



Orchard Park High School PTO

Welcome Back Packet 2022 - 2023



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!** Towards this end, ***we hope that you will consider getting involved.*** Here are a few ways to do that:

Join

Join the PTO - Membership is only \$5 and can be done quickly and easily online, through Membership Toolkit. **Instructions for joining online can be found on the attached page.** 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.



Join the **Orchard Park High School PTO Facebook page**. We use the page to keep parents informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and we share other information important for high school parents. The page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394/> or by searching "Orchard Park High School PTO" on Facebook.



PTO meetings will take place the last Monday * of each month (except December). We meet in the LMC (Library) in the back room, it is located on the second floor across from the house 2 office. A list of meeting dates is attached. (*The October meeting is on a Tuesday to avoid Halloween)



Stay informed. Read the **monthly PTO newsletter** available on the HS website (click on "Parent Resources" and then "PTO"). The newsletter contains information about what's happening at the High School, and often contains requests for volunteers. An email will be sent when the newsletter is posted.



Volunteer to help. We're thrilled to return to our PTO activities this year! As volunteer opportunities become available throughout the year, they will be communicated through PTO emails, on the Facebook page and in the monthly PTO newsletter.

We hope you enjoy the last days of summer!

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Amy Wierer, Secretary
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Senior Tie Dye



This year's Senior Tie Dye will take place on **Tuesday, August 30, 2022** 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.

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, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044FAFA828A6FB6-senior> or contact Caren Chaffee at chaffeecaren@gmail.com or Barb Dojnik at bdojnik11247@icloud.com.

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



to the OPHS community!

The **New Student 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!

The New Student Orientation
will be held on
Wednesday, August 31, 2022
(Students only)

6:00 pm - Student drop off
6:00-6:30 pm - Student registration in auditorium
6:30-7:30 pm - Orientation program

As a ***“Welcome to OPHS,”*** 9th graders and new students will receive a free ice cream at orientation, courtesy of the PTO.



Kickoff Staff Breakfast



The PTO will once again be hosting the **Staff Breakfast** to kickoff the **2022-2023 school year**.

This year, it will take place the morning of **Thursday, September 1**.

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, as well as opportunities to help with set up or clean up, can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044FAFA828A6FB6-ophs>

If you are able to help out by signing up to donate breakfast items or help with set up, thank you!

Breakfast items/ baked goods can be dropped off to the high school (Baker Road side) the day before, on Wednesday, August 31.



Picture Day



Picture Days will be Tuesday, September 6 and Wednesday, September 7.
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.

OPHS PTO Membership: **Instructions to Join Using Membership Toolkit Online**



Membership dues for the 2022 - 2023 school year are just \$5.00 per family.

The PTO will be using Membership Toolkit again for our communications, online store, online membership, volunteer signups and directory.

- If you DO NOT have a Membership Toolkit account from previous years, please follow steps #1 - #11 to create an account and join the PTO.

OR

- If you already have a Membership Toolkit account, please LOG IN and follow steps #7 - #11 below (You may omit steps #1 - # 6)



To create a Membership Toolkit account:

1. Go to <https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/>
2. Click the "Register / Log In" button
3. Click the "Create Account" button on the right side of the page underneath "New User?"
4. Provide your first and last name, email address, create a password and click the "Verify My Email" button
5. Go to your email and click the "Verify My Email" button
6. Enter your password where indicated on the verification screen and click the "Create Account" button

To join PTO:

7. Click on “Step 1: Family Information”

- Provide or confirm the requested information.
- Click the “Next Step” button.

Note: if you indicate that you want the second parent to be able to manage the account, they will receive an email and will have to accept your invitation to do so. They will need to create their own account.

8. Proceed to “Student Information”

- Click “Add Student” to enter your first OPHS child’s name and grade.
- Do not enter Classroom Teacher.
- If needed, click “I have another student” to add additional OPHS children to your profile.
- When all HS children have been entered, **click the “Save” button in the lower right side of the page.**

9. Click on “Step 2: Directory Publish Preferences”

- You can also choose which information you would like shared in the directory by unchecking any boxes containing information you wish to keep private.
- **Click the “Save” button in the lower right side of the page** to save your preferences.

10. Click on “PTO Membership 2022-2023” under “Store & Data (Information) Forms” to complete your membership.

- Click the “down” arrow to the far right of the “Membership for Families” section and select the number “1”
- If you choose to make an **optional donation to the PTO**, please enter your donation amount in the box to the right of the “Donation of your choosing” under **“General Fund Donation.”**
- Click **“Add to cart and checkout”**
- If you choose to make an **optional donation to Post Prom**, you will have the option to do so on the “Checkout” screen.
 - You will receive a message that states, *“Note: You have not completed the following optional forms. You should consider reviewing them before completing your transaction: Post Prom Donation 2022-2023”*
 - Click the link that says, “click here.” This will take you to a page with multiple donation options
 - If you choose a predetermined amount, select the drop down box under “Qty” and make your selection
 - If you make a donation of your choosing, please scroll to the bottom and enter the amount of your gift next to “Post Prom General Donation.”
 - Click “Add to cart”
 - Click “Proceed to Checkout”
- For any store purchase, you can pay online through your PayPal account or using a credit or debit card or mail a check or cash to “OPHS PTO, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.”

