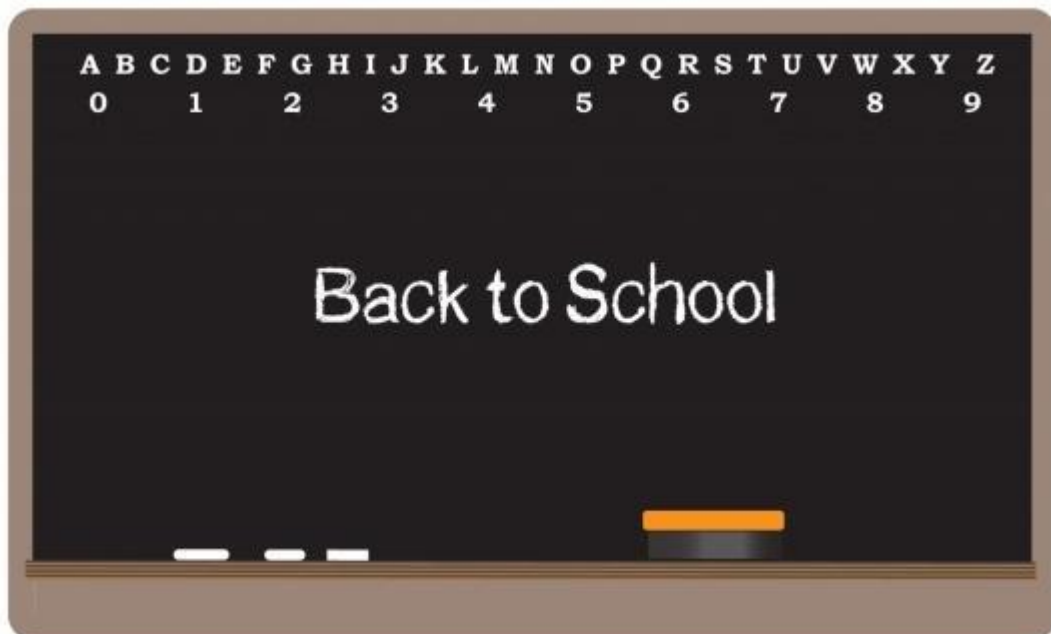




Orchard Park High School PTO

Welcome Back Packet 2024 - 2025



Dear High School Parents:

Welcome or welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and that you are excited that your child will soon be heading back to school. The **PTO is looking forward to supporting the students, teachers, staff and families and returning to our schedule of events and activities for the year!** *We hope that you will consider getting involved.* Here are a few ways to do that:

Join

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 packet.** **Emails related to PTO-sponsored events, activities, and volunteer opportunities are sent to members through the Membership Toolkit website, and members have access to the online directory of all PTO member families. You can choose to volunteer IF you wish too - never any pressure, we just really 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: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394/> or by searching "Orchard Park High School PTO" on Facebook.



PTO meetings - We meet at OPHS in the LMC (Library) in the back room, it is located on the second floor across from the House 2 Office. A list of meeting dates is included in this packet. **Our Schedule is usually the last Monday of the month.** We do not meet in December.



Stay informed. Read the **monthly PTO newsletter** available on the HS website (click on "Parent Resources" and then "PTO"). The newsletter contains information about what's happening at the High School, and often contains requests for volunteers. An email will be sent when the newsletter is posted.



Volunteer to help. As volunteer opportunities become available throughout the year, they will be communicated through PTO emails, on the Facebook page, and in the monthly PTO newsletter.

We hope you enjoy the last days of summer!

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Karen Fuentes, Treasurer
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Senior Tie Dye



This year's Senior Tie Dye will take place on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024** between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on the **Baker Road lawn**.

Seniors may come at any time between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm to make their shirts. Students will be asked to **bring \$5 cash** to cover the cost of supplies, which includes a white t-shirt.

The activity will take place outside, under tents, rain or shine.

Senior Parents:

If you are interested in volunteering at this year's Senior Tie Dye, please sign up at:

[SignUp Link for Senior Tie Dye](#)

or contact our Class of 2025 Parent Assistants:

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Joy Higgins Joyhiggs@gmail.com

Jeanne Kornowicz jksportsfan@gmail.com

**Are you the parent of a student who is
new to Orchard Park High School?**



to the OPHS community!

The **New Student/Freshman Orientation** for incoming 9th graders and students new to OPHS is a great opportunity for students to get to know the High School better, meet classmates and check out their class schedules! Only the students should attend!

The New Student / Freshman Orientation

will be held on

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

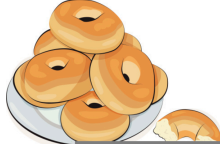
7:00 pm - Student drop off - Check in

From **7-7:50 PM** will be an opportunity to get a new OPHS Chromebook, please bring your old Chromebook and cords to exchange and something to carry these items in (bag, backpack, etc).



As a “***Welcome to OPHS,***” 9th graders and new students will receive a free ice cream at orientation, courtesy of the PTO

Welcome Back Breakfast



The PTO will once again be hosting the **Welcome Back Breakfast** to kickoff the **2024-2025 school year for the Teachers and Staff at OPHS.**

This year, it will take place the morning of **Thursday, August 29.**

As in past years, we are hoping to have some of the breakfast items donated, and the PTO will purchase fruit platters, juice, etc.

The list of breakfast items that are needed can be found here:

[SignUp Link for Welcome Back Breakfast](#)

If you are able to help out by signing up to donate breakfast items, thank you!

