

QUAKER PTO NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF THE PTO PRESIDENT

Hello, OPHS!

With fall weather officially here, OPHS is wrapping up the first quarter of school. In the coming days you should be receiving your child's report card which will be available on the Parent Portal. This may be a good time to have conversations with your child about how they have felt things are going, if there are areas that they should be more focused on, or if there are conversations that should be had with their teachers sooner than later. Parents can also keep track of their students' progress by accessing the PowerSchool Parent Portal via the OPCSD website (<https://powerschool.opschools.org>).

You may have noticed something new in your inbox the past few Saturday mornings! The Quaker Gazette is a weekly publication that highlights some of the items that occur day to day here at OPHS. In the Gazette you will also find links to information, reminders of important dates and student deadlines that are coming up. Providing parents with both the PTO newsletter and The Quaker Gazette, our hope is to keep you fully informed of the many amazing things our PTO supports, as well as opportunities to join and volunteer at various events throughout the year.

While this time of year can become hectic, I am reminded daily by our students through their smiles in the morning, casual conversations about what they're excited about, and stories about projects they're working on, that OPHS is a very special place. I hope you find opportunities to see and hear the great activities our students are partaking in by attending a concert, play, sporting event, or reading the PTO Newsletters or The Quaker Gazette.

Please enjoy the upcoming holiday season, and "Go Quakers!"

Mr. Brandon Pafk, OPHS Principal

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

OPHS PTO



Dear High School Parents:

Welcome, or Welcome Back!

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and that you are excited that your child is back at school. The OPHS PTO is looking forward to supporting the students, teachers, staff, and families and returning to our schedule of events and activities for the year! Towards this end, we hope that you will consider getting Involved. Here are a few ways to do that:



Join the PTO!

Membership is only \$5 and can be done quickly and easily online, through Membership Toolkit. Instructions for joining online can be found in this newsletter. Emails related to PTO-sponsored events, activities, and other volunteer opportunities are sent to members through Membership Toolkit website, and members have access to the online directory of PTO member families. You can choose to volunteer IF you wish to!

Never any pressure...we really just appreciate your membership!

Join the Orchard Park High School PTO Facebook Page



We use the page to keep parents informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and we share other information important for high school parents. The page can be found here:

or by searching "Orchard Park High School PTO" on Facebook.

PTO Meetings

We meet in the LMC (Library) in the back room. It is located on the 2nd floor across from the House 2 office. A list of meeting dates is included in this newsletter. We meet on the last Monday of the month, however, due to holidays, we may need to adjust.

We do not meet in December.



PTO Newsletter

Stay informed! The monthly PTO Newsletter is available on the OPHS website. Click on "Parent Resources" and then "PTO". The newsletter contains information about events at the high school, requests for volunteers, and important information about various department events and activities. An email is sent out when the newsletter is posted.

Volunteer

As volunteer opportunities become available throughout the year, they will be communicated through the PTO newsletter, emails, and Facebook page.

We hope you have had a wonderful start to the school year!

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PTO MEETING

PTO Meeting Dates 2023 -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, November 27, 2023 – 7PM

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! Ask a few friends, & you can chair the event together! No experience necessary!
Contact Jen Domzalski, Nomination Chair, at 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 if you are interested!

PTO Newsletter Submissions

Anyone wishing to submit information for the newsletter should email **ophsppto@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, .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!



Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

**ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL
PTO- POST PROM**

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

3460 Amelia Dr, Orchard Park, NY 14127
November 28, 2023*

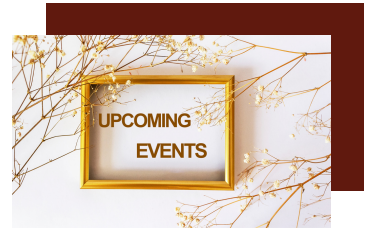
If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

