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QUAKER NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF MR. WOLF:

It seems hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school year! As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, May and June will bring a flurry of activities and events, and hopefully no more *snow flurries*! The final music concerts are already taking place, the spring athletic season is in full swing and will be heading into the playoffs, Prom and the PTO sponsored Post Prom are quickly approaching. In the upcoming weeks we will be recognizing the academic achievements of our students with the National Honor Society induction ceremony, Underclass Awards Night, and the Senior Banquet. The PTO takes an active role in supporting these events by providing refreshments and in contributing volunteers in several capacities. As a school community we are so appreciative of the PTO and all that they provide in making these events so successful!

On May 6th, the PowerSchool parent portal will contain information for each returning student listing their course requests for the 2022-23 school year. Please review this list to make sure that the information we have in our scheduling system is accurate. If you discover an error, or your son/daughter wishes to make adjustment to their courses, please contact his/her counselor to discuss making a change prior to June 1st. After the June 1st deadline, you will not be able to make preference changes.

The annual OPCSD school budget vote will take place in the high school gym on Tuesday, May 17th. Please be sure to take the time to vote on the proposed budget, capital project, and Board of Education members. Specific information is available on the District website at <u>https://www.opschools.org/domain/11</u>. Remember too, that the PTO will hold their annual chicken BBQ on that same date in the gym foyer. The proceeds of the BBQ help to defray the costs of the Post Prom Party.

With June quickly approaching, and this being my last newsletter submission for the year, I would like to send my congratulations and best wishes to all of the families who are "graduating" this year. I'm sure that many of you are wondering where the time went! I would also like to wish our three retiring faculty members, Mrs. Stephanie Collins, Mrs. Carla Jennetti and Mr. Brian Himes, all the best as they transition away from OPHS and on to the next chapter of their lives. The impact they have had on literally generations of Orchard Park students is immeasurable. For the families who will be returning to OPHS in the fall, I look forward to another year full of academic and co-curricular accomplishments. I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

 Please support our many upcoming Post Prom fundraisers!



HELP SUPPORT OPHS 2022 POST PROM

Orchard Park High School PTO

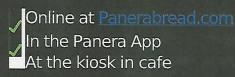
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WHEN: Tues, May 10th

FROM: 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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The Orchard Park High School PTO Post Prom Committee presents.... Dinner and Dessert!!!



Tuesday, May 17th from 3 – 7 p.m. Orchard Park High School Freeman Lot

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

Rib Dinner \$13.00

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

One Dozen Glazed Krispy Kreme Donuts \$10.00

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

Contact Andrea with questions: amhsmith1@icloud.com

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



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



Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the 2022 Post-Prom Party. You can also share the link below with friends and family. All funds raised will be use to provide fun and safe post-prom activities, food, and prizes for the students of the class of 2022 and their dates

http://fundly.com/orchard-park-high-schoolpost-prom-2022



Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast Friday, May 13th @ 9am

We are looking for store bought or homemade breakfast foods, fruit or Treats to say "Thank You" to our 80 bus drivers and transportation staff

Please contact Holly to sign-up

Holly Ingelfinger-Lopez

662-3997 or 570-2514

hollylopez28@yahoo.com

Bus Garage on Southwestern Blvd

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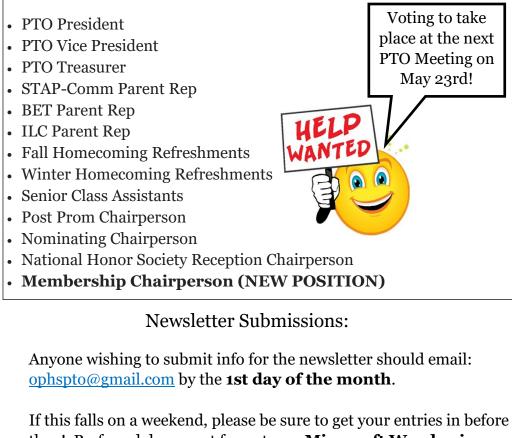


MAY 17th SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND BOARD VOTE

- Ballot information can be found here: <u>https://</u><u>www.opschools.org/domain/11</u>
- Board of Education Candidate Bios can be found here: <u>https://www.opschools.org/Page/10898</u>
- Educational Facilities Improvement Project information can be found here: <u>https://www.opschools.org/Page/10883</u>

OPEN PTO POSITIONS:

The below are open PTO positions for next year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Donna at <u>donna.aylsworth@verizon.net</u> or Caren at <u>chaffeecaren@gmail.com</u>, **by May 13th.**



then! Preferred document formats are **Microsoft Word** or **images** (jpg, png, etc.). PDF documents are difficult to incorporate. If you'd like us to format your info for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

