

QUAKER NEWS



Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! We hope that everyone is settling comfortably into their new routines and the year is off to a good start!

Many thanks to everyone who has joined the PTO this year already. We have had a wonderful response to our online membership campaign and are grateful for the support of so many OPHS families! Membership is just \$5 and is typically our only source of income for the general PTO fund. If you have not yet joined, we encourage you to do so at <https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/>.

The PTO's role looks a bit different this year. At this time, most activities and opportunities to volunteer are on hold. We will continue to receive guidance from the district and will update you as soon as we become aware of any changes.

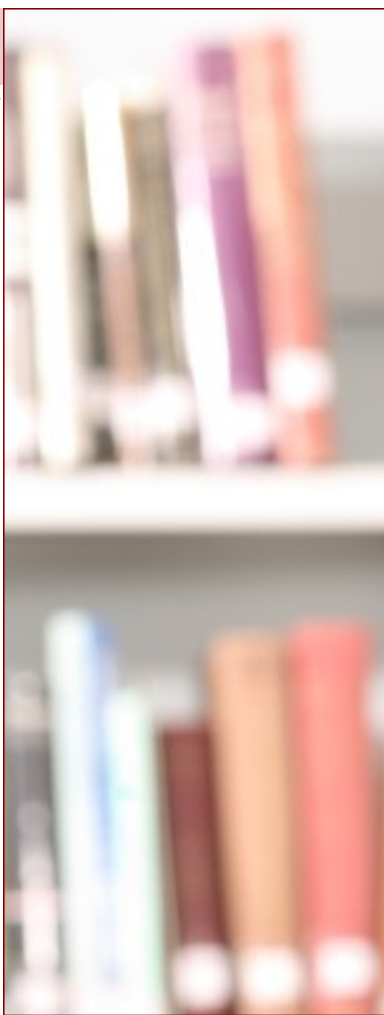
One exception to this is Post Prom - The Post Prom committee is underway and is planning its first BW's BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, October 17 from 3:00-7:00 at the American Legion. Pre-sale orders are appreciated, and volunteers are needed to help make the day a success. If you are able to help on that day, please email Post Prom Chair Natalie Lesh at natalielesh2.o@gmail.com.

The Post Prom Committee is also looking for a Class of 2022 parent to "shadow" the committee chair for the year in preparation for the following year's Post Prom event. Parents of Juniors, if you are interested in chairing the Post Prom event when your child is a Senior, please email natalielesh2.o@gmail.com to learn more.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first virtual PTO meeting in September! It was nice to have so many people join the online meeting. Our next virtual PTO meeting will be Monday, October 26 at 7:00, immediately following the virtual Post Prom meeting at 6:15 the same evening. All are welcome to attend both meetings! The links to join will be sent via email and posted on our Facebook page later this month. To join the OPHS PTO Facebook page, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394>. Please be sure to answer the membership question before submitting your request to join.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Caren Chaffee, OPHS PTO President

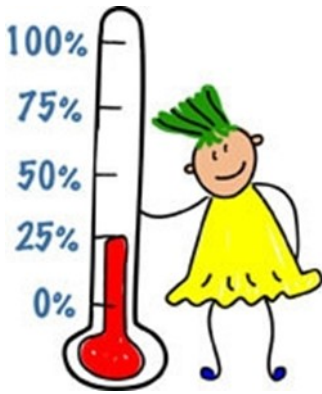


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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Support your students via the PTO and music boosters!



PTO MEMBERSHIP:

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. Our membership numbers are in line with where we were at this point last year. We're happy to see so many families have joined and we'd love to welcome even more! See pages 4-5 for sign-up details. Thank you!

Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit info 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 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!

OPHS CALENDAR

- 10/2 Early dismissal drill
(dismissed 15 minutes early)
- 10/8 Parent Info Series (online):
Anti-Racist Tools—7pm
(Rescheduled to 11/12)
- 10/12 Columbus Day (no school)
- 10/13 Board of Education
Meeting—7pm
- 10/26 Virtual Post Prom
Meeting—6:15pm
Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm
- 10/26-10/27—Picture Day
Make-ups
- 11/11 Veteran's Day (no school)
- 11/16 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 11/17 Board of Education
Meeting—7pm
- 11/23 Virtual Post Prom
Meeting—6:15pm
Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm
- 11/25—11/27 Thanksgiving
Holiday (no school)
- 12/4 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 12/8 Board of Education
Meeting—7pm
- 12/24-1/1/20—Winter Break
(no School)



YOU'RE "VIRTUALLY" INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to virtually attend our PTO meetings. The meeting links will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page. These meetings are a great venue for having open discussions, exchanging ideas, and asking questions. Check out this year's meeting schedule on the left side of this page.

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



PTO MEETINGS 2020-21

All PTO meetings are held virtually at 7pm unless otherwise noted.

