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UAKER NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF MR. WOLF:

Thank You Parent Volunteers!

This time of the year, the wonderful work our PTO volunteers do in helping enhance so many of the programs at OPHS is very evident. We will have parents working daily in the foyer selling tickets for the upcoming musical "Chicago." Performances are scheduled for March 16-18 at 7 pm and 2 pm on March 19th. Tickets are selling fast, and we would be hard-pressed to provide such a high level of accessibility and service to the ticket-buying public without their dedication. Additionally, parents recently staffed the coat check and served refreshments at the Winter Homecoming dance among others.

There is a strong tradition of parent involvement at OPHS. The students and staff truly appreciate that our parents give freely of their time in support of our organizations and teams. Parent involvement is a vital component in making OPHS a Blue Ribbon School and a special place to work and learn. Unfortunately, at times, this hard work takes place without the recognition it deserves. More often though, those volunteers prefer to stay out of the limelight and do not seek to be recognized. To all of our volunteers, I wish to say, "Thank You!" Your work does not go unnoticed, nor is it taken for granted. It does not matter how, or how often, you contribute; it is greatly appreciated.

As we enter the final months of this school year, there will be numerous opportunities for you to volunteer. These opportunities will arise in many forms including baking for the numerous honor society inductions and awards ceremonies, volunteering for the Senior Picnic or Post Prom, working in the concession stand, or helping out with the QMB Bottle Drive, just to name a few. Please consider pitching in! I am sure that you will find any volunteer activity an interesting and rewarding experience!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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SPECIAL POINTS OF **INTEREST**

- It's never too late to join the PTO!
- Please support our many upcoming Post Prom fundraisers!



Orchard Park High School Post Prom 2023 Restaurant Fundraising Nights!

Monday, March 20 - 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm



3229 Southwestern Boulevard, Orchard Park

When you cash out, please mention the OPHS Post Prom Fundraiser OR show the attached flyer.

If you order online, please type "FUNDRAISER" in the Notes.

20% of sales will be donated to the OPHS Post Prom 2023 event

Wednesday, March 29 - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm



3995 North Buffalo Road, Orchard Park

When you cash out, please show the attached flyer (either in paper form or digitally).

If you order online, please type "FUND4U" at checkout.

20% of sales will be donated to the OPHS Post Prom 2023 event

Tuesday, April 18 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



3464 McKinley Parkway, Blasdell

When you cash out, please mention the OPHS Post Prom Fundraiser OR show the attached flyer.

Mobile ordering through the Chick-fil-A App and catering are NOT included in the total sales

15% of sales will be donated to the OPHS Post Prom 2023 event



Orchard Park High School Post Prom 2023 Restaurant Fundraising Night

Enjoy a night off from meal prep and support a great cause at the same time!

Head to.....



3229 Southwestern Boulevard, Orchard Park

Monday, March 20, 2023 4:00-9:00

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Show this flyer OR mention you're there for the OPHS Post Prom fundraising night

Online:

Type the word "FUNDRAISER" in the Notes section when you place your online order

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Help support us!

ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL PTO POST PROM COMMITTEE

March 29, 2023 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST 3995 N Buffalo Rd

Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.*

Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe or enter the promo code FUND4U at checkout on Panerabread.com or the Panera App to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.**

Learn more at fundraising.panerabread.com

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*Gift card and catering order placed on Panerabread.com, and delivery orders placed through third-party sites are excluded and will not count towards the event. Other restrictions apply. For complete details, visit: http://fundraising.panerabread.com/terms-contitions/. **Services vary by café.



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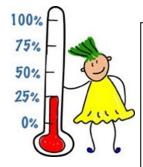
In the restaurant:

Show this flyer OR mention you're there for the OPHS Post Prom fundraising night

Mobile ordering through the Chick-fil-A App and catering are <u>NOT</u> included in the total sales

15% of in-restaurant sales will be donated to OPHS Post Prom 2023





PTO MEMBERSHIP:

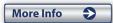
It's never too late to join!!

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!



