

# QUAKER NEWS



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. WOLF:

### Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost half over. I am looking forward to this coming year. Hopefully, 2021 will bring a return to a sense of normalcy in all our lives. As we get ready to transition into the second semester, the scheduling process for the 2021-22 school year begins. Like many things in our lives, this annual process is moving into a more virtual format. In the next week, students will see a short video describing the new schedule request process. Students will be instructed to go into their PowerSchool student portal and look at their scheduling page, which has already been populated with their anticipated classes for next year. They will have until January 12th at 3:00 pm to input their requests.

Parents and students should begin discussing which courses they will be selecting and their particular interests and academic goals. The academic handbook (available on the OPHS website) is a very useful and informational tool in helping guide these conversations. Additionally, our counselors and teachers can provide valuable insight and guidance in this process. I encourage you to consult with them in order to make the best choices for your student. I am proud to say that Orchard Park High School is able to offer our students a very diverse and comprehensive selection of courses from which to choose. The course request process is a critical step in developing our staffing and curricular needs for the coming year. Student course requests dictate whether or not a particular course will be offered in the coming academic year.

Go Quakers!

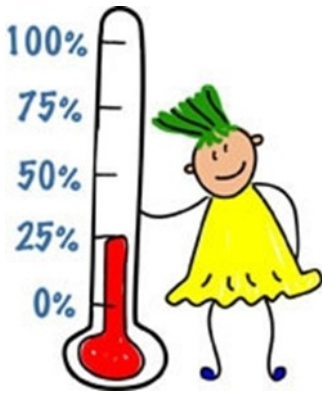
Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Order your Cap and Gown! The deadline is approaching!
- Post Prom Gift Registry



### PTO MEMBERSHIP:

Your \$5.00 Membership Fee helps the PTO support the students and staff of the High School. Our membership numbers are in line with where we were at this point last year. We're happy to see so many families have joined and we'd love to welcome even more! See pages 4-5 for sign-up details. Thank you!

### OPHS CALENDAR

- 1/1 Winter Break (no school)
- 1/7 Parent Info Series (online):  
Talking to Your Children  
About Race and Racism—  
**(Rescheduled: Date TBD)**
- 1/12 Board of Education  
Meeting—7pm
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr.  
Holiday (no school)
- 1/25 Virtual Post Prom  
Meeting—6:15pm  
Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm
- 2/9 Board of Education  
Meeting—7pm
- 2/12 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 2/15-2/19 Mid-Winter Break  
(no school)
- 2/22 Virtual Post Prom  
Meeting—6:15pm  
Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm

### Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit info for the newsletter should email:  
[ophspto@gmail.com](mailto: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, but we can. If you'd like us to format your info for you, just send the text and let us know to format.  
Thank you!



#### PTO MEETINGS 2020-21

All PTO meetings are held virtually at 7pm unless otherwise noted.

9/28 2/22

10/26 3/29

11/23 4/26

1/25 5/24

#### POST PROM PLANNING

The post prom committee works all year to plan for this event and we need help! All parents are welcome but especially junior and senior parents. **Join us, virtually, before every PTO meeting at 6:15pm beginning in October. The meeting link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page.**

*"Many hands make light work"*  
John Heywood

## YOU'RE "VIRTUALLY" INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to virtually attend our PTO meetings. The meeting links will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page. 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.

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



**Next Post Prom Meeting  
January 25th at 6:15pm!**

Click the Facebook logo to get to our group



**Find us on:  
facebook®**

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



Membership dues for the 2020 - 2021 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 2020-2021" 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 2020-2021"*
  - 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.



We are looking for a parent of a current junior to be a Post Prom Coordinator chair-elect and shadow Natalie this year. If you are interested, please email Natalie Lesh at [natalielesh2.o@gmail.com](mailto:natalielesh2.o@gmail.com) for additional information.



THANK YOU to all who participated in our first OPHS Virtual Book Fair! We are thrilled to announce that the virtual event raised \$249.83 for the PTO (and supported a local business)! Additional thanks to our OPHS librarians, Beth DiLucente and Jessica Godios, for their efforts to coordinate the event with Monkey See, Monkey Do Bookstore and their commitment to keeping our kids reading!



