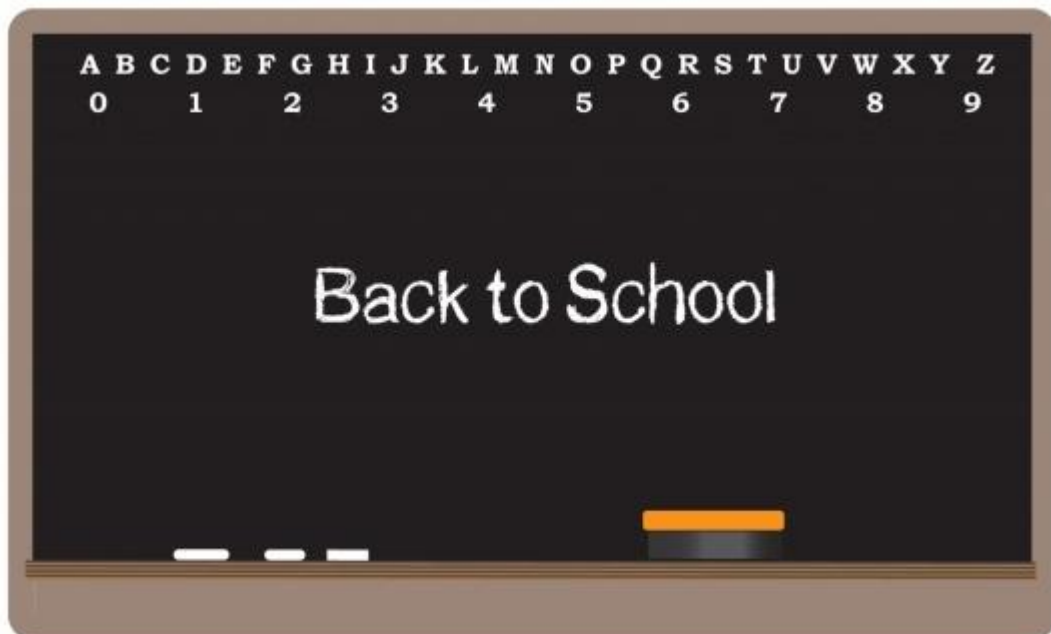




Orchard Park High School PTO

Welcome Back Packet 2023 - 2024



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!** Towards this end, ***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 mainly the last Monday of the month**, however due to holidays, we may need to adjust. This year May's meeting is a bit earlier in 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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Senior Tie Dye



This year's Senior Tie Dye will take place on **Tuesday, August 29, 2023** 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 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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849AFA723A7FB6-senior>

or contact our Class of 2024 Senior Parents:

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Karen Laudico tlaudico@hotmail.com

Pamela Rauh pamelarauh@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!

The New Student / Freshman Orientation

will be held on

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

(Students only)

6:00 pm - Student drop off - Check in

From 6-6:50 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). We are also starting our schoolwide Huddle for Hunger food drive (sponsored by the Buffalo Bills), please consider bringing canned items with you to kick off the year right!

Orientation Program Runs till 8:00PM

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



NEW THIS YEAR:

STAP-COMM is hosting a

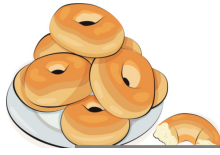
MOVIE NIGHT following the Orientation Program **8:00PM-10:00PM**

Immediately following orientation, STAP Comm (our student government) is hosting a **Welcome to OPHS Movie Night** outdoors on the Baker fields from 8-10PM, there will be drinks, popcorn, and food trucks onsite (Taffy's & House of Munch) to purchase snacks. This event is weather permitting. Make sure to mark your calendars and we hope to see you there, welcome to the OPHS community! *This event is geared for incoming Freshman and New Students*

*Also, for those interested **Quaker Corner** will be selling Welcome Backpacks:*

Welcome Backpacks are a great way to get your new OPHS student ready to represent for the #QuakerNation! Backpacks (\$45) will be sold before Freshman Orientation on August 30, 2023 from 6-7 PM at OPHS. Look for us in the Baker foyer!

Welcome Back Breakfast



The PTO will once again be hosting the **Welcome Back Breakfast** to kickoff the **2023-2024 school year for the Teachers and Staff at OPHS.**

This year, it will take place the morning of **Thursday, August 31.**

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, as well as opportunities to help with set up, can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BAFAE2CA7FC1-ophs>

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

Breakfast items/baked goods can be dropped off to the high school (Baker Road side) the day before, on Wednesday, August 30, or for any early risers, you can bring them over to OPHS at 6:30AM on August 31st.



Picture Day



Picture Days will be **Tuesday, September 5 and Wednesday, September 6.** 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 21 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 - more information will be provided once the school year begins!

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



Membership dues for the 2023 - 2024 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 - #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)



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 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 your donation amount in the box to the right of the "Donation of your choosing" under **"General Fund Donation."**
- Click **"Add to cart and checkout"**
- If you choose to make an **optional donation to Post Prom**, you will have the option to do so on the "Checkout" screen.
 - You will receive a message that states, *"Note: You have not completed the following optional forms. You should consider reviewing them before completing your transaction: Post Prom Donation 2023-2024"*
 - Click the link that says, "click here." This will take you to a page with multiple donation options
 - If you choose a predetermined amount, select the drop down box under "Qty" and make your selection
 - 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 "Add to cart"
 - Click "Proceed to 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."