**** Volunteer opportunities will be posted through the Membership Toolkit as they become available.**

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 question" prior to submitting your request to join the page! *****



PTO Meeting Dates 2022-2023



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

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m.

Please be certain to join PTO via the Membership Toolkit website to ensure the emails are sent to you!

Monday, September 26, 2022

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 *

Monday, November 28, 2022*

Monday, January 30, 2023*

Monday, February 27, 2023*

Monday, March 27, 2023*

Monday, April 24, 2023*

Monday, May 22, 2023*

* Post Prom meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on these dates.



OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons
2022 - 2023

Executive Board					
Position		Name/Term	Email Address		Phone Number
President		Tracy Brege 2022-2024	tracybrege@verizon.net		(716) 472-9496
Vice President		Donna Aylsworth 2022-2023	donna.aylsworth@verizon.net		(716) 866-8295
Treasurer		Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	karen.fuentes8888@att.net		(310) 251-5635
Secretary		Amy Wierer 2021-2023	wiereramy@gmail.com		(716) 662-0453
Position		Name/Term	Email Address		Staff Contact
Newsletter Editor		Tara Rains	tara.rains@hotmail.com		Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
Nominating Chair		Jen Domzalski 2022-2024	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com		N/A
BET Reps (2)		Elizabeth Duckham 2021-2023 Brenda Cimo 2022-2024	educkham@gmail.com brendacimo@yahoo.com		Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
ILC Reps (2)		Ren Choroser 2021-2023 Pam Rauh 2022-2024	ren_jeffchoroser@msn.com pamelamrauh@gmail.com		Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
STAP-Comm Reps (4)		Michelle Slotman 2021-2023 Karen Fuentes 2021-2023 Jeanne Kornowicz 2022-2024 Cathy Kipler 2022-2024	michelleslotman160@hotmail.com karen.fuentes8888@att.net jksportsfan@gmail.com ckipler823@yahoo.com		Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org

Teacher Rep		Brett Norvilitis	bnorvilitis@ochools.org		N/A
Position		Name/Term	Email Address		Staff Contact
Senior Class Assistants (2) ONE YEAR -Tie Dye -Senior Picnic		Caren Chaffee 2022-2023 Barb Dojnik 2022-2023	chaffeecaren@gmail.com bdojnik11247@icloud.com		Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Freshmen Orientation		Elizabeth Duckham 2021-2023 Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	educkham@gmail.com karen.fuentes8888@att.net		Dr. Cervoni acervoni@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Bagel Breakfast		PTO Board	tracybrege@verizon.net		Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Coat Check		Sheri Carter 2021-2023 Pam Rauh 2021-2023	sherilencarter@gmail.com pamelamrauh@gmail.com		Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Refreshments		Tammy Vitko-Woods 2022-2024	tlwsmiles@icwoods.com		Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Staff Appreciation Lunch		Sheri Carter 2021-2023 Pam Rauh 2021-2023	sherilencarter@gmail.com pamelamrauh@gmail.com		Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming Coat Check		Sheri Carter 2021-2023 Pam Rauh 2021-2023	sherilencarter@gmail.com pamelamrauh@gmail.com		Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming Refreshments		Nicole Curtis 2022-2024	NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com		Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
World Language Induction Reception		Amy Woodward 2021-2023	amyswoodward@hotmail.com		Mrs. Holterman kholtzman@opschools.org

National Honor Society Reception		Andrea McGrath 2022-2024 Liz Duckham 2022-2024	andrea.mcgrath@mac.com educkham@gmail.com		Mrs. Karalus lkaralus@opschools.org
Underclass Award Reception		Nicole Curtis 2021-2023	NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com		Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
Post Prom Chair ONE YEAR		Maureen Bass 2022-2023	MBass@abramslaw.com		Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org



OPHS PTO Events 2022-2023

August

Tuesday, August 30	Senior Tie Dye	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 31	Freshmen Orientation	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 1	Welcome Back Staff Breakfast	7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

September

Saturday, September 24	Fall Homecoming Dance	7:30 p.m.
Monday, September 26	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

October

Tuesday, October 25	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

November

Monday, November 28	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 28	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

January

Monday, January 30	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 30	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 27	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day

February

Saturday, February 11	Winter Homecoming Dance	7:30 p.m.
Monday, February 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

March

Monday, March 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

April

Thursday, April 20	World Languages Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 24	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

May

Friday, May 12	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 22	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 22	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.

June

Friday, June 2	Senior Picnic	Morning
Saturday, June 3	Post Prom	Late night

2022 – 2023 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 3, 2023 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 2022, the PTO gave away more than \$5000 in prizes and more than \$3000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2022.

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 beings NOW!

Please consider **making a donation** and/or **signing up to serve on the Post Prom Committee**. 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:

\$ 20.23	2023 Club (2024, 2025, and 2026 Clubs also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity 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

You can sign up to become a member of the Post Prom Committee through your Membership Toolkit account, or you can email Maureen Bass at MBass@abramslaw.com

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm**