

QUAKER 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 have had parents working daily in the foyer selling tickets for the upcoming musical "Sister Act." Tickets are selling fast and without their dedication we would be hard pressed to provide such an excellent level of accessibility and service to the ticket buying public. Additionally, parents recently manned the coat check and served refreshments at the Winter Homecoming dance just to highlight a few.

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 special place to work and learn. Unfortunately, at times, this hard work takes place without the recognition it deserves. More often though, those volunteering 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, 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

- There's still time to join the PTO
- Post Prom Fundraisers
- PTO Open Positions
- SAT test taking info
- Thanks for all those who've pitched in to help with time, donations, & support!

HELP!!!!!!

The Post Prom Committee has set a fundraising goal of \$7000 to be raised before May 31st. Help us make Post Prom a great event for our seniors!



If you would like to make a donation, please use the form contained in this newsletter or go to the Membership Toolkit Store.






SAVE THE DATES!!!

Coming Soon: RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING NIGHTS to benefit Post Prom!

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

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

Upcoming Fundraising Nights - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

	Monday, March 9 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.
	Tuesday, March 31 st 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Show the attached flyer – hard copy or electronic version both okay. Online orders will NOT count.
	Tuesday, April 7 th 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.
	Thursday, April 23 rd All day Flyer coming soon– hard copy or electronic version both okay.
	Wednesday, April 29 th All day No need to show flyer!

All required flyers are available at

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

And don't forget about the BW's Chicken & Ribs BBQ on May 19th!



Fundraiser to support Post Prom

Where: 3229 Southwestern Boulevard, Orchard Park, NY 14127

When: Tuesday, March 9, 2020

From: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Bring this flyer, show an electronic version, or mention it to the cashier when you place your order and a portion of the proceeds will go to Post Prom.

If you're ordering online, put "Fundraiser" in the notes section.



HELP SUPPORT

ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL PTO

WHERE 3995 N Buffalo Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127

WHEN Tues, Mar 31st

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?*

Enter **"PRFUND"** as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

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* Gift card purchases, catering, kiosk and third party delivery orders are excluded and will not count toward the event.
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SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Orchard Park High School PTO Post Prom. Come in to the Chipotle at **4405 Milestrip Road** in Buffalo on **Tuesday, April 7th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. 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 High School PTO Post Prom.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



Post Prom FUNDRAISER NIGHT!!!

Wednesday, April 29th

4 p.m. – 10 p.m.

NO FLYER NEEDED!

Please come out and show your support!



PTO MEMBERSHIP:

It's NEVER Too Late To Join!!

Attention parents of seniors: you will not be able to volunteer at the senior picnic or post prom if you are not a PTO member. The PTO Membership Drive is the **ONLY** fundraiser for the PTO General Fund. Your \$5.00 Membership Fee helps the PTO support the students and staff of the High School. Less than 25% of High School families have joined so far. Please help us increase this percentage! See pages 12-14 for sign-up details. Thank you!

If you joined the PTO by submitting a paper membership form, your contact information was entered into Membership Toolkit, the PTO's new communication, donation, volunteering, and tracking system. Once your contact information is entered, you should receive an invitation to create a Membership Toolkit account. Please accept the invitation and follow the directions so that you can volunteer, donate, etc. online in the future. Creating a Membership Toolkit account is the **ONLY** way to establish your directory preferences (like hiding your home address, etc.).



If you do not receive an invitation after submitting a paper membership form, please contact Natalie Lesh Schaffer at natalielesh2.o@gmail.com. Once you create a Membership Toolkit account, you will not need to do it again throughout your student's time at OPHS. Thank you!

Post Prom Party

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 6, 2020 after Prom.

The next meeting is on March 30th at 6 pm.

You do not need to have a senior student to attend or to be involved!

We hope to see you there!

PTO News & Information



Click the Facebook logo to get to our group



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



PTO MEETINGS 2019-20

All meetings are held at **7pm in the OP high school Media Center II room** (inside the library on the second floor)

3/30

4/27

6/1

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 before every PTO meeting at 6pm (same location).**

"Many hands make light work"
John Heywood

**Next Post Prom Meeting
March 30th at 6pm**

OPHS CALENDAR

3/5 Spring College Night—6:30pm

3/12 Musical—7pm

3/13 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
Musical—7pm

3/14 Musical—7pm

3/15 Musical—2pm

3/16 Superintendent's Conference
Day—No School

3/23 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm

3/30 Post Prom Meeting—6pm
PTO Meeting—7pm

4/10—4/19 Spring Recess—
No School

4/22 Collegiate Athletic Signing—
3pm

4/27 Post Prom Meeting—6pm
PTO Meeting—7pm
STAP Comm Meeting—7pm

4/29 World Language Induction
Ceremony—7pm

4/30 Orchard Park Pride Night—
6:15pm-9:30pm

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!



