

OPHS PTO NEWSLETTER



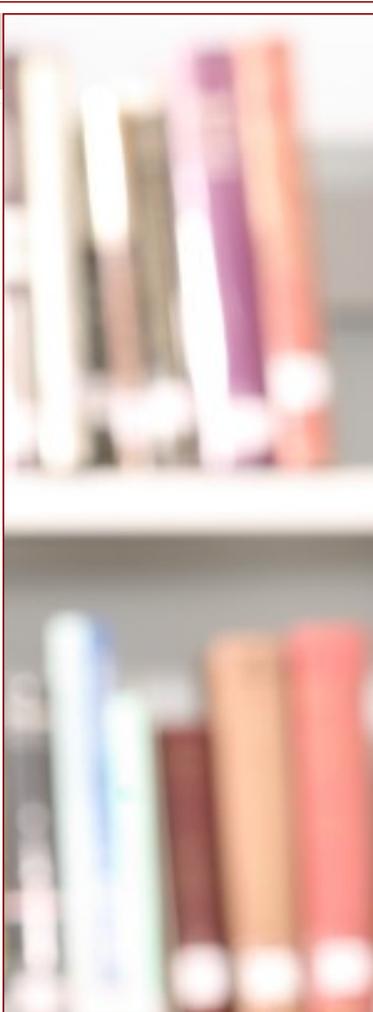
Hello and Happy Holidays from your OPHS PTO!

It is a busy time of year. The PTO slows down a little this time of year to allow our members and volunteers time to prepare and enjoy all of these special times with their family and friends. Therefore, there will not be a PTO or postprom meeting this month. We will look forward to seeing you all in January.

We still have a need for a Nominating Chairperson and a Winter Homecoming Refreshments Chairperson. If you are interested in either of these or just finding out more information, please reach out to me; Jen Domzalski at jmdomzalski@hotmail.com.

Warm wishes to all our high school families at this festive time of the year!

- Jen



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Post Prom Fundraiser
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- Post Prom Information



POST PROM PANERA BREAD FUNDRAISER

DONATE



We're raising dough!

ORCHARD PARK PARENT-TEACHERS ORGANIZATION INC

**December 12, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
3995 N Buffalo Rd, Orchard Park, NY**

30%

OF NET SALES
WILL BE
DONATED*

Use code FUND4U at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

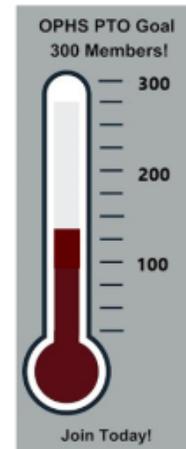
Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the net sales.

Panera
FUNDRAISING

*20% fundraiser: Up to 20% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of \$100 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 20% donation. 25% fundraiser: Up to 25% of net sales from your designated and registered fundraising event will be donated to your approved organization. Minimum sales of \$150 on the specified date, time and location required to receive 25% donation. General terms: Details on percentage of net sales to be donated and the minimum sales requirement will be provided during the event registration process. Fundraising events available only at participating US bakery-cafes. Fundraising event details and available dates and times for fundraising events will vary by bakery-cafe. Gift card purchases, catering orders, and orders placed on third party delivery sites are excluded and will not count towards the total net sales from your designated fundraising event. This offer will be void if flyer is distributed in or near the participating bakery-cafe on the night of the event. Fundraising events may be cancelled without notice due to abuse, error, fraud, computer error, electronic or technical malfunctions, or other unforeseen or unintended circumstances. Other restrictions may apply. For more information on how our fundraising events work, please visit: <https://fundraising.panerabread.com/faq>.
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OPHS PTO Membership Drive!

Welcome to OPHS! Our PTO is excited to bring events and support our kids in activities this school year! Please support the PTO & learn more about what the PTO is all about!



The PTO NEEDS your support!

We started the drive with 100 memberships

We currently have **136** memberships - Our goal is to have **300**

Please help us to reach our goal by

Joining the PTO (\$5 Membership), and considering contributing with an extra donation!

