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### Thank You PTO!

With this being my last submission to the PTO Newsletter for the 2020-21 school year, I would like to thank the PTO for all they have done in this very unusual year. While many of the traditional PTO functions couldn't occur, several were completed in an alternative format. The dedication, creativity, and perseverance to make these events happen is truly appreciated. There are still a few PTO events on the horizon to look forward to like the chicken BBQ fundraiser on May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Post Prom celebration on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Traditionally the month of May brings the transition to thoughts of the next school year. I encourage any parent, who has the time, to consider volunteering for one of the many PTO committees. Without the support of the PTO volunteers many of our traditional events couldn't happen. I would also like to thank and congratulate all of the parents who are finishing their time with OPHS. There are several of you who will be seeing their youngest graduate this year. Many of you have been involved in the school PTOs for a very long time. Your efforts and leadership have been significant. I wish each of you all the best in your "post OPCSD" endeavors. We will miss you!

Go Quakers!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Post Prom BBQ Dinner, Restaurant Fundraiser, and Gift Registry
- Open PTO Positions

The Orchard Park High School PTO Post Prom Committee

presents....



Grab dinner to go!

Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 7 p.m.

Orchard Park High School Freeman Lot 4009 Freeman Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127

Chicken Dinner \$11.00 Includes  $\frac{1}{2}$  chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll

**Rib Dinner \$12.00** Includes <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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 purchase pre-sale by 5/14 to ensure you get your dinner of choice!!!

Pre-sale tickets available at

https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/139180 or email Sheri Carter at <u>sherilentcarter@gmail.com.</u>

## SAVE THE DATES!!!

## Coming Soon: <u>RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING NIGHTS</u> 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!

|                               | Monday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Pie-O-Mine Control Pier Piero | 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.<br>Show the attached flyer – hard copy or electronic version both okay, or<br>mention that you're there to support OPHS PTO Post Prom. If you are ordering |
| Ristom Blended Salads         | online, write "Fundraiser" in the note part of the order form.   |
|                               | Friday, March 19 <sup>th</sup>   |
|                               | 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  |
| Panera<br>Bread               | Show the attached flyer – hard copy or electronic version both okay. Online  |
|                               | orders will NOT count.   |
| HPOR                          | Tuesday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
|                               | 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  |
| T T CAN GR                    | 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!



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.

### **OPEN PTO POSITIONS:**

The below are open PTO positions for next year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Caren Chaffee at <u>chaffeecaren@gmail.com</u>.

- Secretary (Board position)
- Freshman Orientation
- Teacher Bagel Breakfast Coordinator
- Fall/ Winter Homecoming Coat Check Co-Coordinator
- BET Rep
- ILC Rep
- STAP-Comm Reps (3 positions)
- Senior Class Assistants (2 positions)
- Post Prom Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor



## **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 7-8 for sign-up details. Thank you!

Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit info for the newsletter should email: <u>ophspto@gmail.com</u> 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!



## OPHS CALENDAR

5/4 Board of Education Meeting—7pm

5/18 Annual School Vote/ Election—7am-9pm (HS Gym)

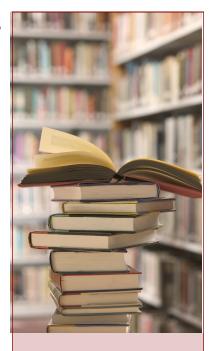
5/24 Virtual Post Prom Meeting—6:15pm Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm

5/26 Parent Info Series: Teen Driving Safety—7:00

5/31 Memorial Day (no school)

- 6/3 Parent Info Series: Restoring Civility in the Community—6:30pm
- 6/8 Board of Education Meeting—7pm

6/16 Last Day of High School Classes



### PTO MEETINGS 2020-21

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

<del>4/26</del>

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



FINAL Post Prom Meeting May 24th 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

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## <u>To join PTO:</u>

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





## **Post Prom Party**

Planning and fundraising continues! Please consider virtually attending our next meeting, via Zoom, on <u>May 24th at 6:15 p.m</u>. 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 <u>natalielesh2.0@gmail.com</u> or (716) 225-0412.

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

Maureen Casev DDS Susan Hogan, Attorney at Law Nuchereno & Nagel PLLC TesoriBelli.com

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

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Sheila Barnes Michelle Bouton Dawn Coyle Angela Cullen Sheila Eagan Jill Edwards-Tills Lisa Gioia Kathleen Goodman

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## Jacquie Just Donna Leigh Jennifer McCrone Michelle Messinger Colleen Nielsen Alexandra Passarell Karen Salmon Barbara Sedita

## \$20.23 Club:

Caren Chaffee Laura Carter Molly Heraty Elizabeth Herle

### <u>\$20.24</u> Club:

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Annmarie Nowak

**Bieler Janitorial Services** 

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- **General Donations:**
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Principal's Club (\$50):

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**Gift/Gift Card Donors:** 

Pappaceno's Pizza & Pasta Suzanne McMullen Anna Cartwright Bob-O-Link Golf Club, Inc. Ann Marie Klosko **OP** Foundation for Academic Excellence Paula's Donuts Target TOPS Louie's Texas Red Hots



**OPHS** Post Prom Donations

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

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Spot Coffee Orchard Park

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## **OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:**

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



## 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</u> <u>success of either depends upon the generosity of parents, community members, and local</u> <u>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 | 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 <u>natalielesh2.0@gmail.com</u>.

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **May 24, 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 <u>https://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/storegiftregistryviewregistryguest/549706073?</u> <u>selectedRLVFilters=\_recommended</u>

## TARGET

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



**Or click on the below link:** <u>tgt.gifts/a9eb54efa16c430e8e815dfd0e9ec16e</u>

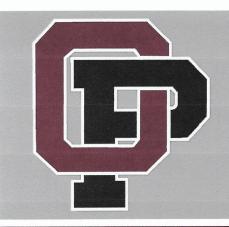
## <u>AMAZON</u> (updated link below)



"OPHS Post Prom" <u>https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/HE7XQJPUP23Q/guest-view</u>

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# 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.

- 1. Scan QR Code (on the right) to use your PayPal account or Credit Card. -OR-

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

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

| Nama              | Please make check payable to: |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Name:             |                               |
| 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**



### **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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