

OPHS PTO NEWSLETTER



Hello OPHS Families,

As the school year is wrapping up, I would like to thank the PTO Board for their hard work and dedication to our PTO. Vice President Jennifer Kellington, Treasurer Karen Fuentes, and Secretary Karry Kazial-Backes have been absolutely wonderful to work with. This board truly worked as a team and I am so proud of us. I would also like to thank Jennifer Kellington for her work as the editor of the PTO Newsletter. Our newsletter continues to provide important PTO and school information to families. Thank you!

Our traditional end of year celebrations were fantastic, thanks to Jennifer Kellington and Wendi Czekanski for the NHS Ceremony and Denise Straitiff for the Underclass Awards. I'd also like to thank our committee representatives for their hard work this year: Jenni Duff and Barbra Lesh on BET, Chris Popek, Brenda Cimo, and Jessica Schimert on ILC and our STAP-COMM Reps, Kelly Kerl, Ellen Jeffree, Deborah Kassirer and Julie Szcublewski. A very special thank you to our new teacher rep Mrs. Markarian. We look forward to working with you for many years to come.

I'd also like to thank our Senior Class Reps for an amazing Senior Picnic (and Tie Dye); Nicole Curtis, Joy Higgins, and Jeanne Kornowicz. Both events were fun and greatly appreciated by our seniors! Thank you to all of our PTO chairpersons who volunteered throughout the school year. This includes Fall homecoming chairs Sarah Rera and Tammy Vitko-Woods, Staff Appreciation Lunch Chair Nicole Curtis, and our Honor Society Induction Reception Chairs; Heather Manocchio, Karry Kazial-Backes, Erin Reukauf, Jennifer Kellington, Wendi Czekanski, and Denise Straitiff. Thank you to Maureen Bass and her Post Prom committee of volunteers who planned and executed a fabulous Post Prom Party for the Class of 2025! It was a blast!

A huge thank you goes out to Sandy Basile in our HS Main Office. Sandy is a complete wealth of knowledge and is always willing to help us out. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Pafk as well, for all his help to our PTO this year and especially for all his patience, support, and positivity. We appreciate everything you have done for us.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! Students, parents/guardians, and families celebrate all your accomplishments! Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Jennifer Domzalski,
OPHS PTO President



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Last Day of School - June 10



On June 1, 2025, the Class of 2025 officially closed a chapter on their high school journey with an unforgettable final post-prom celebration.

While attendees saw over \$11,000 in prizes, goats, turtles, ghosts, bull rides, a Zipper ride, axe throwing, a DJ, a photo booth, card games, a magician, balloons, a scare hall, henna artists, and padded dodgeball, what they *didn't* see was the massive amount of effort put in behind the scenes.

It was the dedication of volunteers, friends, and countless supporters who transformed the night into a safe, spectacular, and memorable event—one the Class of 2025 won't soon forget.

It would be nearly impossible to name every one of the dozens of volunteers and their families who made this event possible—those who raised funds by asking for donations, hiding eggs, dishing out BBQ, and organizing dinner nights. Equally difficult would be capturing the names of everyone who dropped off a donation, decorated the building, or chaperoned the Class of 2025. **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to each of you—and your families—for sharing your time, energy, and heart.

Maureen Bass
OPHS PTO Post-Prom Party Chairwoman

In no particular order, a special thanks to those who stayed up past their bed time:

Pam Rozic
Jolene Ziegler
Chip Ziegler
Christi Oczeck
Kevin & Izzie Oczeck
Nicole Avitahl-Curtis
Renee Wall
Amy Burnett
Julie, Dan, Emily & Molly
Szczublewski
Margaret Gregory
Julie Fanutti Lane
Dominck Fanutti
Rachel Dunn
Tim, Dawn & Sean Foley
Holly Johnson
Wendi Czekanski

Nancy DeBroka
Dodie Killock
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Staci Cramer
Karen O'Brien
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Ellen Jeffree
Liz Duckham
Karen Fuentes
Mike, Ben & Alex Ciesielski
Derek Brabon
Charlie Benfanti
Maddox Zboch
Marta Bystrowska
Mollie Sollecito

Karry Kazial
Jennifer & Brook Domzalski
Jennifer Kellington
Mr. Bean
Mr. Brignone

You are all the best!

