LMC.

Monday 9/22

Tuesday 10/28

*Monday 11/24

Monday 12/15

*Monday 1/26

*Monday 2/23

*Monday 3/23 - 7:00 (time change)

*Monday 4/27

*Monday 5/18 - 7:00 (time change)

*PTO meetings will also be on these dates.

PTO Event Dates OPHS 25/26

Tues	Aug 26	Senior Tie Dye	10:00am-1:00pm
Wed	Aug 27	New Student/Freshman Orientation	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thurs	Aug 28	Welcome Back Breakfast	7:30am-10:00am
Mon	Sept 22	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Sat	Sept 27	Fall Homecoming Dance	7:30pm
Mon	Sept 29	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Oct 27	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
Tues	Oct 28	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Nov 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Nov 24	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Dec 15	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Jan 26	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Jan 26	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Feb 23	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Feb 23	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	Mar 20	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day
Mon	Mar 23	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Mar 23	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Tues	Mar 24	Science Scholars Reception	6:30pm
Wed	April 15	Tri-M Music Reception	7:00pm
Wed	April 22	World Language Honor	7:00pm
Mon	April 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	April 27	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	May 15	NHS Reception	7:00pm
Mon	May 18	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	May 18	Post Prom Meeting	7:00pm
Wed	May 20	Underclass Awards	7:00pm
Fri	May 29	Senior Picnic	9:00am
Sat	May 30	Post Prom	Late Night

OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons 2025 - 2026

Executive Board			
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Phone Number
President	Jen Domzalski 2024-2026	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	(716) 432-6910
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Secretary	Karry Kazial-Backes 2024-2026	karry.kazial@fredonia.edu	(716) 290-6672
Treasurer	Karen Fuentes 2025-2026	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	(310) 251-5635
Events and Chairpersons			
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Staff Contact
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Underclass Award Reception 5/20/26	Marie Thornton 2025-2027 Natalie Joseph 2025-2027	marie.jaclyn.thornton@gmail.com nataliejoseph26@gmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org