

# QUAKER PTO NEWS



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL



### *Happy New Year!*

As we begin 2024, we have so much to look forward to as a school community. We are almost half way through our school year, so many students are hitting their stride both academically and socially. Our clubs and activities have been in full swing. Many have worked extremely hard from fundraising, to supporting local charities, to representing our school on the fields, courts, mats, and ice. Students have found new and exciting interests, and are able to explore those areas both in the classroom, and through exciting field trip opportunities.

Our exam week is coming up the week of January 22nd. *Please make sure you begin preparing for these exams by studying now, even if only for 15-20 minutes per day.* Research shows that studying a little each day allows us to retain information longer and clearer than if we were to wait and have lengthy sessions only a couple days prior. Students will need to think about their transportation needs during that week as they will need to sign up for their bussing needs. All information regarding exam week will be shared over the next two weeks. Students can now see their exam schedules in their portal - click "Exam Schedule" on the left side action bar. Any conflicts can be adjusted by visiting the House 2 Office.

We hope the winter weather continues to stay mild as we look forward to all the great things that lie ahead for OPHS in 2024. Thank you, and Go Quakers!



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *It's never too late to join the PTO!*
- *Open 2023-2024 PTO Positions*

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# PTO MEETING

## PTO Meeting Dates 2024

Note: Meetings will take place In-person In the LMC Library on the 2nd floor of the high school. Please join the PTO via the Membership Toolkit website to ensure the emails are sent tot you!

*Post Prom meetings will be held at 6pm before each meeting except where otherwise noted.*

Monday, January 29, 2024 - 7PM

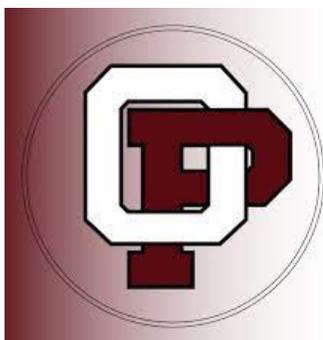
Monday February 26, 2024 - 7PM

Monday, March 25, 2024 - 7PM

Monday, April 29, 2024 - 7PM

**\*\*Monday, May 20, 2024 - 6PM (Post Prom Meeting at 7PM)**

\*\* Please note time change from standard meeting schedule

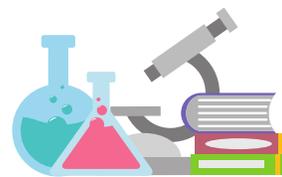


**Please Click the OP logo  
above to view our  
OP High School Calendar of  
Events & important dates!**



## PTO Volunteer Opportunities

The OPHS PTO is looking for a volunteer to chair the staff appreciation lunch this month! Ask a few friends, & you can chair the event together! No experience necessary! Contact Jen Domzalski, Nomination Chair, at [jmdomzalski@hotmail.com](mailto:jmdomzalski@hotmail.com) if you are interested!



The PTO is looking for a chairperson for the Society of Science Scholars induction reception. The event will take place on March 26th. The induction starts at 6:30 with a reception to follow. You will be in charge of the reception. This event is similar to the National Honor Society, the World Languages Honor Society, and the Tri-M Music Honor Society induction receptions.

Contact Jen Domzalski, Nomination Chair, at [jmdomzalski@hotmail.com](mailto:jmdomzalski@hotmail.com) if you are interested!

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## PTO Newsletter Submissions

Anyone wishing to submit information for the newsletter should email [ophspto@gmail.com](mailto:ophspto@gmail.com) by the 25th 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, .jpeg images, and PDFs. If you'd like us to format your information for you, just send the text and let us know to format.

Thank you!



Please support our Orchard Park High School PTO!

- Never any obligation
- Your membership of just \$5 supports so much
- Enjoy our added communications all year long
- Volunteer opportunities

***We need you!***

Click on the link below and join today!

**JOIN!**

## OPHS PTO Facebook Page Information

***Please join the OPHS PTO Facebook page!***

It's a convenient way to find out what's going on at the High School, stay informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities and stay updated on other information important for high school parents.