OPHS CALENDAR

5/7 SAT at OPHS-7:30am

- 5/10 Music in May II-7pm
- 5/12 Financial Aid Night-6:30pm

5/12 AOF Senior Graduation —6:30pm

- 5/13 National Honor Society Induction–7pm
- 5/16 STAP Comm Meeting-7pm
- 5/17 Music in May III—7pm
- 5/17 Annual School Budget Vote & Board Member Election
- 5/23 Post Prom Meeting—6pm PTO Meeting—7pm

5/25 Underclass Awards Night

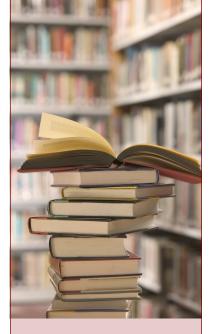
- 5/30 Memorial Day (no school)
- 6/1 New Parents QMB Meeting -6:45pm
- 6/3 Senior Picnic—Caps & Gowns Distributed
- 6/4 Senior Prom-6pm
- 6/7 Scholarship Auditions —3:30pm
- 6/9 Last Day of Classes
- 6/10-6/14 Local Exams
- 6/11 ACT at OPHS
- 6/11 Annual QMB Can & Bottle Drive—9am to 2pm
- 6/14 Board of Education Mtg-7pm

6/15-6/24—Regents Exams

6/17 Senior Banquet

6/20 Juneteenth Holiday (no school)

- 6/23 Baccalaureate Service at Wesleyan Church of OP—7pm
- 6/25 Graduation at Kleinhans— 2pm



PTO MEETINGS 2021-22

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

• 5/23

POST PROM PLANNING

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

"Many hands make light work" John Heywood

YOU'RE INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to attend our PTO meetings. Please note that the remaining monthly PTO meetings will be held both <u>in-person</u> and <u>virtually</u>. The Zoom link will be emailed to members and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page the day before each meeting. If you're unable to make the meeting, the minutes will be posted on the district website at <u>https://www.opschools.org/Page/10033</u>.



We will be voting on the 2022-2023 PTO Budget and Slate at the May 23rd meeting!

We encourage you to join our Facebook page!

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

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

Next Post Prom Meeting

May 23rd at 6pm!

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



Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group



OPHS PTO Events 2021-2022



<u>May</u>

Friday, May 13	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.
	June	
Friday, June 3	Senior Picnic	Morning
Saturday, June 4	Post Prom	Late night





WORLD LANGUAGES SOCIETY INDUCTION RECEPTION

This year's World Languages Society Induction Reception was a great success, with more than 400 people in attendance! Thank you to the following people who helped by donating baked goods and beverages:

- Melissa Bogart Laura Carter Sheri Carter Caren Chaffee Jen Coyle Nicole Curtis Bryan DeBroka
- Nancy DeBroka Jennifer Domzalski Michelle Faust Suzanna Houlihan Julie Murphy Petra Novak Karen O'Brien

Jen Patterson Pam Rauh Michelle Slotman Tammy Vitko-Woods Kristi Walh Andrea Wereski Amy Wierer

Thank you to the following people who helped with set up and clean up, the evening of the event:

Amy Woodward (Event Chair) Melissa Eloff Michelle Slotman Tammy Vitko-Woods Steve Woodward



EGG'd FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the below volunteers that assisted with distributing the eggs and many thanks to those who donated plastic eggs, candy, and toys!

Sara Austin Karry Baches Aly Bednarek Emile Bednarek Matthew Bouton Michelle Bouton Robert Bouton Amy Burnett Ella Burnett Jennifer Bushen Alex Ciesielski Ben Ciesielski Nate Ciesielski Alex Cimo Jacob Dobosh Jennifer Domzalski Gavin Donovan Kathy Evans Dominic Fanutti Gia Fanutti Karen Fuentes Tyler Hartung Erin Homer Julie Lana Steve Lana Lisa Lucente Tracy McGowan Julie Murphy Gavin Rauh Pamela Rauh Nicole Roberts Anne Romanello Frank Romanello Mia Romanello Dawn Whalen David Zarbo Kyle Zelasko Nicole Zelasko

EGG'd FUNDRAISER - COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The "bunny volunteers" received wonderful feedback from the community regarding the first-ever "Egg'd" Fundraiser to benefit Post Prom. Email messages included:

"Wow! Our children were so absolutely excited and happy this morning! This was so great. Thank you thank you!!!!! You all did an incredible job! If you do this again next year, we will absolutely support you. Thanks again!"