Joining or re-joining the **OPHS PTO** is easy and **takes just a few minutes of your time!** Just go to <u>Membership Toolkit</u>.

As all of our HS PTO emails are sent through Membership Toolkit, your membership will ensure that you receive important information via email. Instructions can be found on the PTO page of the High School website.



Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit information 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 information for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

OPHS CALENDAR

- 3/7 Parent Info Series: The Next Chapter—7pm at OPMS
- 3/9 Senior Citizen Spaghetti Dinner
- 3/10 & 11th ECMEA Junior High South Festival
- 3/13 Spring Varsity & JV Sports Begin
- 3/13 STAP Comm Meeting-7pm
- 3/14 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)—7pm
- 3/15 OPSEPTSA Meeting-6:30pm
- 3/16 & 3/17 Musical-7pm
- 3/17 Superintendent's Conference Day (no school)
- 3/18 Musical-7pm
- 3/19 Musical-2pm
- 3/21 Teen Driving Safety—7pm at OPMS
- 3/24 & 25th ECMEA Senior High Festival
- 3/27 Post Prom Meeting—6pm PTO Meeting—7pm
- 3/28 Board of Education Meeting —7pm
- 3/31 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 4/3-4/7 Spring Break (no school)
- 4/12 Collegiate Athletic Signing— 3pm
- 4/12 Tri-M Music Honors Society Chamber Music Concert—7pm
- 4/17 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 4/19 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 4/19 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)—7pm
- 4/20 World Languages Induction Ceremony—7pm
- 4/24 Post Prom Meeting—6pm PTO Meeting—7pm
- 4/27 Orchard Park Pride Night— 6:15pm

PTO News & Information



PTO MEETINGS 2022-23

All meeting are held at 7 pm in the OPHS Media
Center II room (inside the library on the second floor)

- 3/27
- 4/24
- 5/22

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.

"Many hands make light work" John Heywood

YOU'RE INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to attend our PTO meetings. These meetings are a great venue for having open discussions, exchanging ideas, and asking questions. PTO meetings will take place the last Monday of each month. We meet in the LMC (Library) in the back room, it is located on the second floor across from the house 2 office. Check out this year's meeting schedule on the left side of this page.

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! **

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



Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group



Next Post Prom Meeting
March 27th at 6pm!

Post Prom Party

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 3, 2023, after Prom. Planning and fundraising are underway! Please consider attending our next meeting on March 27th at 6:00 p.m. It's never too late to participate! There is still much to accomplish! You do not need to have a senior student to attend or to be involved!

OPHS PTO Events 2022-2023



March

Monday, March 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	<u>April</u>	
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.
	<u>May</u>	
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.
	<u>June</u>	
Friday, June 2	Senior Picnic	Morning
Saturday, June 3	Post Prom	Late night

PTO News & Information



On behalf of the OPHS PTO, we would like to offer a special thanks to all those who donated food, drink, funding, or time for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. It was a real success and could not have been without your help. Approximately 200 teachers and staff enjoyed a delicious meal from Alton's which included Greek or garden salad, chicken, pitas, and barbecue pulled pork. They also enjoyed fruit, a wide array of beverages, and delicious desserts. They so appreciated enjoying a nice meal together and made it known that this is the favorite day of the school year for many of them. Thank you to the following people who made it possible, and we apologize if we missed anyone:

Jen Repp	Karen Fuentes	Jen Domzalski	Cathy Kipler
Caren Chaffee	Jessica Merry	Pam Rozic	Nicole Curtis
Barb Dojnik	Denise Straitiff	Karen Laudico	Shannon Dommer
Sheri Carter	Scott Carter	Alllie Carter	Shannon Robertson
Pamela Rauh	Lisa Breth	Kelly Hull	Andrea McGrath
Amy Gottstine	Lynn Thorpe	Fauzia Mattingly	Laura Fleming
Lisa Webb	Martha DeLozier	Elizabeth Campion	Ren Choroser
Suzanne Houlihan	Tamara Papke	Nicole Zelasko	Kelly Coffta
Alyssa Sanelli	Tracy Hemmerling	Rebecca Roe	Denise Miller
Lindsay Wright	Jeffrey Dolce	Kristi Walh	McCormick Family
Joanna Groundwater	Benfanti/Makolinski	O'Shei Family	Velasquez Family
Papaj Family	Marcelene Burkett	Mastroianni Family	Bridget Steele
Kenneth Popp	Sheila Egan	Erica Kuper	Linda Gernold
Jill Drake	Dawn Balland	Sharon Azurin	