### Post Prom Party

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 5, 2021 after Prom. Planning and fundraising starts NOW! Please consider virtually attending our next meeting, via Zoom, on **January 25th at 6:15 p.m.** The meeting link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page.

We will be forming committees such as fundraising, decorating, prizes, entertainment, and refreshments. You do not need to have a senior student to attend or be involved!



## JUNIOR PARENTS!

Are you interested in helping plan the Class of 2022 Post Prom Party?

Now's the time to get involved!

We are looking for a chair-elect (or maybe co-chairs elect) to shadow this year's committee so that you are ready to take the helm next year and plan an amazing event for your student and their classmates!

If you are interested, please contact Natalie Lesh at [natalielesh2.0@gmail.com](mailto:natalielesh2.0@gmail.com) or (716) 225-0412.



# OPHS Post Prom Donations

## Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Kim Kamis  
Nino's Pizza

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

Ann Chojnacki  
Amy Fotevski  
Julie Grimes  
Holly Nelson  
Christine Tinnesz  
Shannon Dommer  
Carolyn Nicometo



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

Carolyn Balisteri  
Jennifer Brady  
Kristin Dolce  
Lynn Halter  
Michelle Musterait  
Pam Rauh  
Deborah Scinta  
Jennifer Sippel  
Eileen Riter  
Catherine Schrantz  
Renee Steiner  
Ann Marie Klosko  
Carmella Savarino

## \$20.21 Club:

Sheila Barnes	Donna Leigh	Susan McMullen
Michelle Bouton	Jennifer McCrone	Eileen Riter
Dawn Coyle	Michelle Messinger	Renee Steiner
Angela Cullen	Colleen Nielsen	Lisa Hanna
Sheila Eagan	Alexandra Passarell	Miranda Holmes
Jill Edwards-Tills	Karen Salmon	Ann Marie Newbury
Lisa Gioia	Barbara Sedita	Annmarie Nowak
Kathleen Goodman	Marcia Totaro	Karen Salmon
Jacque Just	Kristen Mazur	

## General Post Prom Donations:

Jennifer Coyle  
Laura Carter

## \$20.22 Club:

Lisa Galas  
Jennifer Patterson  
Kim Schmelzinger  
Maura Watson  
Andrea Wereski  
Bill & Jody Magner

## \$20.23 Club:

Caren Chaffee  
Laura Carter

## \$20.24 Club:

Lisa Gioia  
Jill Spitz  
Valerie Venturo  
Suzanne Houlihan

Donations are current through 12/31/2020



## 2020 – 2021 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will (hopefully!) be held on June 5, 2021 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 2019, almost 400 students attended the Post Prom Party. The students enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and prizes. The PTO gave away more than \$3000 in prizes and more than \$4000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2019. In 2020, Post Prom went virtual due to the pandemic and 100% of the funds raised were for cash and prize giveaways, including the grand prize of \$2020.

The Post Prom Committee will prepare for both a live event and a virtual one this year. The success of either 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:

\$ 20.21	2021 Club (2022, 2023, and 2024 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 also sign up to become a member of the Post Prom Committee through your Membership Toolkit account, or you can email Natalie Lesh at [natalielesh2.0@gmail.com](mailto:natalielesh2.0@gmail.com).

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **January 25, 2021 at 6:15 pm** via Zoom. The link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page prior to the meeting.

## Post Prom Donation Registry

The Post Prom Committee is continuing to move forward with plans to make this year's event a huge success for the Class of 2021!

If anyone would like to donate prizes to Post Prom, the Post Prom Prize Committee has set up registries to make donating simple.

Clicking the links below will take you directly to the pages.

Thank you for your support!