To join, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394/>

or enter "Orchard Park High School PTO" in the search box on Facebook.

***\*\* Please be sure to answer the "membership questions" prior to submitting your request to join the page! \*\****



**RAISE SOME DOUGH**  
*Help support us!*

25% of sales will benefit  
ORCHARD PARK PARENT-TEACHERS ORGANIZATION INC

January 12, 2024  
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT  
3995 N Buffalo Rd, Orchard Park, NY

In Cafe • Drive-Thru • Pick-Up • Delivery  
Enter promo code FUND4U at online checkout.

**Panera**  
FUNDRAISING



## PTO Event Dates OPHS 2024

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Staff Appreciation Lunch</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Post Prom Meeting</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>PTO Meeting</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>Winter Homecoming</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Post Prom Meeting</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>PTO Meeting</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Post Prom Meeting</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>PTO Meeting</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Society of Science Scholars Reception</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 11</b>	<b>Tri-M Music Reception</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>World Language Honor</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>Post Prom Meeting</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>PTO</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>NHS Reception</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>PTO Meeting</b>	<b>6pm**</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>Post Prom Meeting</b>	<b>7pm**</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 22</b>	<b>Underclass awards</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>Senior Picnic</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>Post Prom</b>	<b>Late night</b>

\*\* Please note time change from standard meeting schedule to avoid STAP-COMM conflict

# POST PROM



## **The Post Prom Party Is the largest PTO event of the year.**

It will be held on June 1, 2024 immediately following prom. The Post Prom Party is a *safe*, alcohol-free event for OPHS Seniors and their prom dates. 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 enjoy entertainment, refreshments, and prizes.

In 2023, the PTO gave away more than \$10,000 In prizes and more than \$2000 In cash, with one lucky senior winning the Grand Prize of \$2023!

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 begins **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.

## *DONATE*

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

\$20.24	2024 Club (2025-2027 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, NY 14127

You can sign up to become a member of the Post Prom Committee through your membership Toolkit Account.

**The second Post Prom Committee meeting will be held Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:00PM.**

# OPHS Post Prom Donations

thank you

## Superintendent's Club

### \$20.24 Club

Peggy Tronolone  
Robin Heer  
Juliette Reashor  
Katherine Mellown  
Tammy Vitko-Woods  
Nicole Avitahl-Curtis  
Julie Murphy  
Sheila Eagan  
Pamela Rauh  
Jill Spitz  
Mike Rozic  
Laura Bosinski  
Kelly Connors  
Monica Blake  
Lisa Henrich  
Tamara Papke  
Erin Homer  
Lisa Gioia  
Tara Rains  
Christine Cleary  
Alexandra Passarell  
Michelle Bouton  
Tara Campise  
Shannon Fisher  
Suzanne Houlihan  
Sharon Azurin  
Chris Popek  
Danielle & Timothy Lango  
Ruben Sivanesan  
Michelle & Bill Roberts  
Donna & Kevin Aylsworth

Deanna McDonald  
Tammy Vitko-Woods  
Valerie Venturo  
Lisa Esler-Brauer  
Christina & Nestor  
Hernandez  
Barbra Lesh  
Tonya Bowman  
Ann Fischer

### \$20.25 Club

Keiko Papaj  
Nicole Avitahl-Curtis  
Jill Pawlowski  
Danielle Schwanekamp  
Nancy DeBroka  
Jennifer Coyle  
Jennifer Breitwieser  
Cristi & Kevin Occek

### \$20.26 Club

Jill Pawlowski  
Erin Homer  
Jennifer Breitwiesen  
Shannon Dommer

## Principal's Club

Erica Patterson  
Lisa Renn  
Kristin Dudlish  
Kristen Casto  
Tara Campise  
Kate Camalleri

