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QUAKER NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF MR. WOLF:

Welcome Officer Mackey!

As some of you are aware, Orchard Park High School has a new School Resource Officer! I am pleased to welcome Officer Courtney Mackey to the OPHS school community. Officer Mackey is replacing Officer Brian Lukowski who was recently promoted to a Lieutenant position with the OP Police. I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Lukowski, thank him for his years of service at OPHS, and wish him the best in his new role. Officer Mackey is quickly getting acclimated with the workings of our school community and becoming acquainted with our students and staff. I look forward to her following in Lieutenant Lukowski's footsteps in providing an outstanding level of safety and in making valuable connections with our students.

I am also very pleased to announce that, given our ability to field several of our athletic teams, the district is moving to bring back many of our co-curricular clubs and activities beginning on March 1st. We are currently working with club advisors to determine how to best accomplish this restart and in what manner meetings take place. Information about each specific club and whether their meetings will be virtual, in-person or a combination of each will be coming soon.

I am excited at the ability to open up more activities for our students and to keep moving toward the return to a more normal school experience. With that excitement, I am compelled to remind everyone that we must remain vigilant to the social distancing guidelines put in place by the district so that we can be sure to keep everyone as safe as possible. I am confident that, working together, we can accomplish this transition.

Go Quakers!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

 Bring in your FeedMore WNY donation and receive a <u>free</u> Buffalo Bills mask!

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Coming Soon: RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING NIGHTS to benefit Post Prom!

The HS PTO will be holding fundraising nights at local restaurants to benefit Post Prom. 100% of the proceeds will benefit this drug- and alcohol-free event for seniors.

Skip dinner at home and eat out to benefit Post Prom!

Upcoming Fundraising Nights - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Pie-O-Hine REENT Resonated Solds	Monday, March 29 th 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. Show the attached flyer – hard copy or electronic version both okay, or mention that you're there to support OPHS PTO Post Prom. If you are ordering online, write "Fundraiser" in the note part of the order form.
Tancra BREAD	Friday, March 19 th 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Show the attached flyer – hard copy or electronic version both okay. Online orders will NOT count.
TO THE SECOND SE	Tuesday, June 1 st 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Show the attached flyer – hard copy or electronic version both okay, or mention that you're there to support OPHS PTO Post Prom. Online orders will NOT count.

All required flyers are available at

https://www.opschools.org/Page/10075

Thank you for your support!



Post Prom Fundraiser Monday, March 29th 4 – 9 p.m.

3220 Southwestern Boulevard (Tops Plaza)

Bring this flyer <u>OR</u> show an electronic version <u>OR</u> tell the cashier you're supporting OPHS PTO Post Prom and a portion of your purchase will benefit our group!



HELP SUPPORT

ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM COMMITTEE

WHERE 3995 N Buffalo Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127

WHEN Fri, Mar 19th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Order online at panerabread.com and enter code PRFUND at checkout. You can also bring this flyer or show a digital version to the cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.

WE'RE COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY.

We offer a variety of ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. Services vary by cafe.











*20% of total net sales from your designated fundarising event will be donated to your organization. Gift card, catering, klosk and orders placed on third party delivery sites are excluded and will not count towards the event Other restrictions apply. For complete details, with http://fundarising.panesbread.com/brame-conditions/

Learn more at Fundraising, Panera Bread.com

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Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support
Orchard Park HS Post Prom. Come in to the Chipotle at **4405 Milestrip**Rd Ste 5 in Buffalo on Tuesday, June 1st between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Orchard Park HS Post Prom.

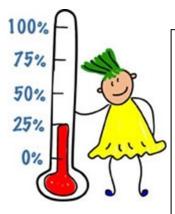
NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code 6GEDTJ7 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.





PTO MEMBERSHIP:

It's never too late to join!!

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 8-9 for sign-up details. Thank you!

OPHS CALENDAR

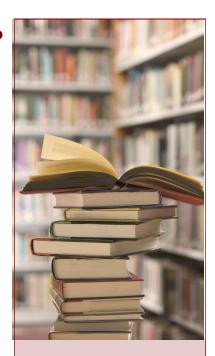
- 3/9 Board of Education Meeting—7pm
- 3/19 Early Dismissal-12:45pm
- 3/22 Superintendent's Conference Day (no school)
- 3/29 Virtual Post Prom Meeting—6:15pm Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm
- 3/30 Board of Education Meeting—7pm
- 4/2-4/9 Spring Break (no school)
- 4/20 Board of Education Meeting—7pm
- 4/26 Virtual Post Prom
 Meeting—6:15pm
 Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm
- 4/30 Early Dismissal-12:45pm

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, 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 News & Information



PTO MEETINGS 2020-21

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

3/29

4/26

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 March 29th at 6:15pm!

Click the Facebook logo to get to our group



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."
 - o Click "Add to cart"
 - Click "Proceed to Checkout"
 - For any store purchase, you can pay <u>online through your PayPal account or using a credit or debit card</u> 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 natalielesh2.0@gmail.com for additional information.





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 **March 29th 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!

Parent involvement is the key to a successful Post Prom event!

