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# QUAKER NEWS



It's been exciting to see so many activities and events return this school year! As we head into the spring season, the PTO will be active in several different activities. We'll be providing support to the World Languages Honor Society Induction, the National Honor Society Induction, and the Underclass Awards Ceremony. For each of these events, we'll be sending out information about opportunities to help out by donating baked goods and beverages.

The Post Prom Committee has been very busy and is planning a very fun and wonderful event for the Class of 2022! They have a number of fundraisers planned, including the "Egg'd" fundraiser and the Chicken BBQ (more information about both can be found in the newsletter!) If you'd like to help in any way, please reach out to Post Prom Chair Michelle Bouton at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com.

With the school now open to visitors, the PTO has the opportunity to hold in-person meetings again. Thank you to all who responded to our survey to determine members' interest in the format of our last few meetings of the year. Based on the results of the survey, we hold them in a combined format: Anyone interested in attending the meeting inperson is welcome to join us in the OPHS Media Center, and anyone who prefers to join us virtually will be welcome to use the Zoom link.

Finally, we are looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. The slate of officers, chairs and committee representatives is underway, and we'd love to have as many people involved as possible! If anyone is interested in learning more about what <u>positions</u> are available, please reach out to Donna at <u>donna.aylsworth@verizon.net</u> or to Caren at <u>chaffeecaren@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and flexibility as we have navigated the past two years!

Caren Chaffee, OPHS PTO President



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# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

 Please support our many upcoming Post Prom fundraisers!

# **OPHS Post-Prom Party Fundraiser**

Let our bunnies help you create a special day! Our bunnies will hop and hide candy or toy stuffed plastic eggs in yards from 8-11 pm on Easter Eve (April 16<sup>th</sup>)!

# **Order Now Before Our Bunnies Get Too Busy!!**

Let our bunnies make a special egg hunt for kids young & old!



# **Get Egged!**

\$25 for 25 stuffed eggs \$40 for 50 stuffed eggs \$50 for 70 stuffed eggs







Egg your friends!!

Egg your neighbors!!

All proceeds go to a great cause- keeping our graduating class safe on prom night!



Please send your order and any special requests to OPBunny2022@gmail.com or use QR Code

**Order Deadline: April 8th!** 

# The Orchard Park High School PTO Post Prom Committee presents....



Tuesday, May 17th from 3 - 7 p.m.

## Orchard Park High School Freeman Lot

Chicken Dinner \$12.00 Includes  $\frac{1}{2}$  chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll

Rib Dinner \$13.00

Includes  $\frac{1}{4}$  rack ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, roll

All proceeds benefit Post Prom, a PTO-sponsored drug and alcohol-free party for seniors and their dates following the Prom.

# Order at the door or place your pre-sale order here!!!



https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/180567



Refreshments are being requested for the World Languages
Honor Society Induction Reception on April 21st. To help out
with individually wrapped baked goods (either home baked or store
bought) and individual drinks, please sign up here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044fafa828a6fb6-world">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044fafa828a6fb6-world</a>

#### **OPEN PTO POSITIONS:**

The below are open PTO positions for next year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Donna at <a href="mailto:donna.aylsworth@verizon.net">donna.aylsworth@verizon.net</a> or Caren at <a href="mailto:chaffeecaren@gmail.com">chaffeecaren@gmail.com</a>.

- PTO President
- PTO Vice President
- PTO Treasurer
- STAP-Comm Parent Rep
- BET Parent Rep
- ILC Parent Rep
- Fall Homecoming Refreshments
- Winter Homecoming Refreshments
- Senior Class Assistants
- Post Prom Chairperson
- Nominating Chairperson
- National Honor Society Reception Chairperson

# HELP WANTED

#### **Newsletter Submissions:**

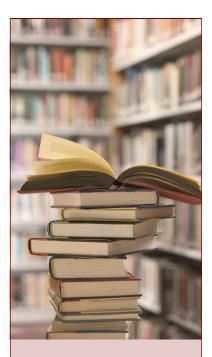
Anyone wishing to submit info for the newsletter should email: ophspto@gmail.com by the **1st day of the month**.