<https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/>



All parents are welcome to attend the PTO meetings! It's a great way to learn about what's going on. Get the latest information from our Principal and Teacher Rep, Parent Reps (ILC, BET, STAP-Comm) and more.

What does the OPHS PTO do?

We host 2 events celebrating OPHS staff:

Welcome Back Breakfast (Aug.)

Staff Appreciation Lunch (Jan.)

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

Events include:

Ice cream at Freshman/New Student Orientation (Aug.)

Senior Tie-Dye (Aug.)

Senior Picnic BBQ lunch (June)

Fall and Winter Homecoming Refreshments and Coat Check (Sept./Feb.)

National Society of Science Scholars Reception (March)

Tri-M Music Honor Society Reception (April)

World Languages Honor Society Reception (May)

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.

These include:

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

BET (Building Effectiveness Team)

ILC (Instructional Leader Committee)

If you are already a PTO member, THANK YOU!

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

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 Meeting Dates 2024-2025

PTO MEETING

**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, January 27, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, February 24, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, March 24, 2025* - 7PM

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.**

OPHS PTO Facebook Page Information

Please join the OPHS PTO Facebook page!

It's a convenient way to find out what's going on at the High School, stay informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities and stay updated on other information important for high school parents.

To join, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394/>

or enter "Orchard Park High School PTO" in the search box on Facebook.

***** Please be sure to answer the "membership questions" prior to submitting your request to join the page!***
Also, you must rejoin the page each year!





POST PROM INFORMATION 2024-2025



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 **making a donation** and/or **servng on the Post Prom Committee** 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 **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 next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, November 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm** All are welcome to join us to help plan the party! Parents of underclassmen are encouraged to attend as well!



POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



\$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

\$20.26 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

Donations are current through 12/1/2024



POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



\$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

\$20.28 CLUB

Jennifer Duff
Caren Chaffee
Amanda Talty
Sarah Jahnke
Mark Blum
Deanna McDonald
Brooke Bain

Premier Raffle Sponsor

Sam Puleo

Superintendent's CLUB

Sheila Eagan
Jill Pawlowski
Cristi Occek

Principal's CLUB

Keiko Papaj
Andrea Shurtliffe
Shannon Dommer
Chris Popek

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION



December News

From the High School Counseling Department

- College Application season is underway! Students must fill out a [Transcript Request Form](#) for each college application completed. Please give your teachers and counselors at least two weeks' notice when requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation. Common deadlines and Transcript Request Form due dates can be found [here](#) on the [School Counseling page](#) of the high school website.
- Parents of seniors, please encourage your student to be aware of the following college application deadlines:
 - Transcript Request Form must be turned in to the school counselor by December 11 for a January 1 deadline.
 - Transcript Request Form must be turned in to the school counselor by January 6 for a January 15 deadline.
- 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 need to 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 [School Counseling page](#) on the high school website. It includes a variety of resources for students and parents.



DAYS OFF & EARLY DISMISSAL

Days Off: 12/23-12/27 & 12/30-12/31 & 1/1-1/3
Early Dismissal: 12/6 (12:45 pm)

DRIVER EDUCATION



Information on the Winter/Spring 2025 session of Driver Education is available on the district web site www.opschools.org. Please call 209-6295 with any questions.





Orchard Park Music Boosters

It's time to Join or Donate!!!

Visit us online at:

www.opmusicboosters.com

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 / equipment** 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.

What does it cost to join?

- Annual Family Membership (Min. \$10 Donation)

Other Types of Donations:

- One-Time Music Scholarship Donation (Any Amount)
- One-Time General Donation (Any Amount)
- Maroon & White Corp. Sponsorship (\$100 - \$499)
- Platinum Corporate Sponsor (\$500 or More)

HOW TO JOIN or DONATE:

1. Scan QR Code to use your PayPal account or Credit Card.
-OR-
2. Fill out the form below and mail it in with your donation.



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

School(s): _____

Grade Level(s): _____

Email (optional): _____

Type of Donation: _____

Please make check payable to:

Orchard Park Music Boosters, Inc.

Send the form & check to:

Orchard Park Music Boosters

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