OPEN HIGH SCHOOL PTO POSITIONS 2020 - 2021

Vice President / President-Elect

Assists the President; runs meetings in the absence of the President; prepared to be President in the 2022-2023 school year.

Treasurer

Maintains the financial records of the PTO; pays bills; makes deposits; prepares the annual budget.

Secretary

Takes minutes of the PTO meetings and submits them for publication in the monthly newsletter.

Fall Homecoming Coat Check Chair

Sets up the Coat Check area and supervises the Coat Check volunteers. A “shadow” chair by a parent of a current 8th grader would be great next year as the current chairs can continue next year but are getting ready to move on from the HS.

Winter Homecoming Coat Check Chair

Sets up the Coat Check area and supervises the Coat Check volunteers. A “shadow” chair by a parent of a current 8th grader would be great next year as the current chairs can continue next year but are getting ready to move on from the HS.

Staff Appreciation Lunch

Plans the Staff Luncheon hosted by the PTO in January every year. A “shadow” chair by a parent of a current 8th grader would be great next year as the current chair can continue next year but is getting ready to move on from the HS.

World Languages Honor Society Induction Reception Chair

Plans refreshments for parents and students following the World Languages Honor Society Induction.

National Honor Society Induction Reception Chair

Plans refreshments for parents and students following the National Honor Society Induction.

Instructional Leader Council Parent Representative (1 position)

Represent the PTO as one of the two parent members of the High School Instructional Leader Council, which deals with curriculum and related matters.



OPEN HIGH SCHOOL PTO POSITIONS 2020 – 2021

Continued

STAP-COMM Parent Representative (3 positions)

Represent the PTO as one of the four parent members of STAP-COMM, the student government of the High School, composed of students, teachers, administrators, and parents.

Senior Class Parent Assistants (2 positions)

Work with the Senior Class Advisors to run the Senior Tie Dye in August and the Senior Picnic in June. **Must be a parent of a current junior, graduating in 2021. This is a one-year position.**

Post Prom Chair

Chair the Post Prom Committee. **Should be a parent of a current junior, graduating in 2021. This is a one-year position.**

Post Prom Chair-Elect

Shadow the Post Prom Chair so that you are prepared to Chair the Committee the following year. **Should be a parent of a current sophomore, graduating in 2022. This is a one-year position.**

Please contact Nominating Chair Kim Schmelzinger at kms5k@aol.com if you are interested in filling any of these positions, or if you would like more information about the responsibilities of any of the positions.

Want to be a High School Booster???



It's not too late to join the PTO!

Cost of Membership: \$5.00

Perks of Membership:

- access to the online and mobile family directory
- ability to volunteer at various HS events
- the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting HS students and staff

Two Ways to Join:

1. Join online

(directions on page 13)

Or

2. Submit the paper membership form

(on page 14)

Thank you for your support!

OPHS PTO Online Membership Directions

Membership dues for the 2019 - 2020 school year are \$5.00 per family.

We are excited to announce that the PTO will be using Membership Toolkit instead of My School Anywhere for our communications, online store, online membership, volunteer signups and directory. Every family will need to create a Membership Toolkit account to join the PTO (or submit the attached form and an account will be created for you).

As with any new tool, we anticipate some growing pains. If you have **ANY** issues, please contact Natalie Lesh Schaffer at natalielesh2.0@gmail.com or 225-0412.

To create a Membership Toolkit account and join the PTO:

1. Go to <https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/> and click the "Register / Log In" button. Click the "Create Account" button on the right side of the page underneath "New User?" Provide your first and last name, email address, create a password and click the "Verify My Email" button
2. Go to your email and click the "Verify My Email" button (check your junk or spam folders if you don't receive it immediately). Enter your password where indicated on the verification screen and click the "Create Account" button
3. Click on "Step 1: Family Information" and provide 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 have to create an account. (You can also invite another parent later.)
4. Proceed to "Step 2: Student Information." Click "Add Student" to enter your first HS child's name and grade. Do not enter Classroom Teacher. Click "I have another student" to add additional HS children to your profile. When all HS children have been entered, **click the "Save" button in the lower right side of the page.**
5. Proceed to "Step 2: Directory Publish Preferences." You can opt out of having your information published in the online directory. 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.
6. Once you have created your account and completed your profile, please visit the Store to join the PTO. While you're joining the PTO, you can also make a donation to the PTO General Fund or to Post Prom. For any store purchase, you can pay online through your Paypal account or mail a check or cash to the PTO.
7. You can also visit the Volunteer page to sign up for events scheduled in the first half of the school year. The sign up for PTO events later in the school year will be posted at the appropriate time.