### BED BATH & BEYOND



first name: OPHS

last name: Post Prom

[https://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/giftregistry/viewregistryquest/549706073?selectedRLVFilters=\\_recommended](https://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/store/giftregistry/viewregistryquest/549706073?selectedRLVFilters=_recommended)

### TARGET



-go to [target.com](https://www.target.com)

-click on "Registry"

-click on "search for an organization"

-type in OPHS

Or click on the below link:

[tgt.gifts/a9eb54efa16c430e8e815dfd0e9ec16e](https://tgt.gifts/a9eb54efa16c430e8e815dfd0e9ec16e)

### AMAZON (link will be live soon)



"OPHS Post Prom"

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/?encoding=UTF8&ref=sv\\_wl\\_6](https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/?encoding=UTF8&ref=sv_wl_6)



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Any questions, please call: 716.573.1936**







# OPCSD Parent Information Series 2020-2021

All sessions will be accessible from [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org).

## Stronger On The Inside

November 4, 2020 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Joseph Clem's workshop will introduce clear, evidence based, strategies to increase compliance and success and reduce defiance and anxiety for all ages. Joseph Clem is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Behavior Analyst (BCBA) with over 15-yrs of practical experience.

*The Orchard Park Central School District provides Parent Information sessions each year to provide district parents with additional tools and resources. The District believes in a Learning Community.  
"It takes a village"*

## Raising Resiliency

January 2021

Timothy Shoemaker invites persons of all ages and at all crossroads, to explore the lesser known nuances of resiliency. With anecdotes and insights drawn from hundreds of personal interviews, calling upon both traditional and personal knowledge, Tim examines the critical questions and probes the probable answers; leading his audience on their own journey of self-discovery.

## 3-Part Workshop Series on Stereotypes, Implicit Bias, Race and Racism

### Stereotypes and Implicit Bias: From Awareness to Action

November 12, 2020 from 7 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

This session provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on how bias and stereotypes can influence our perceptions of others.

### Race, Racial Bias, and Racism: Increasing Understanding

The below presentation on 1/7, has been rescheduled do to unforeseen circumstances.

The rescheduled date is TBD.

## Teen Driving Safety

May 26, 2021 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Orchard Park Police Department will present the dangers of distracted driving, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, license restrictions for permit holders and junior drivers, vehicle and traffic laws, pedestrians and other safety issues. This presentation is for both teenagers and their parents.

## Restoring Civility in the Community

June 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

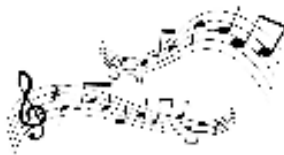
Creating safe and inclusive community environments begins with how civil we are towards our fellow men and women. Presenter, Ken Nwadike Jr. shares stories of de-escalating intense confrontations. He describes ways that peacekeeping principles can be used proactively in the community to prevent heightened situations from occurring. The keynote inspires participants to be more supportive and respectful towards one another.

## Talking to Your Children About Race and Racism

January 7, 2020 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Parents and caregivers have an incredible opportunity to engage their children in meaningful conversations about race, racism and racial injustice. This workshop will provide information regarding the racial/cultural identity development of children and tools for parents/caregivers to have age-appropriate impactful discussions with their children on these difficult yet important topics.





# 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](http://opmusicboosters.com)**

## What does it cost to join?

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

1. 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.



----- Please detach and fill in form -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to:*  
**Orchard Park Music Boosters**

*Send the form & check to:*  
**Orchard Park Music Boosters**  
**% Joseph Biondo**  
**Orchard Park High School**  
**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 will be our primary source of funding this year. Due to the Covid situation, we had to cancel our annual Golf Tournament this June '20 and we will not be opening the concession stand compromising our annual Quaker Booster profits.*

## 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 Tom-Tom 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](http://www.quakerboosters.com) or [www.opschools.org/athletics](http://www.opschools.org/athletics)**

**Like us on Facebook: Quaker Athletics Booster Club & Follow us on twitter@OPBoosterClub**

----- PLEASE CUT HERE -----

*To join, donate, and/or volunteer for the Quaker Athletics Booster Club, please complete:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes      No      *I would like to add my name to your volunteer list*

**SPORT(s) involved in:** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Levels:	White	\$25.00
	Silver	\$50.00
	Maroon	\$100.00
	Platinum	\$200.00

**Total Amount Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form along with checks payable to:

### QUAKER ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

OPHS Main Office

4040 Baker Road

Orchard Park, NY 14127

*Please consider adding your name to the volunteer list.*

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES!**