



Orchard Park High School PTO

Welcome Back Packet 2026 - 2027



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 Zeffy.

Membership dues pay for PTO events and activities (**see What Does The OPHS PTO Do? section in this packet**). You can choose to volunteer IF you wish to - never any pressure, we just really appreciate your membership! Use the link to join online with Zeffy:

[Click here to join the PTO](#)



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 (Jan.)

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

Events include:

Freshman/New Student Orientation (Sept.)

Senior Tie-Dye (Sept.)

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)

Senior Picnic BBQ lunch (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, September 1, 2026** 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:

[Tie Dye Sign Up Link](#)

or contact our Class of 2026-2027 Senior Class Assistants:

Cristi Oczek oczek33@gmail.com

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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, September 2nd, 2026 6:30 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).

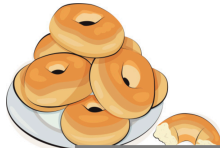
OP Clubs and students will be in the Commons to talk about the clubs offered at OP. New students can take advantage of this opportunity to find out what OP has to offer!

As a **“Welcome to OPHS,”** the PTO will provide 9th graders and new students with a snack, a drink, and an “OP” sticker. Visit the PTO tables in the Cafeteria!

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!

[New Student Orientation Snack Sign up link](#)

Welcome Back Breakfast



The PTO will once again be hosting the **Welcome Back Breakfast** to kickoff the **2026-2027 school year for the Teachers and Staff at OPHS.**

This year, it will take place the morning of **Wednesday September 2nd.**

As in past years, we are hoping to have some of the breakfast items donated, and the PTO will purchase drinks and paper products.

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

[Welcome Back Breakfast Sign up link](#)

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

[Welcome Back Breakfast Monetary Donation Link](#)



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 Tuesday 9/1, or for any early risers, you can bring them over to OPHS between 6:30AM-7AM on September 2nd.



Picture Days



Picture Days will be **Wednesday, September 9th and Thursday, September 10th.** 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 16th from 6:30-8:30PM

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

The 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 for only \$7.00. We will be accepting cash, checks, card, and electronic payment.

2026 – 2027 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 5th, 2027 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, more than 350 students have attended the Post Prom Party. The students enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and prizes. In 2026, the PTO gave away more than \$9000 in prizes with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2026.

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) and on the PTO website. Your donation is tax deductible.

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

\$ 20.27	Post Prom 2027 Club
\$ 50.00	Bronze Level
\$100.00	Silver Level
\$150.00	Gold Level
Or a custom amount	



You can make a donation **online through Zeffy:** [Post Prom Donation Link](#)

Or **you can mail a check to the following address** made out to: Orchard Park High School PTO

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

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:00 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!

PTO Meeting Dates 2026-2027



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

Monday, October 5, 2026 - 7PM

Monday, October 26, 2026 - 7PM

Monday, November 23, 2026 - 7PM

Monday, January 25, 2027 - 6PM *Time change due to STAP-Comm mtg.

Monday, February 22, 2027 - 7PM

Monday, March 29, 2027 - 7PM

Monday, April 26, 2027 - 6PM *Time change due to STAP-Comm mtg.

Monday, May 17, 2027 - 6PM *Time change due to STAP-Comm mtg.

June meeting TBD

Post Prom meetings will start in September. Meetings will be in the LMC. Meetings are normally at 6:00 unless there is a conflict with Stap-Comm. The meeting then will be at 7:00. PTO meetings are also on these dates except for in December there is only the Post Prom meeting.

Monday 10/5- 6PM

Monday 10/26 - 6PM

Monday 11/23 - 6PM

Monday 12/14 - 6PM

Monday 1/25 - 7PM

Monday 2/22 - 6PM

Monday 3/29 -6PM

Monday 4/26 - 7PM

Monday 5/17 - 7PM

PTO Event Dates OPHS 26/27

Tues	Sept 1	Senior Tie Dye	10:00am-1:00pm
Wed	Sept 2	New Student Orientation	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Thurs	Sept 3	Welcome Back Breakfast	7:30am-10:00am
Sat	Sept 26	Fall Homecoming Dance	7:30pm
Mon	Sept 28	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Sept 28	Post Prom Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Oct 26	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Oct 26	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Nov 23	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Nov 23	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Dec 14	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Jan 25	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Jan 25	Post Prom Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	Jan 29	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day
Mon	Feb 22	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Feb 22	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Mar 22	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Mar 22	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Tues	Mar 24	Science Scholars Reception	6:30pm
Wed	April 15	Tri-M Music Reception	7:00pm
Mon	April 26	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	April 26	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Wed	April 29	World Language Honor	7:00pm
Fri	May 19	NHS Reception	7:00pm
Mon	May 24	PTO Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	May 24	Post Prom Meeting	7:00pm
Wed	May 27	Underclass Awards	7:00pm
Fri	June 4	Senior Picnic	9:00am
Sat	June 5	Post Prom	Late Night

OPHS PTO Positions/Chairperson 2026-2027

Executive Board			
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Phone Number
President	Jen Domzalski 2026-2027	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	(716) 432-6910
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Treasurer	Karry Kazial-Backes 2026-2027	kazialkarry@gmail.com	(716) 290-6672
Events and Chairpersons			
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