OPHS PTO Membership Form

As an alternative to joining the PTO online (see previous page for instructions), you can complete this form and an online account will be created for you. Please bring the completed form and your payment to the PTO table at one of the Open House nights (September 11th and 19th) or mail the form and your payment to:

OPHS
Attn: PTO
4040 Baker Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Email Address: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

High School Child / Children's Names and Grades:

☐ I WANT to be included in the online directory but wish to **keep the following information private** (circle all that apply): phone number, email address, home address, second parent's information, and/or child(s) name and grade(s).

☐ I do NOT want to be included in the online directory at all.

Membership Dues	<u>\$5.00</u>
Post Prom Donation	_____
(see attached Post Prom page for information about donations)	
PTO General Fund Donation	_____
Total	_____

Check One: Cash _____ Check # _____

First Half of the Year Volunteer Opportunities (check all that interest you):

<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Tie Dye (8/28)	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Breakfast (8/29)
<input type="checkbox"/> Open House Membership Table (or)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Homecoming Dance (9/28)
<input type="checkbox"/> Post Prom Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Donate Baked Goods (all year)



2019 – 2020 OPHS PTO Events

March

Monday, March 30	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 30	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

April

TBD	World Language Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

May

Friday, May 15	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.

June

Monday, June 1	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 1	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 5	Senior Picnic	Morning
Sunday, June 7	Post Prom	12 a.m. – 3 a.m.



2019 – 2020 OPHS PTO Post Prom Information

Post Prom is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held this year at midnight on June 6, 2020, immediately following Prom. The Post Prom party is a safe, drug and alcohol-free event for OP Seniors and their Prom dates. OP Seniors do not need to attend Prom in order to attend Post Prom.

Last year, almost 400 students attended Post Prom. 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. This year's grand prize will be \$2020.

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 volunteer** in some capacity. Donors are recognized in the monthly PTO Newsletter. You do not need to be the parent of a senior to volunteer – all are welcome!

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

\$ 20.20	2020 Club (2021, 2022, and 2023 Club levels also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity Sponsor

You can make your donation online through your Membership Toolkit account or you can mail a donation to:

OPHS
Attn: PTO Post Prom
4040 Baker Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127

You can sign up to be a member of the Post Prom Committee through your Membership Toolkit account or through your paper membership form. Additionally, you can contact Post Prom Chair Barb Fowler at bfowler88@gmail.com if you are interested.

The next Post Prom meeting will be held on March 30th at 6pm in Library Media II.

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Sherry Major
Michele Chapuis
Christine Tinnesz
Lisa Sharp
Patricia Harrigan
Debbi Filipski
Nicole Zelasko
Cathleen & James Dunlop
Ann & Tim Fischer
Shannon Dommer
Julie & R. Kevin Klass
Orchard Park Pediatrics

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Nicole Zelasko



Community Sponsor (\$150):

M. Purtill Plumbing

Principal's Club (\$50):

Robin Piscitelli
Jeanne Hellert
Debbie Leach
Jennifer Higgins

\$20.20 Club:

Kelly Houseman
Jean Masman
Dori Sajdak
Michelle Knavel
Robin Jubulis
Donna Donohue
Jack Wellington
Laurie Morris
Sheila Eagan
Caren Chaffee
Joanne McClintock
Sarah McBride
Janet Conley
MaryAnn DiSimone
Molly Heraty
Kate Taggart
Kimberly Schmelzinger
Christina Wojciechowski
Donna Malik-Buckley
Jill Norvilitis
Jill Hill
Martha Delozier
Sharon Azurin
Barbara Dojnik
Sheila Barnes
Amy Jablonski
Zeina Williams

Susan Luchowski
Lisa Taips
Lynn Larkin
Wendy Gloss
Ellen Gibson
Jacqueline & Joseph Ippolito
Zeina & Paul Williams
Wolf Agency
Anthony Brown Pharmacy
Pace & Pace
Resolve Studio
Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty
Frederick Law Offices
Bieler Janitorial Services
Maureen Casey, DDS
Danny's South
Benzinger's Clothing Care
McCarville Insurance Agency
Great Erie FCU
Connie & Brian Buynacek
Kim Schmelzinger
Lorraine & Russ Bieler
Dipson Theaters
Schutz Optical Co. Inc.
Vision Care Technology SUNY Erie
Buffalo Sports Garden

Gift Card Donors:

Paula's Donuts
Nino's Pizza
Uncle Joe's Diner
Alton's
V.N. Nails

General Post Prom Donations:

Dori Sajdak
Sheri Carter
Jennifer Warnes
Tracy Burger
Amy Zboch
Denise Day
Kristi Prince
Barbara Hanlon
Kelly Zarbo
Margaret Stuhr
Charmaine Cwick
Gina Forcucci
Susan Puskar
Danielle Moran
Elizabeth Klenke
Janelle Milliken
Joe Ademec
Melissa Haak
Leo's Pizzeria

\$20.21 Club:

Lisa Gioia
Kristen Mazur
Lisa Hanna
Kim Kamis
Susan Heard
Ann Chojnacki
Natalie Schaffer
Colleen Nielsen
Holly & Chris Nelson
Maureen & Joe Quagliana

\$20.22 Club:

Maura Watson
Kimberly Schmelzinger
Jody Magner
Susan Heard

\$20.23 Club:

Molly Heraty
Zeina & Paul Williams

Donations are current through 2/29/2020



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DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the summer program will be available in March on the district web site, www.opschools.org. All students must pre-register on-line. Registration dates and times will be listed. Please call 209-6295 with any questions.

5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

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

Monday & Wednesday, May 11 & 13, 2020 from 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both sessions and be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There is a \$30.00 fee, submitted to the instructor (make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District). Sign up at the Community Education Office or call 209-6295.



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SAT PREP COURSE

Orchard Park Community Education will be offering an **SAT Prep Course**. The course begins the week of March 23rd. The fee is \$150 and includes the review book for the 5 week course that meets two evenings per week. Please register at the Community Education office or mail in the registration form and payment. The registration form can be found on the district website, www.opschools.org, under Community Education and in the virtual backpack for the High School. Please register by March 9th.

SAT TEST DATES 2019-2020

SAT – SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST

OPHS – CEEB Code 334-325 /Test Center Code: 33-738

(Administered at OPHS in November and May)

- Learn about and Register for the SAT at: www.collegeboard.org REGISTRATION is NOT done through OPHS-- (online only at above site. You must make a student account which takes about 20-30 minutes, unless you already have one from taking the PSAT or an AP course).
- Call 866-756-7346 or 888-SAT-HELP if you are having problems (Be prepared to be on hold!)
- Fees: \$49.50 without essay section/\$64.50 with essay section/Subject tests \$26.00 Payable by credit card online when you register. For more information, click here: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees>

SAT Test Dates and Deadline 2019-20- Register online at: www.collegeboard.org

Saturday Test Date	Normal Registration Deadline	Late Registration	Potential Online Score Release
March 14th **No Subject tests	February 14th	March 3rd	March 27-31st
May 2nd At OPHS	April 3rd	April 21st	May 15-20th
June 6th	May 8th	May 27th	July 15-17th

Any questions, see your counselor or Mrs. Montesano. GOOD LUCK!!!



Need to raise an issue???

OPHS has three Shared Decision Making (SDM) committees that address student, staff, building, and curriculum issues.

STAP-COMM: The High School's student government, composed of students, teachers, administrators, and parents. This group addresses student issues.

Parent reps: Pam Rauh pamelamrauh@gmail.com, Robin Jubulis robinjubulis@yahoo.com, and Michelle Bouton, michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER COUNCIL: Composed of an elected chairperson from each HS department, high school administrators, school related professionals, parents, and a business representative. This group addresses issues pertaining to curriculum and instruction.

Parent rep: Janet Conley, jeconley@me.com, and Laura Kelly, latjkelly@gmail.com.

BUILDING EFFECTIVENESS TEAM: Composed of elected members from the Teachers Association and School Related Professionals Association, high school administrators, parents, and a business representative. This group addresses contractual issues pertaining to the welfare of the school; student and staff welfare and morale; the physical condition of the building; and improvement of the school.

Parent reps: Maura Watson, jdng6@yahoo.com, Kim Kamis kimkamis1@yahoo.com.

If you have an issue you would like raised at any of these committees, please contact the parent rep or fill out the attached form and submit it to the Main Office. The form can also be found at: <https://www.opschools.org/domain/84>.

Orchard Park High School Shared Decision Making Committees Parent Input Form

OPHS SDM committees consist of school administrators, teachers, parents and community members who meet monthly to discuss high school policies, curriculum and event planning.

Item of Concern/Interest/Issue:

Background of the issue (what has been done). Check all that apply:

Spoke with: ☐Teacher _____ ☐Counselor _____ ☐Administrator _____

Your recommendations for solution/outcome:

Name (required): _____ **Date:** _____

☐Individual Concern _____ ☐Group Concern _____

To be completed following the meeting:

Action (summary): _____