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 info for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

#### **OPHS CALENDAR**

- 4/5 Parent Info Series: Legalization of Marijuana—7pm at OPMS Auditorium
- 4/6 HS Chamber Night-7pm
- 4/11-4/15 Spring Recess (No School)
- 4/18 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 4/20 Collegiate Athletic Signing
  —3pm
- 4/21 World Languages Induction Ceremony—7pm
- 4/25 Post Prom Meeting—6pm PTO Meeting—7pm
- 4/27 Board of Education Meeting
  —7pm at HS Aud
- 4/28 Orchard Park Pride Night
  —6:15pm
- 4/29 Early Dismissal-12:45pm
- 5/2 Music in May I—7pm
- 5/3-5/13 AP Exams
- 5/3 Board of Education Meeting —7pm at HS Aud
- 5/7 SAT at OPHS-7:30am
- 5/10 Music in May II-7pm
- 5/12 Financial Aid Night-6:30pm
- 5/12 AOF Senior Graduation —6:30pm
- 5/13 National Honor Society Induction-7pm
- 5/16 STAP Comm Meeting-7pm
- 5/17 Annual School Budget Vote & Board Member Election
- 5/23 Post Prom Meeting—6pm PTO Meeting—7pm
- 5/25 Underclass Awards Night
- 5/30 Memorial Day (no school)

#### **PTO News & Information**



#### PTO MEETINGS 2021-22

All remaining PTO meetings will be held both, in person, in the OPHS Media Center and virtually, via Zoom, at 7pm. Please join us either way!

- 4/25
- 5/23

#### **POST PROM PLANNING**

The post prom committee works all year to plan for this event and we need help! All parents are welcome, especially junior and senior parents. Join us before every PTO meeting at 6:00 pm, beginning in October. Virtual meeting links will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page.

"Many hands make light work"

John Heywood

## YOU'RE INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to attend our PTO meetings. Please note that the remaining monthly PTO meetings will be held both <u>in-person</u> and <u>virtually</u>. The Zoom link will be emailed to members and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page the day before each meeting. If you're unable to make the meeting, the minutes will be posted on the district website at <a href="https://www.opschools.org/Page/10033">https://www.opschools.org/Page/10033</a>. These meetings are a great venue for having open discussions, exchanging ideas, and asking questions. Check out this year's meeting schedule on the left side of this page.

If you have already renewed your membership, but you are not receiving emails with the Zoom information for the PTO meetings, please let us know by emailing Caren at <a href="mailto:chaffeecaren@gmail.com">chaffeecaren@gmail.com</a>.

#### We encourage you to join our Facebook page!

To join, click on the Facebook logo below or enter "Orchard Park High School PTO" in the search box.

\*\* Please be sure to answer the "membership question" prior to submitting your request to join the page to ensure your request is reviewed and approved! \*\*

Next Post Prom Meeting

April 25th at 6pm!

Click the OP logo below to get to our section of the HS website



Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group



# OPHS PTO Events 2021-2022



#### <u>April</u>

Thursday, April 21	World Languages Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 25	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 25	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	<u>May</u>	
Friday, May 13	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.
	<u>June</u>	
Friday, June 3	Senior Picnic	Morning
Saturday, June 4	Post Prom	Late night





Thank you to the following PTO Bakers, who sent in individually wrapped treats for the Class of 2022's sponsored Senior Citizen's Night Out Spaghetti Dinner:



Sheri Barsotelli Sheri Carter Jen Domzalski Sara Gugliemelli Suzanne Houlihan Kasey Labrie Erin Marshall Fauzia Mattingly Michelle Slotman Maura Watson

The PTO also received a nice shout out from the Senior Class Advisors after the Senior Citizen's Night Out Spaghetti Dinner.

In an email sent out by Senior Class Advisors, Mrs. Rodemeyer and Mrs. Connors, they shared,

"Of course, like always, the PTO bakers came through with amazing homemade, pre-wrapped desserts--even GF ones--for the dinner!" Many thanks to our PTO bakers!

# OPHS CLASS OF 2022 POST PROM COMMITTEE



WE NEED YOUR HELP to make the Class of 2022 Post Prom Party Amazing! We are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, prizes, food, decorations, and entertainment. Please consider giving your time and talents to this very special event.

Anything you can give is greatly appreciated whether or not you have a senior this year.

We are looking for Chairs or Co-Chairs for the Food Committee and Decorating Committee.

If you would rather not chair a committee, we still need your help. The more volunteers we have the more we can do to make this event the BEST EVER for the Class of 2022.