- > Parents interested in helping with Post Prom 2022 will begin meeting in October 2021
- > The members will form smaller sub-groups focused on various tasks (fundraising, gifts/raffles, event entertainment, etc.)
- > The Post Prom Chair (or Co-Chairs) will organize volunteers and act as a liaison for the sub committees
- > No prior PTO volunteer experience is required

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

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Kim Kamis Nino's Pizza

Spot Coffee Orchard Park

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Ann Chojnacki

Amy Fotevski

Julie Grimes

Holly Nelson

Christine Tinnesz

Shannon Dommer

Carolyn Nicometo

Leo's Pizzeria

Buffalo Sports Garden

Kelly Werdein

Grace & Paul Collins



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

Angela Dorsheimer

Julie and Johan Kjellstrom

Susan Hogenkamp Kennedy

\$20.21 Club:

	<u>\$20.2</u>	er Club.	
Sheila Barnes	Jacquie Just	Marcia Totaro	Annmarie Nowak
Michelle Bouton	Donna Leigh	Kristen Mazur	Karen Salmon
Dawn Coyle	Jennifer McCrone	Susan McMullen	Tara Rains
Angela Cullen	Michelle Messinger	Eileen Riter	Bieler Janitorial Services
Sheila Eagan	Colleen Nielsen	Renee Steiner	Mary Moorman Penn,
Jill Edwards-Tills	Alexandra Passarell	Lisa Hanna	Attorney at Law
Lisa Gioia	Karen Salmon	Miranda Holmes	

\$20.22 Club:

Lisa Galas

Kathleen Goodman

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

\$20.23 Club:

Barbara Sedita

Caren Chaffee Laura Carter

\$20.24 Club:

Ann Marie Newbury

Lisa Gioia
Jill Spitz
Valerie Venturo
Suzanne Houlihan
Erin Homer

General Post Prom Donations:

Jennifer Coyle Laura Carter

Donations are current through 2/28/2021

Thank You!

OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:

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







Mary Moorman Penn, Attorney at Law





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. <u>The success of either depends upon the generosity of parents, community members, and local businesses in making monetary and prize donations.</u> 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	aliabi c ,
\$ 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.

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **March 29, 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/storegiftregistryviewregistryguest/549706073?

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TARGET

- -go to target.com
- -click on "Registry" -click on "search for an organization"
- -type in OPHS



Or click on the below link:

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AMAZON (updated link below)



"OPHS Post Prom"

https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/HE7XQJPUP23Q/guest-view



ORDER YOUR GRADUATION PRODUCTS TODAY!



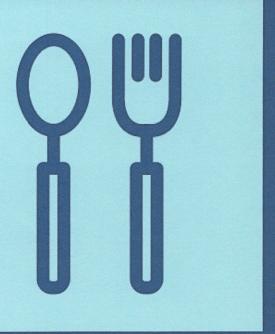
Herff Jones is the official provider of Orchard Park High School caps and gowns, senior softgoods, diploma frames, and class rings.

Order today at highschool.herffjones.com Any questions, please call: 716.573.1936





FOOD DRIVE





Monday, March 1 through Friday, March 12

Donate food before school in the main foyers or in room 163 during the day

Everyone that donates will receive a free Buffalo Bills mask!

Donate canned fruits/veggies, canned meat/poultry, self stable milk, nuts and seeds, rice, pasta, cereal, toilet paper, diapers,.

See Mrs. Rominger (163) or Mr. Bove (Hs. 2) with Questions

Details on next page

Food Drive Information

Who: OPHS STAP Comm is partnering with FeedMore WNY to help fight local childhood hunger.

When: Drop Off is from Monday, March 1st- Friday, March 12th.

Where: Students can drop off food and receive a free Bills mask (donated by the Buffalo Bills) in the main foyers (Gym, Baker & Music) before school starts. If needed, you can also drop off food in Mrs. Rominger's room, room 163, during the day.

What to donate:

Fruits and vegetables
Fresh produce
Canned Vegetables -low or no salt added
Canned fruit- no sugar added, packed in 100% juice, extra light
Syrup

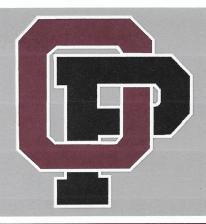
Unsweetened apple sauce Dried Fruit-no sugar added 100% Fruit juice High Protein Foods

Canned/shelf-stable meat, poultry, fish (Low sodium, packed in water)
Canned beans (low sodium)
Dried beans and peas
Nuts and seeds (no added salt, sugar, or oil)
Nut Butters (no salt added)
Whole Grains

Brown, white or wild rice
Whole wheat pasta
Quinoa, barley, whole wheat couscous
Hot Cereal- no sugar added; oatmeal, cream of wheat, grits
Cold Cereal- low sugar, high fiber cereal
Toasted oats, bran flakes, shredded wheat
Milk and Milk Substitutes

Low-Fat shelf stable, powdered or evaporated milk
Soy Milk-unflavored
Nut Milks-unflavored
Other:
Cooking oils-olive, canola, avocado, safflower, grapeseed
Canned pasta-tomato sauce or other tomato products (no salt added)
Salsa
Salt-free seasonings and spices

Non-food items: Toilet paper Diapers Personal hygiene products



OPCSD Parent Information Series 2020-2021

All sessions will be accessible from 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.

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.

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.

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"

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 to 2/11/21 at 7pm.

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 meaninful 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 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-
- Fill out the form below and mail it in with your donation.

Ple	ase detach and fill in form
Name:	Please make check payable to: Orchard Park Music Boosters
Address:	
	Sond the form & check to:
School(s):	Orchard Park Music Boosters
Grade Level(s):	% Joseph Biondo
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 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 <u>www.quakerboosters.com</u> or www.opschools.org/athletics Like us on Facebook: Quaker Athletics Booster Club & Follow us on twitter@OPBoosterClub

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			Zip Code:
E-mail address:			
Yes No	l would li	ke to add my name to you	volunteer list
SPORT(s) involved in	n:		
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	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!