**** Volunteer opportunities will be posted through the Membership Toolkit as they become available.**

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 2023-2024



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 25, 2023 - 6PM**

Monday, October 30, 2023 * - 7PM

Monday, November 27, 2023* -7PM

Monday, January 26, 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)**

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

** Please note time change from standard meeting schedule

PTO Event Dates OPHS 23/24

Tuesday	Aug 29	Senior Tie Dye	10am-1pm
Wed	Aug 30	New Student/Freshman Orientation	6pm-8:00PM
Thurs	Aug 31	Welcome Back Breakfast	7:30am-10:00am
Sat	Sept 30	Fall Homecoming Dance	7:00pm
Monday	Sept 25	PTO Meeting	6:00pm**
Mon	Oct 30	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Mon	Oct 30	PTO Meeting	7pm
Mon	Nov 27	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Mon	Nov 27	PTO Meeting	7PM
Fri	Jan 26	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day
Mon	Jan 29	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Mon	Jan 29	PTO Meeting	7pm
Sat	Feb 3	Winter Homecoming	7:00PM
Mon	Feb 26	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Mon	Feb 26	PTO Meeting	7pm
Mon	Mar 25	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Mon	Mar 25	PTO Meeting	7pm
Thurs	April 11	Tri-M Music Reception	7pm
Thurs	April 18	World Language Honor	7pm
Mon	Apr 29	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Mon	Apr 29	PTO	7pm
Fri	May 10	NHS Reception	7pm
Mon	May 20	PTO Meeting	6pm**
Mon	May 20	Post Prom Meeting	7pm**
Wed	May 22	Underclass Awards	7pm
Fri	May 31	Senior Picnic	
Sat	June 1	Post Prom	Late Night

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

2023 – 2024 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 1, 2024 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 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.

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

\$ 20.24	2024 Club (2025, 2026, and 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, New York 14127

You can sign up to become a member of the Post Prom Committee through your Membership Toolkit account

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm**

OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons 2023 - 2024

Executive Board			
Position		Email Address	Phone Number
President	Tracy Brege 2022-2024	tracybrege@verizon.net	(716) 472-9496
Vice President	Donna Aylsworth 2023-2024	donna.aylsworth@verizon.net	(716) 866-8295
Secretary	Nicole Avitahl-Curtis 2023-2024	navitahl-curtis@outlook.com	(617) 877-1103
Treasurer	Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	(310) 251-5635
Events and Chairpersons			
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Staff Contact
Newsletter Editor	Anne Daigler 2023-2025 Tara Rains	anne.daigler@gmail.com tara.rains@hotmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org
Nominating Chair	Jen Domzalski 2022-2024	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	N/A
BET Reps (2)	Brenda Cimo 2022-2024 Jenni Duff 2023-2025	brendacimo@yahoo.com jenniferduff7@yahoo.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org
ILC Reps (2)	Chris Popek 2022-2024 Pam Rauh 2022-2024	chrispopek@yahoo.com pamelamrauh@gmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org

STAP-COMM Reps (4)	Kelly Kerl 2023-2025	thekerls@gmail.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org
	Jeanne Kornowicz 2022-2024	jksportsfan@gmail.com	Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
	Ellen Jeffree 2023-2025	shamrocklans@msn.com	
	Julie Szczublewski 2023-2025	lanoe@aol.com	
Teacher Rep	Brett Norvilitis	bnorvilitis@opschools.org	N/A

Position	Name	Email Address	Staff Contact
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	Brenda Cimo 2023-2024	brendacimo@yahoo.com	Mrs. Connors cconnors@opschools.org
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New Student /Freshman Orientation 8/30/23	Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	Dr. Cervoni acervoni@opschools.org
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Welcome Back Breakfast 8/31/23	PTO Board	tracybrege@verizon.net	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Coat Check 9/30/23	Sarah Rera	sararera@gmail.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cconnors@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Refreshments 9/30/23	Tammy Vitko-Woods 2022-2024	tlvwsmiles@icwoods.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cconnors@opschools.org

Staff Appreciation Lunch 1/26/24	OPEN		Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming Coat Check 2/3/24	Sarah Rera 2023-2025	sararera@gmail.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming Refreshments 2/3/24	Nicole Curtis 2022-2024	NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Tri-M Music Honors Reception 4/11/24	Karry Kazial-Backes 2023-2025 Jen Domzalski 2023-2025	karry.kazial@fredonia.edu jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	Mr. Bean SBean@opschools.org
World Language Induction Reception 4/18/24	Erin Reukauf 2023-2025	ecreukauf@gmail.com	Mrs. Holterman KHolterman@opschools.org
National Honor Society Reception 5/10/24	Andrea McGrath 2022-2024 Liz Duckham 2022-2024	andrea.mcgrath@mac.com educkham@gmail.com	Mrs. Karalus lkaralus@opschools.org
Underclass Award Reception 5/22/24	Denise Straitiff 2023-2025	denise.straitiff@gmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org
Post Prom Coordinator ONE YEAR 6/1/24	Committee Chairs Needed (5-7)	Committees will be formed at the October Post Prom Meeting on 10/30/23 at 6PM	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org