Please contact Michelle Bouton <u>michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com</u> to let us know what you'd like to do. THANK YOU!

#### 2021 - 2022 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 4, 2022, immediately following Prom. The Post Prom Party is a safe, alcohol-free event for OP Seniors and their 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 2021, the PTO gave away more than \$2500 in prizes and more than \$5000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2021.

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 <u>making a donation</u> and/or <u>signing up to serve on the Post Prom</u>

<u>Committee</u>. 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:

\$ 20.22	2022 Club (2023, 2024, and 2025 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 Michelle Bouton at <a href="mailto:michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com">michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com</a>.

The next Post Prom Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00pm.

#### **OPHS Post Prom Donations**

#### Premier Raffle Sponsor (\$500):

Kelly Hunter

#### **Activity Sponsor (\$250):**

Buffalo Harley-Davidson M. Purtill Plumbing Nino's Pizza Kathy & Jim Evans



#### Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Sheri and Bill Barsottelli Michelle Bouton Nicole and Jeff Zelasko Rachel and Charles Messina Amy Burnett Carole Descovich Ken & Jean Onetto Mollie Scanlon

Karen & Felipe Fuentes

#### **Community Sponsor (\$150):**

Michael's Studio Orchard Park Pediatrics Pace Law Firm DAO Sushi & Grill Uncle Joe's Diner

#### Principal's Club (\$50):

Sheila and Gregg Eagan Lisa and Kevin Galas Sara and Andrew Kogut Maura and Matt Watson Nancy and John DellaContrada Lynn and Darryl Halter Bonnie and John Cantanzaro Sheila and Gregg Eagan Susan and Christopher Heard Shannon and Michael Robertson Valerie and James Velasquez Sharon Azurin Laurie & Scott Hess Robert & Rachel Newton **Bret Norvilitis** Valerie & James Velasquez Julie & Robert Wengewicz Sharon Azurin Kathy & Jim Evans

#### **\$20.22 Club**:

Sara and Andrew Austin
Valerie and David Conforti
Anne and Edward Draves
Jill and Bret Norvilitis
Jennifer and Dominic Patterson
Lori and David Pohrte
Leslie Skwara
Mark VanDerwater
Tara and Dennis Nahabetian

Mollie Scanlon
Barbara Sedita and Glenn Nenoff
Andrea Wereski
Wendy and Mark Menz
Beth Draper
Craig Hanlon
Rachel & Will Curtin
Jennifer Dinero
Dawn Whalen

Anthony Brown Pharmacy
Carole Descovich
Bryan Lang
Louie's Texas Red Hots
McCarville Insurance Agency
Denise & Arnold Miller
Pie O' Mine & Greens
Repp Renovations

Donations are current through 3/31/2022

#### **OPHS Post Prom Donations**

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#### \$20.23 Club:

Sheri and Scott Carter
Jennifer and Timothy Coyle
Kathleen and Dave Goodman
Molly and Jonathan Heraty
Michelle and Andrew Slotman
Karen and Sean O'Brien
Caren and Chris Chaffee
Barb and Mark Dojnik
Debbie and Michael Leach
Pam and Michael Rauh
Laura and Raymond Carter
Jennifer and Timothy Coyle
Jaclyn Robison
Amy Gottstine

#### \$20.24 Club:

Michelle Bouton
Lisa and Elio Gioia
Erin and Clint Homer
Suzanne and John Houlihan
Valerie and Joe Venturo
Peggy and Michael Blidy
Barbra and Charles Lesh
Cynthia Nichols
Tara and Allan Rains
Sharon Azurin
Karen & Felipe Fuentes
Alexandra Passarell

#### \$20.25 Club:

Michelle and Andrew Slotman Tara and Dennis Nahabetian Erin Mastroianni Amy Gottstine

#### **General Donations:**

Anne and Edward Draves Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty

Donations are current through 3/31/2022



# **OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:**

Thank you to the local businesses below for supporting OPHS with their Post Prom Donations!





























#### **DRIVER EDUCATION**

Information on the 2022 summer session of Driver Education is available on the District website (<a href="www.opschools.org">www.opschools.org</a>). All students will need to pre-register on-line. Registration dates and times are listed.



Please call 209-6295 with any questions.