"Thank you so much! The kids loved all of their eggs and the bunny picked really great hiding spots for a 2 and 4 year old!" Jessica

"Thank you guys very much!!! The kids loved it and we really appreciate it!! Great prizes in the eggs too!!!! You should do it every year!" Elizabeth

"Thank you. My granddaughter loves the eggs and the squirrels only got a few. LOL. If you do it again next year, I'm in." Lina

"They did an amazing job I can't wait until my son gets up in the morning." Natalie



2021-2022 POST PROM PARTY PRIZE DRIVE



We are in desperate need of prize donations that will be raffled off to the Class of 2022 at the end of the post-prom night. Great prizes include gift cards, electronics, appliances, dorm essentials, money, and anything else that a 17/18 year old might like. If you are able to make a donation, we can make arrangements to pick it up from you. We really want to make sure that everyone from the class comes to the party and is safe. These prizes will help with that effort! Thank you very much!!



If you can help, please call or text our prize chair, Amy at 716.866.3970.



The Post Prom Committee will be looking for parent volunteers to help with the night of the event!

Please be on the lookout for the Sign Up that will be released within the next several weeks.





Post Prom Party

Planning and fundraising continues! Please consider attending our next meeting, on <u>May 23rd at 6pm</u>. The meeting link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page.

2021 – 2022 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 4, 2022, immediately following Prom. The Post Prom Party is a safe, alcohol-free event for OP Seniors and their dates. OP Seniors do NOT need to attend Prom in order to attend the Post Prom Party.

In past years, almost 400 students have attended the Post Prom Party. The students enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and prizes. In 2021, the PTO gave away more than \$2500 in prizes and more than \$5000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2021.

<u>The success of Post Prom depends upon the generosity of parents, community members, and</u> <u>local businesses in making monetary and prize donations.</u> The fundraising campaign beings NOW!

Please consider <u>making a donation</u> and/or <u>signing up to serve on the Post Prom</u> <u>Committee</u>. Donors are recognized in the monthly PTO newsletter and your donation is tax deductible.

Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Suggested donations levels are:

\$ 20.22	2022 Club (2023, 2024, and 2025 Clubs also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity Sponsor

You can make a donation <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 Michelle Bouton at <u>michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com</u>.

The next Post Prom Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00pm.

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Buffalo Harley-Davidson M. Purtill Plumbing Nino's Pizza Kathy & Jim Evans Abbott Family Dental Gocella Agency

<u> Premier Raffle Sponsor (\$500):</u>

West Herr of Orchard Park Athletes Unleashed



Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Sheri & Bill Barsottelli Michelle Bouton Nicole & Jeff Zelasko Rachel & Charles Messina Amy Burnett Carole Descovich Ken & Jean Onetto Mollie Scanlon Karen & Felipe Fuentes Forbes Capretto Homes Ann & Andrew Trank

Community Sponsor (\$150):

Michael's Studio Orchard Park Pediatrics Pace Law Firm DAO Sushi & Grill Uncle Joe's Diner Great Erie Federal Credit Union National Air Cargo, Inc. Orthodontic Associates of WNY

Principal's Club (\$50):

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

\$20.22 Club:

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

Tara & Dennis Nahabetian Mollie Scanlon Barbara Sedita & Glenn Nenoff Andrea Wereski Wendy & Mark Menz Beth Draper Craig Hanlon Rachel & Will Curtin Jennifer DineroPie CDawn WhalenReppAnthony Brown PharmacyW.GCarole DescovichMauBryan LangSylviLouie's Texas Red HotsJulieMcCarville Insurance AgencyMauDenise & Arnold Miller

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Donations are current through 4/30/2022

OPHS Post Prom Donations (continued)



\$20.23 Club:

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

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

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

\$20.25 Club:

Michelle & Andrew Slotman Tara & Dennis Nahabetian Erin Mastroianni Amy Gottstine Maureen & Joe Quagliana

General Donations:

Anne & Edward Draves Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty Sylvie Cuvelle

Donations are current through 4/30/2022





OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:

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



DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the summer program is available on the district web site, <u>www.opschools.org</u>. All line assignment numbers are currently taken, however please call 209-6295 beginning Monday, May 16th to see if there are any available spots.



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

The next 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course will be held at the Orchard Park High School on:

• Monday, August 8th from 9:00am -2:00pm.

You must 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.



Orchard Park Special Education

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What is a SEPTSA?

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

Save the dates!

Monthly meeting dates & times for 2022: JANUARY 19, 2022 | 6:30 pm* FEBRUARY 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm* MARCH 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm* APRIL 20, 2022 | 6:30 pm* MAY 18, 2022 | 6:30 pm* JUNE 15, 2022 | 6:30 pm*

Please email OPSEPTSA@gmail.com for Zoom link.

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

Not a member yet?

Attend one of the meetings. Bring a friend. Learn more about this group at opseptsa.org

Membership Benefits

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

Ready to join?

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



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