PTO News & Information



Thank you to all those who helped make the Winter Homecoming Dance a success. Whether it was baking, providing treats, or volunteering your time to help with Coat Check or Refreshments, your help was truly appreciated and did not go unnoticed. Over 500 students attended the dance. They were thankful for the snacks and drinks provided as well as the ability to store their coats, bags, or other items safely. Thank you to the following people for your contributions, and please forgive us if we left anyone out:

Nicole Curtis	Nicole Chelus	Genette Saxon	Roseanne Saeli
Lucie Bowers	Amy Woodward	Jessica Merry	Denise Miller
Cathy Kipler	Christine Kellogg	Tara Ross	Samantha Davis
Joy Higgins	Michael Rauh	Pamela Rauh	Sheri Carter
Scott Carter	Nancy DeBroka	Michelle Slotman	Becky Bernas
Amy Glowczynski	Karen Fuentes	Pamela Moorehead	Samantha Page
Jenn Repp	Kelli Premschetz	Suzanne Houlihan	Amy Gottstine
Laura Fleming	Kim Pedretti	Brenda Cimo	Lisa Breth
Hayley Beane	Sandy Klavoon	Patricia Salerno	Lia Hallett
Danielle Schwanekamp	Amanda Niver	Anna Worang-Zizzi	Patricia Salerno
Pam Rozic	Mike Rozic	Donna Leigh	Susanne Kelley
Carol Crowell	Jerry Leigh	Jamie Davis	Staci Cramer

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 <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:

\$ 20.23	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 <u>online through your Membership Toolkit account</u> or <u>you can mail it</u> 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 next Post Prom Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 27th at 6:00pm.

OPHS Post Prom Donations



Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Buffalo Harley-Davidson

Leo's Pizzeria

Michael's Banquet Facility

Nino's Pizza

Purtill Plumbing

Robert Basil Buick GMC Cadillac

Uncle Joe's Diner

Community Sponsor (\$150):

Marcelene Burkett

4th Wave Technologies LLC

Eye Care & Vision Associates

Modern Window of New York, Inc.

National Air Cargo, Inc.

Orchard Park Collision

Orchard Park Pediatrics

The Apothecary at Cottrill's

The Schroeder Law Firm, LLC

The Krog Group

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Lynn & Darryl Halter

Joe & Shannon Dommer

David & Kathleen Goodman

Anonymous

Karen & Phil Fuentes

James & Diana Rotterman

Benzinger's Clothing Care

Colleen Collins

Eco Serve Pest Services

Julie & Tom Grimes

Karin & Thomas Provost

Principal's Club (\$50):

Kelly & Jeff Werdein

Kristen Casto

Debbie & Michael Leach

Renee & Mike Gruin

Amy Woodward

Anonymous "In Honor of Mr. Wolf"

Amy Conley

Amy Gottstine

Todd & Shelly Musterait

Orchard Park Principals' Association

Zuccala Orthodontics

Donations are current through 3/5/2023

OPHS Post Prom Donations

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\$20.23 Club:

Lisa & David Breth

Lynn & Michael Buffamonti

Laura & Raymond Carter

Sheri & Scott Carter

Caren & Chris Chaffee

Maureen Dempsey & Paul Moskal

Barb & Mark Dojnik

Sheila & Gregg Eagan

Tara & Chris Hart-Nova

Margaret Hodson

Alyson & Kevin Kirk

Ann Marie & Kenneth Newbury

Michelle & Andrew Slotman

Zeina & Paul Williams

Jennifer & Donald Brady

Jen & Jim Domzalski

Cathy & Earl Kipler, Jr.