### \$20.27 Club

Tammy Vitko-Woods  
Sarah Rera  
Kimesha Northway  
Theodore Wadeline  
Rebecca Jubulis  
Anne Dintino  
Kerry Steinagle  
Lisa Hanna  
Cristi Occek  
Cristi & Kevin Occek  
Nancy & Bryan DeBroka

## General Donations

Valerie Velasquez  
Jennifer Sippel

\*List current through October 9th, 2023



## College Counseling Information

- College Application season is underway! Students must fill out a [Transcript Request Form](#) for each college application completed. Please give your teachers and counselors at least two weeks notice when requesting transcripts and letters of recommendations. Common deadlines and Transcript Request Form due dates can be found [here](#) on the [School Counseling page](#) of the high school website.
- The NYS TAP application is open for the 2024-2025 academic year. Students who will be attending college in the Fall of 2024 and want to get a jump start on the NYS financial aid process should apply. Click [here](#) for more information.
- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available in December. The exact date has not been released yet. Click [here](#) for more information.
- The High School Counseling Department hosts a Google Classroom for each grade level. Ask your child to log in and check out the latest announcements.

**Check out the [School Counseling page](#) of the high school website. It includes a variety of resources for students and parents.**



**OPHS  
DRIVER  
EDUCATION**

## **DRIVER EDUCATION**

Information on the Winter/Spring 2024 session of Driver Education is available on the district web site, [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org)

Currently, all line assignment numbers for this session are taken. Please call 209-6295 beginning January 8th to see if any spots have become available.

### **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, February 5 & 7, 2024 6:30-9:00pm**

*You must attend both sessions, be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit.*

There is a \$40.00 fee. Sign up and pay online at [www.opschools.org/communityed](http://www.opschools.org/communityed) or register in person at the Community Education Office (cash or make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District).

**Call 209-6295 for more Information!**



# 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 are always looking for new volunteers to grow our group. The more people we have, the more we can do. If you would like more information or want to get involved, please contact Tim Fischer (President) at Timmyfish8@yahoo.com.

Scan our QR to visit our website, register, and pay online for membership.

[www.quakerboosters.com](http://www.quakerboosters.com).

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

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

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

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

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

I would like to add my name to your volunteer list. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

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

Membership Levels: White \$25.00  
Maroon \$50.00  
Silver \$100.00  
Platinum \$200.00  
Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Checks payable to : QUAKER ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB  
OPHS Main Office  
4040 Baker Road  
Orchard Park, NY 14127

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# OPHS PTO Membership

Instructions to Join Using Membership Toolkit Online



The PTO 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.)



## Creating a Membership Toolkit

1. Go to <https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com>
  2. Click "Register/Login" button
  3. "Create Account" button on right side underneath "New User?"
  4. Provide first & last name, email, create password, click "Verify MyEmail"
  5. Go to email and "Verify My Email"
  6. Enter password on verification screen and click "Create Account"
  7. Click on "Step 1: Family Information"
    - Provide/Confirm requested Information
    - "Next Step"
  8. Proceed to "Student Information"
    - Click "Add Student" to enter your first OPHS child's name and grade.
    - Do NOT enter Classroom Teacher
    - Click "I have another student" to add additional OPHS children to your profile. **Click "Save"**.
  9. Click on "Step 2: Directory Publish Preferences"
    - You can choose which Information to share in the directory by unchecking boxes. **Click "Save"**.
  10. Click on "PTO Membership 2023-2024" 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 donation amount under "**General Fund Donation**". Add to cart and checkout.
    - If you choose to make an **optional donation to the Post Prom Party**, you will have the option to do so on the Checkout screen.
      - You will receive a message that says: "Note: You have not completed the following optional forms. You should consider reviewing before completing your transaction: Post Prom Donation 2023-2024"
      - Click the link that says "Click Here" to view multiple donation options
      - You may either select a predetermined amount, or make a donation of your own choosing. Add to cart.
      - Proceed to Checkout
- For any store purchase, you can pay online through your PayPal account or using credit or debit card or mail a check or cash to "OPHS PTO, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127."