***GET READY CLASS
OF 2026!***



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

*84 Lumber Company

*The ZLC Group, CPAS, LLC

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.



POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



Community Sponsor (\$150)

- * 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
- * WNY West Falls Inc. (add Logos to this and below)
 - *Apex Medical Associates of WNY
 - *Volkswagen of Orchard Park
 - *Michael's Studio of WNY
 - *Orchard Park Collision, Inc.
 - *Gymnastics Unlimited
 - *Pro Fireplace, Inc.
 - *Thorn Ave Animal Hospital

Superintendent's CLUB (\$100)

Sheila Eagan

Jill Pawlowski

Cristi Oczeck

Tara Barclay



POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



Principal's CLUB (\$50)

Keiko Papaj
Andrea Shurtliffe
Shannon Dommer
Chris Popek
Lynn Halter
Lucie Bowers
Jennifer Coyle
Chris Farina
Jennifer Bushen

Custom Donation

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Katherine Gardner
*Vision Financial Group
*Zen Nails & Spa
*Abrams Fensterman, LLP
*Blasdell Pizza
*BTB Nails
*Tara Gift Shoppe
*Rosiek's Vacuum McKinley
Robert Stephenson
*National Overhead Door, Inc.

Prom Night

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American Legion Post 567



Illuminate Health & Wellness



Prom
Night

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\$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 Mathews

Lindsay Wright

Erin Mastroianni

*Parkland Professional Park

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*Louies Texas Red Hots

*Wolf Agency, Inc.

*Main Street Ice Cream

*Anthony-Brown Pharmacy, Inc.

Robert Cappello

Jenn Smith

Kellie Crane

Steve Switek

*Savilles Country Florist

*Beerz Food Shop

*Village Taylor

*Hearing Evaluation Services of Buffalo

*Hudson Automotive

*Elder Transition Consulting

*Pappaceno's Pizza

*Rinn & Co Hair Studio

*Indicates Business Donor

Donations are current through 6/1/2025



POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



\$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
David Morreale

\$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

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

2025-26 PTO Open Positions

OPHS PTO still has some open positions for the 25/26 school year. We need your help! Grab a friend to co-chair something together. These positions are still available:

Membership Chairperson

Nominating Chairperson

Staff Appreciation Lunch Chairperson

National Honor Society Induction Reception Chairperson



VOLUNTEER THANK YOU'S!



Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

The PTO would like to thank all those who volunteered their time at the Post Prom Chicken BBQ & Ribs fundraiser! It was a very successful fundraiser, and we couldn't have done it without your help! Thank you so much for your time

Senior Picnic

The PTO would also like to thank everyone who supported the Senior Picnic by volunteering time and/or donating treats for the Seniors! The Seniors enjoyed their special morning :) The event went so well because of your

National Honor Society

Thank you so much to Jennifer Kellington and Wendi Czekanski for organizing the NHS Induction Reception! It was marvelous! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or by supplying donations for the event! We can't do it without all of you!

Underclass Awards

The Underclass Awards Reception was lovely! Many families were able to enjoy a sweet treat and chat after the ceremony. Thank you Denise Straitiff for organizing the event! Thank you to everyone who donated items or their time. We appreciate it!



We're raising dough!

ORCHARD PARK PARENT-TEACHERS ORGANIZATION INC

30%
OF NET SALES
WILL BE
DONATED*

**July 24, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
3995 N Buffalo Rd, Orchard Park, NY**

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION



June News

From the High School Counseling Department

- 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.
- 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.
- Final transcripts for seniors will be sent to the college/university that students indicated in the Senior Survey. Final transcripts will be ready during the last week of June/beginning of July. If a senior has changed their college plan since they submitted the Senior Survey, they will need to let their counselor know as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION INFORMATION

Driver Ed, 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course

DRIVER EDUCATION

Please check the district web site, www.opschools.org, in mid-July for information regarding the fall session.



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

The 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 from 8:00am -1:00pm at Orchard Park High School in room 113.

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.