Red Robin





PTO Event Dates OPHS 2023 - 2024

Monday	Nov 27	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Monday	Nov 27	PTO Meeting	7pm
Friday	Jan 26	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day
Monday	Jan 29	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Monday	Jan 29	PTO Meeting	7pm
Saturday	Feb 3	Winter Homecoming	7:00pm
Monday	Feb 26	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Monday	Feb 26	PTO Meeting	7pm
Monday	Mar 25	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Monday	Mar 25	PTO Meeting	7pm
Thursday	April 11	Tri-M Music Reception	7pm
Thursday	April 18	World Language Honor	7pm
Monday	April 29	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Monday	April 29	PTO	7pm
Friday	May 10	NHS Reception	7pm
Monday	May 20	PTO Meeting	6pm**
Monday	May 20	Post Prom Meeting	7pm**
Wednesday	May 22	Underclass awards	7pm
Friday	May 31	Senior Picnic	
Saturday	June 1	Post Prom	Late night

** 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

\$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

Superintendent's Club

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

\$20.26 Club

Jill Pawlowski
Erin Homer
Jennifer Breitwiesen
Shannon Dommer

Principal's Club

Erica Patterson
Lisa Renn
Kristin Dudish
Kristen Casto
Tara Campise

\$20.27 Club

Tammy Vitko-Woods
Sarah Rera
Kimesha Northway
Theodore Wadeline
Rebecca Jubulis
Anne Dintino
Kerry Steinagle
Lisa Hanna
Cristi Oczek

General Donations

Valerie Velasquez
Jennifer Sippel

*List current through October 9th, 2023

DRIVER EDUCATION

Check the district website for information on the Winter/Spring session of Driver Education.



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Courses will be held on the following dates in Room 115 at the Orchard Park High School:

Monday & Wednesday, December 4 & 6, 2023 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 \$40.00 fee.

Sign up and pay online on the district website under 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.

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! *****





OPHS STAP Comm is kicking off its annual Roswell Adopt-a-Family program to help provide a special holiday for a family affected by cancer. A **gift card** and **monetary donation** collection will run from **November 1st-17th**; please consider donating to this important cause!

Below is a flyer outlining the sought-after gift cards.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



DEAR ORCHARD PARK COMMUNITY,

OPHS STAP COMM IS CONTINUING THE TRADITION OF "ADOPTING" A FAMILY AFFLICTED BY CANCER AND PROVIDING THEM WITH A SAFE AND MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS. THIS YEAR WE HAVE A FAMILY OF 6 TO HELP!

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO ANY CLUBS, TEAMS, HOMEROOMS, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS OR BY PURCHASING GIFT CARDS AS WE WORK TO PROVIDE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR THIS FAMILY. WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIFT CARD DONATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: WEGMANS, TOPS, WALMART, TARGET, AMAZON, ULTA, KOHL'S, ALDI, SUNOCO, FIVE BELOW, HOME DEPOT, FAMILY DOLLAR, BATH & BODY WORKS, & RESTAURANTS – VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

WE ASK THAT ALL GIFT CARD DONATIONS (DROP OFF AT ANY HOUSE OFFICE OR RM 163) BE RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**. PLEASE CONTACT:



ANNIE HENRICH/REESE POLITOWSKI (HR 163) OR
MR. BOVE (ABOVE@OPSCHOOLS.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS!

THANK YOU!





IMPORTANT!

College Counseling Information

- The High School Counseling department met with the Junior and Senior classes the first week of school for the Fall College Assembly. A plethora of information related to the **college planning process** including SATs, recommendations, athletics, applications, financial aid, SCOR, and much more was discussed.
- The Western New York Collegiate Consortium of Disability Advocates will be hosting a college night for students with disabilities interested in learning about the transition from high school to college. The event will take place at Daemen University on *October 17th, 2023*. Colleges and agencies that support this transition across the state will present valuable information. Please visit the [WNYCCDA](#) website for details and registration information.
- OPHS is a test center for the October ACT, November SAT, May SAT, and June ACT. Please visit the [ACT](#) and [SAT](#) websites for details and registration information.
- The High School Counseling department hosts a Google Classroom for each grade level. *Ask your child to login 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.**
- The Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship application will be available the week of October 9th. Each year, two OPHS seniors are chosen to receive a \$10,000 annual scholarship valued at \$40,000 over four years. Applicants must have a GPA of 90% or above, have 4 credits of math and science, and have participated in at least one season of athletics at OPHS. Additional information and the application are available on the Scholarships-Class of 2024 Google Classroom. All seniors have access to this classroom



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.

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



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."