

OPHS PTO NEWSLETTER



"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." As we approach the final stretch of the school year, this quote serves as a powerful reminder to finish strong. The weather is warming up and the days are getting longer—but before we enjoy all the well-deserved fun that comes with the season, let's remember to take care of our responsibilities first. At Orchard Park High School, we believe in working hard and playing hard, and our students are more than capable of doing both with integrity and pride.

Attendance continues to be a key factor in our success—especially for our Seniors, as our remaining time together grows shorter with each day. These final weeks are filled with opportunities to make lasting memories, prepare for next steps, and celebrate accomplishments. The best way to honor this time is by showing up—for ourselves and for each other. Being present helps us all stay connected and engaged as a community.

Though this time of year is packed with events, exams, and transitions, it's also an important moment to pause, breathe, and reflect on how far we've come. When we lean into this season together—with patience, kindness, and focus—we can accomplish great things. Let's support one another, stay committed to our goals, and finish this year with purpose and unity.

Looking forward to seeing you at concerts, games and events this Spring.

Go Quakers!

Mr. Brandon Pafk, OPHS Principal



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

National Honor Society! Hello OPHS families! The OPHS PTO has been asked to host the National Honor Society Induction Reception. We are kindly asking for donations for the reception. If you would like to help out in providing refreshments, please sign up. Please drop off donations by Friday May 9th by 4:00 at the OPHS Baker side.

Any questions contact Jennifer Kellington jkellington379@gmail.com or Wendi Czekanski at wendisuelynn@hotmail.com. Thank you!

[National Honor Society Signup](#)

Underclassman Awards Ceremony Reception! The PTO has been asked to host the underclass awards reception! Please donate to help make these events successful! We appreciate all that you do!

[Underclass Awards Ceremony Reception Sign up](#)

Senior Picnic! It is hard to believe that the Class of 2025 is almost ready to graduate! First, they will enjoy the tradition of the Senior Picnic :) Please help make this day great for our Seniors by either volunteering your time at the picnic, donating treats.... or both! The Senior Class appreciates your support! If you are donating treats, please drop them off on Friday morning between 7:30 and 9:30 AM on the Baker side. Please remind your Seniors to wear the Tie Dye T-shirts they made at the beginning of the school year.

[Senior Picnic Volunteer Sign up](#)



**Tuesday, May 20th from 2:30-6:30PM
or until sold out**

Orchard Park High School- Freeman Parking Lot

Chicken Dinner \$14.00

(1/2 a chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll)

Rib Dinner \$15.00

(1/4 rack ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, roll)

Krispy Kreme Dozen Fresh Donuts \$13.00

Donuts will be available for purchase at 11AM until sold out.

Pre-Sale Dinner Pickup 2:30-6:30pm

Pre-Sale Donut Pickup 11am-6pm

Pre-Sale Order [HERE](#)



For BBQ Pre-sale please use this link:

<https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/packet/267658436>

Post Prom BBQ Fundraiser Help Needed! Click the link below to see how you can help! Thank you in advance!

[BBQ Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Attention Senior Families!

OP Senior Lawn Signs are available to fund raise for Post Prom. The signs are \$24.99, size 24”x18”, come with the stake and are double sided. They can be delivered or picked up in the village.

Purchase at www.opproshop.com.



Contact Information and Pickup Location:

510 Toy Shop and Sports Cards

6165 West Quaker Street, Orchard Park, New York 14127, United States

510toyshop@gmail.com



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 **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!

Post-Prom Party 2025

Ragin Cajun Carnival



Saturday
May 31st
After Prom
(casual dress)

10:30 p.m.
to 1:30 a.m.

Prizes, Prizes, Prizes
Too many to list but
someone will take
home the \$2025
Grand Prize

\$10

per ticket

Contests & Prizes Throughout the Night
Senior Prize Drawing Starts at 1:00 a.m.
& must be present to win!

Attention Senior Parents:

Post Prom Tickets are Now on Sale

- Seniors may bring one guest
- Guests must be pre-approved
(Senior's Prom Guest or OP student)
- Seniors and guests will need ID to sign in.
- Senior Posters displayed at this event.





POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



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

Buffalo Chiropractic & Physical Therapy

Michael's Event Center



POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



Superintendent's CLUB (\$100)

Sheila Eagan

Jill Pawlowski

Cristi Oczeck

Principal's CLUB (\$50)

Keiko Papaj

Andrea Shurtliffe

Shannon Dommer

Chris Popek

Lynn Halter

Lucie Bowers

Vision Financial Group

Custom Donation

Thomas Johnson Realty

Prom Night

POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



American Legion Post 567



Illuminate Health & Wellness





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
 Lindsay Wright

\$20.25 CLUB (cont.)

Parkland Professional Park
 Angela Dorsheimer
 Louie's Texas Red Hots
 Wolf Agency, Inc.
 Main Street Ice Cream
 Anthony Brown Pharmacy

\$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 Kasprovicz

\$20.28 CLUB

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

Donations are current through 4/25/2025

OPHS Quaker Marching Band



Can & Bottle Drive

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!!!



Band Alumni's

Feldmanslawnandlandscape.com

 @FeldmansLawnAndLandscape



716-662-2290

Gerard & Jodie Cappelli
Class of 1980

"Band Supporter"

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 Meeting Dates & 2025-26 Nominations List



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

FINAL Post Prom Meeting, Monday, May 19 @ 7:00PM

Thursday, June 12, 2025 - 6PM

This is the last call for PTO Nominations! Click the link below to check out what positions are available for next school year. Nominations are due by May 5th. Many positions are a “one and done” opportunity. All are welcome!

[OPHS Nominations List 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!



COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION



May News

From the High School Counseling Department

- Attention parents of seniors: Outside scholarships awarded by colleges and organizations are recognized at the senior banquet and in the graduation program. To have their scholarship(s) included, your son or daughter must complete the Google Form that was posted to the Google Classroom and also emailed to them on April 4, 2025. They are asked to report outside scholarships from colleges, universities, community organizations, places of worship, and any other sources. The form may be completed multiple times and they may report scholarships from all colleges, even if they do not plan to attend that institution. **THE DEADLINE FOR REPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS IS JUNE 1, 2025.**
- Senior parents: Be sure to check in with your student regarding the Senior Survey. All seniors received a notification through the Class of 2025-School Counseling News Google Classroom with instructions on completing the Senior Survey on Friday, May 3rd. Students also received an email with this information. **All seniors MUST complete the survey by Friday, May 16, 2025.**
- Open Campus registration for the Class of 2026 is now open. Parents must register for Open Campus through the Parent Portal. The form will close on June 30th, so registration must be completed by that date. Click [HERE](#) for more information and eligibility guidelines.
- 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.
- Beginning in fall 2025, Canisius will launch the full-tuition [Buffalo Promise Scholarship](#). 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 June 14th ACT (registration deadline 5/9/25). Please visit the [ACT](#) and [SAT](#) websites for details and registration information.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION INFORMATION

Driver Ed, 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course

DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the summer program is available on the district web site, www.opschools.org. All line assignment numbers are currently taken, however please check the website beginning Monday, May 19th to see if there are any available spots.



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

The 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at the Orchard Park High School from 8:00am – 1:00pm.

You must 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.