Molly & Jonathan Heraty

Lori & Chris Mathews

Fauzia & Chris Mattingly

Gigi & Kevin Wieszczecinski

Kim Caligiuri

Jill & Stephen Schottman

Holly Yoshida

Amy Zboch

Marcelene Burkett

Elizabeth & Alan Duckham

Donna Malik-Buckley

William Benfanti & Kathleen

Makolinski

Amy Conley

Dave's Automotive

Karen & Jeff Dolce

JoAnn Litwin

Pappaceno's Pizza

Savilles Country Florist

Travis Terranova

Wolf Agency, Inc.

\$20.24 Club:

Michelle Bouton

Lisa & Elio Gioia

Suzanne & John Houlihan

Valerie & Joe Venturo

Barbra & Charles Lesh

Tara & Allan Rains

Pam & Michael Rauh

Rosanne & Angel Sanchez

Karen & Phil Fuentes

Amanda & Sean McCormick

\$20.25 Club:

Jill Edwards-Tills & Mike Tills

Erin & Clint Homer

Michelle & Andrew Slotman

Elizabeth & Alan Duckham

Nancy & Bryan DeBroka

Maureen Dempsey & Paul Moskal

\$20.26 Club:

Erin & Clint Homer

Karen & Phil Fuentes

Benzinger's Clothing Care

Karen & James Nuwer

General Donations:

Repp Renovations

Thomas Johnson Homes &

Realty

Zuccala Orthodontics

Donations are current through 3/5/2023



OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:

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

Orchard Park Principals' Association

























































HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS COLLECTION BIN





Help families in need with new or used clothing and blankets.

Drop off in the red bin outside the **Baker entrance** of the High School at any time.





Drop Off Location:

Orchard Park High School 4040 Baker Road



Sponsored by STAP Comm

DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the 2023 summer session of Driver Education will be available on the District website (www.opschools.org) in March. All students will need to pre-register on-line. Registration dates and times will be 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:

Monday & Wednesday, April 24th & 26th, 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both evenings, 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.



SAT PREP COURSE

Orchard Park Community Education will be offering an **SAT Prep Course**. The course begins the week of March 27^{th.} The fee is \$160 for the 5 week course that meets two evenings per week. Registration and payment may be mailed in or dropped off in person at the Community Education Office. The registration form can be found in the Community Education Catalog, on the district website, www.opschools.org, under Community Education and in the virtual backpack for the High School.



Orchard Park Music Boosters

It's time to join or Donate!!!

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.

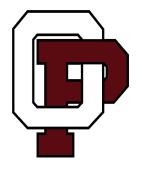
Visit us soon at The Music Booster Website: opmusicboosters.com

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. -OR-
- 3. Venmo to @opmusicboosters

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):	Orchard Park High School
, ,	4040 Baker Rd.
	Orchard Park, NY 14127



Quaker Athletics Booster Club Membership Form

The Quaker Athletics Booster Club is a group of parent volunteers that work to support the athletes of the Orchard Park School District. QABC raises money to help provide equipment, training, officials, etc. that is not covered in the athletic budget. We have seen a significant decline in volunteers in the last few years, likely due to the pandemic, and we are looking to revitalize our group. If you would like more information or want to get involved, please contact Tim Fischer (President) at Timmyfish8@yahoo.com.

Visit our website, register, and pay online to become a member at www.quakerboosters.com.

Like us on Facebook: Quaker Athletics Booster Club & follow us on Twitter @OPBoosterClub

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	Platinum	\$200.00	(includes parking spot at	stadium for varsity football games)
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THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ORCHARD PARK ATHLETES

4040 Baker Road Orchard Park, NY 14127



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.

Membership for the school year is \$10.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

A membership covers all members of your household.

VISIT WWW.OPVAB.COM for more information

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Member Name		
* Please make checks payable to: Please return form to:	Orchard Park Middle School 60 South Lincoln Ave. Orchard Park, NY 14127	
Visit opvab.com or use the qr code	for memberships and more in	formation.