#### **5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE**

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Courses will be held on the following dates at the Orchard Park High School:

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 26 & 27 6:30-9:00pm
 (Please note this is a revised date.)

You must attend both sessions, be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There is a \$35.00 fee, checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District. Sign up at the Community Education Office or call 209-6295.





# What is a SEPTSA?

It's part of the New York State PTA and National PTA. SEPTSA was designed to build strong partnerships among parents, teachers, students, administrators, existing PTAs and the community, for the benefit of families and children in need of special education and/or individualized services.

# Save the dates!

Monthly meeting dates & times for 2022:

JANUARY 19, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

FEBRUARY 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

MARCH 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

APRIL 20, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

MAY 18, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

JUNE 15, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

Please email OPSEPTSA@gmail.com for Zoom link.

\* Meetings are currently scheduled as virtual & will hopefully switch to hybrid and/or in-person in the future.

# Not a member yet?

Attend one of the meetings. Bring a friend.

Learn more about this group at opseptsa.org

# Membership Benefits

- Get support & share experiences with other families
- Networking with district administrators, community members, parents, education experts & students
- Access to local, regional & NYS seminars and learning opportunities (usually FREE with your annual membership fee!)
- Be a part of a powerful association than can advocate on behalf of children and educators at the local, state and national levels. (pta.org)

# Ready to join?

Support OPSEPTSA today!
Register at the Member Hub.
orchardpark.memberhub.com/store





# Orchard Park Music Boosters

It's time to join!!!

#### 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** 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.
- Provide **an on-going music lesson program** available for all instruments and voice during the school year, as well as a Summer Lesson Program.

# Visit us soon at The Music Booster Website: opmusicboosters.com

What does it cost to join?

One year membership is a minimum donation of \$10 per family.

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

Ple	ease detach and fill in form
	Please make check payable to:
Name:	Orchard Park Music Boosters
Address:	
	Send the form & check to:
School(s):	Orchard Park Music Boosters
Grade Level(s):	
Email (optional):	
\	4040 Baker Rd.
	Orchard Park, NY 14127

# Quaker Athletics Booster Club



#### QABC MEMBERSHIP

The Quaker Athletics Booster Club supports sports for the interscholastic athlete as well as fitness for all students in the Orchard Park Schools. Our annual membership drive, concession stand profits and golf tournament are the Booster Club's primary source of funding.

#### THE BOOSTER CLUB HAS FUNDED

Turf Field, Baseball/Softball Pitching Machines, Weight Training Equipment for HS and MS weight rooms, Cheerleading mats, Pole vaulting poles, X-Country Torn-Torn watches, Scoreboards, I-pad for swimming and Diving, Volleyball standard Net system, Wrestling Mats, Golf Bags, Golf training aids, Coaching Clinics, Scrimmages, Basketball Shoot-A-Way Machines, Tennis training aides, HUDL filming memberships, the Annual QABC Scholarships, and MORE!

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved, please contact:

Timmyfish8@yahoo.com

Please help us continue our success by joining the Quaker Athletics Booster Club, making a donation, and/or by volunteering!

All members are welcome to attend the QABC monthly meetings.

Visit our website at www.quakerboosters.com or www.opschools.org/athletics Like us on Facebook: Quaker Athletics Booster Club & Follow us on twitter@OPBoosterClub

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Please return completed form along with checks payable to:

#### QUAKER ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

OPHS Main Office 4040 Baker Road Orchard Park, NY 14127

Volunteers are needed to help operate the concession stand for various sporting events held at OP Stadium.

Please consider adding your name to the volunteer list.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES!



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters is a non-profit organization of dedicated parents, teachers and community members who value and support visual art opportunities for the youth of our community.

The goal and objectives for the boosters are:

- · Provide additional learning opportunities for students.
- · Fund events and field trips that expose our youth to art and artists.
- Support the efforts of our students through art displays and exhibitions.

Please help support the visual arts boosters by becoming a member. A membership covers all members of your household. Membership for the school year is \$10.00.

	ANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPOI PLEASE CUT HERE	
First Name:	Last Name:	
Address:		
City:		
Home Phone:	Cell:	
Email:		
List additional members of your hou	usehold (first, last name and gr	ade if applicable):

\* Please return completed form and checks payable to:
Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters.
Orchard Park Middle School
c/o Art Department
60 South Lincoln Ave.
Orchard Park, NY 14127