Breakfast items can be dropped off to the high school (Baker Road side) the day before, on Wednesday, August 28, or for any early risers, you can bring them over to OPHS between 6:30AM-7AM on August 29th.



Picture Days



Picture Days will be **Wednesday, September 4 and Thursday, September 5.** Pictures will be taken on each student's assigned gym day, and students will be sent to have their pictures taken during their gym period.

Open House



OPHS will offer our traditional OPEN HOUSE opportunity for parents/guardians to experience their student's high school schedule. They will be able to meet the teacher and learn a little bit about the classes they are taking.

This in-person open house will be on:

September 18 from 6:30-8:30PM

Please note this will be the only in person open house this year

Your OPHS PTO will have a table set up in the cafeteria to welcome you and accept your membership the "old fashioned way" for anyone who prefers that (bring \$5 cash or check please)

OPHS will also offer a virtual open house - available on the district website between 9/19 - 10/4

2024 – 2025 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on May 31, 2025 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 past years, almost 400 students have attended the Post Prom Party. The students enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and prizes. In 2024, the PTO gave away more than \$2,000 in prizes and \$3000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2024.

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 **serving on the Post Prom Committee** by coming to a Post Prom meeting or emailing the Post Prom Coordinator. 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:

\$ 20.25	2025 Club (2026, 2027, and 2028 Clubs also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity Sponsor
\$500.00	Premier Raffle 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

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm**
All are welcome to join us to help plan the party! Parents of underclassmen are encouraged to attend as well!

OPHS PTO Membership: **Instructions to Join Using Membership Toolkit Online**



Membership dues for the 2024 - 2025 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 - #10 to create an account and join the PTO.

OR

- If you already have a Membership Toolkit account, please LOG IN and follow steps #7 - #10 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

To join PTO:

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 2024-2025" under "Store & 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."**
- If you choose to make an **optional donation to Post Prom**, please enter your donation amount in the box to the right of the "Post Prom General Donation" under **"General Fund Donation."** There are several other ways to donate to Post Prom listed as well.
 - If you choose a predetermined amount, make your selection for the quantity in the drop down box next to the amount
 - 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."
- Click **"Save and checkout"**
- For any store purchase, you can pay online through your PayPal account or using a credit or debit card or mail a check or cash to "OPHS PTO, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127."

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! *****



PTO Meeting Dates 2024-2025



Note: Meetings will take place in-person in the LMC Library on the 2nd floor of the high school.

Please be certain to join PTO via the Membership Toolkit website to ensure the emails are sent to you!

Monday, September 30, 2024 - 7PM

Monday, October 28, 2024* - 7PM

Monday, November 25, 2024* - 7PM

Monday, January 27, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, February 24, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, March 24, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, April 28, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, May 19, 2025* - 7PM

* Post Prom meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on these dates, beginning in October

PTO Event Dates OPHS 24/25

Tuesday	Aug 27	Senior Tie Dye	10:00am-1:00pm
Wed	Aug 28	New Student/Freshman Orientation	7:00pm
Thurs	Aug 29	Welcome Back Breakfast	7:30am-10:00am
Sat	Sept 28	Fall Homecoming Dance	7:30pm
Monday	Sept 30	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Oct 28	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Oct 28	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Nov 25	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Nov 25	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Fri	Jan 24	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day
Mon	Jan 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Jan 27	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Sat	Feb 1	Winter Homecoming	7:00pm
Mon	Feb 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Feb 24	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Mon	Mar 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Mar 24	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Tues	Mar 25	Science Scholars Reception	6:30pm
Wed	April 9	Tri-M Music Reception	7:00pm
Mon	Apr 28	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	Apr 28	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Thurs	May 1	World Language Honor	7:00pm
Fri	May 9	NHS Reception	7:00pm
Mon	May 19	Post Prom Meeting	6:00pm
Mon	May 19	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Wed	May 21	Underclass Awards	7:00pm
Fri	May 30	Senior Picnic	
Sat	May 31	Post Prom	Late Night

OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons 2024 - 2025

Executive Board			
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Phone Number
President	Jen Domzalski 2024-2026	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	(716) 432-6910
Vice President	Jennifer Kellington 2024-2026	jkellington379@gmail.com	(717) 433-7974
Secretary	Karry Kazial-Backes 2024-2026	karry.kazial@fredonia.edu	(716) 290-6672
Treasurer	Karen Fuentes 2024-2025	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	(310) 251-5635
Events and Chairpersons			
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Staff Contact
Newsletter Editor	OPEN		Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org
Nominating Chair	OPEN		N/A
BET Reps (2)	Jenni Duff 2023-2025 Barbra Lesh 2024-2026	jenniferduff7@yahoo.com doctorbarb33@gmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org
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	Julie Szczublewski 2023-2025	lanoe@aol.com	
	Deborah Kassirer 2024-2026	dkassirer@yahoo.com	
Teacher Rep			N/A

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	Jennifer Kellington 2024-2026	jkellington379@gmail.com	Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Welcome Back Breakfast 8/29/24	PTO Board	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Coat Check 9/28/24	Sarah Rera 2023-2025	sararera@gmail.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Refreshments 9/28/24	Tammy Vitko-Woods 2024-2025	tlvwsmls@icwoods.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org

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National Honor Society Reception 5/09/25	OPEN		Mrs. Karalus lkaralus@opschools.org
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