9/28	2/22
10/26	3/29
11/23	4/26
1/25	5/24

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, virtually, before every PTO meeting at 6:15pm beginning in October. The meeting link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page.**

"Many hands make light work"
John Heywood

**First Post Prom Meeting
October 26 at 6:15pm!**

Click the Facebook logo to get to our group



OPHS PTO Membership: Instructions to Join Using Membership Toolkit Online



Membership dues for the 2020 - 2021 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 2020-2021" 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 2020-2021*"
 - 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.



We are in need of volunteers for our upcoming Chicken BBQ Dinner Post Prom Fundraiser on October 17th! Please email Natalie Lesh at natalielesh2.0@gmail.com for more information.

Natalie is also looking for a parent of a current junior to be a Post Prom Coordinator chair-elect and shadow her this year. If you are interested, please email Natalie Lesh at natalielesh2.0@gmail.com for additional information.

Calling all bakers or anyone willing to brave the bakery department at the grocery store!

There are many events held at OPHS throughout the year and the PTO often organizes refreshments. Please consider volunteering either your baking skills to whip up treats for one or more of these events, or if baking isn't your thing, donate store-bought goodies instead! Use [Membership Toolkit](#) to sign up and we'll contact you as needed or check out our [Facebook group](#) for imminent needs.



Post Prom Party

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 5, 2021 after Prom. Planning and fundraising starts NOW! Please consider virtually attending our first meeting, via Zoom, on **October 26th at 6:15 p.m.** The meeting link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page.

We will be forming committees such as fundraising, decorating, prizes, entertainment, and refreshments. You do not need to have a senior student to attend or be involved!



OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons 2020 - 2021

ALL PTO EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS PTO AND VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, ARE CURRENTLY ON "HOLD" UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC. THE PTO WILL COMMUNICATE ANY CHANGES TO THIS POLICY TO FAMILIES AS THE SITUATION EVOLVES AND FURTHER GUIDANCE IS RECEIVED FROM THE DISTRICT.

Position	Name	Contact Information
President	Caren Chaffee	chaffeecaren@gmail.com 716-812-7139
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Nominating Chair	Kim Schmelzinger	Kms5k@aol.com

Updated: 10/1/2020

The Orchard Park High School PTO Post Prom Committee
presents....



Saturday, October 17th from 3 - 7 p.m.

Drive-thru only at the American Legion

Chicken Dinner \$11.00

Includes $\frac{1}{2}$ chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll

Rib Dinner \$12.00

Includes $\frac{1}{4}$ rack ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, roll

All proceeds benefit Post Prom (live or virtual!), a PTO-sponsored drug and alcohol-free party for seniors and their dates following the Prom.

**Order at the door or purchase pre-sale to ensure you
get your dinner of choice!!!**

Pre-sale orders can be made through your Membership Toolkit account or email Natalie Lesh at natalielesh2.0@gmail.com. Payment can be made online or on the day of the BBQ (checks payable to

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Kim Kamis

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Ann Chojnacki
Amy Fotevski
Julie Grimes
Holly Nelson
Christine Tinnesz



Principal's Club (\$50):

Carolyn Balisteri
Jennifer Brady
Kristin Dolce
Lynn Halter
Michelle Musterait
Pam Rauh
Deborah Scinta
Jennifer Sippel

\$20.21 Club:

Sheila Barnes	Donna Leigh
Michelle Bouton	Jennifer McCrone
Dawn Coyle	Michelle Messinger
Angela Cullen	Colleen Nielsen
Sheila Eagan	Alexandra Passarell
Jill Edwards-Tills	Karen Salmon
Lisa Gioia	Barbara Sedita
Kathleen Goodman	Marcia Totaro
Jacquie Just	

General Post Prom Donations:

Jennifer Coyle

\$20.22 Club:

Lisa Galas
Jennifer Patterson
Kim Schmelzinger
Maura Watson
Andrea Wereski

\$20.23 Club:

Caren Chaffee

\$20.24 Club:

Lisa Gioia
Jill Spitz
Valerie Venturo

Donations are current through 9/30/2020

2020 – 2021 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will (hopefully!) be held on June 5, 2021 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 2019, almost 400 students attended the Post Prom Party. 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. In 2020, Post Prom went virtual due to the pandemic and 100% of the funds raised were for cash and prize giveaways, including the grand prize of \$2020.

The Post Prom Committee will prepare for both a live event and a virtual one this year. The success of either depends upon the generosity of parents, community members, and local businesses in making monetary and prize donations. The fundraising campaign beings 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:

\$ 20.21	2021 Club (2022, 2023, and 2024 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 also sign up to become a member of the Post Prom Committee through your Membership Toolkit account, or you can email Natalie Lesh at natalielesh2.0@gmail.com.

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **October 26, 2020 at 6:15 pm** via Zoom. The link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page prior to the meeting.



Orchard Park Music Boosters

It's time to join!!!

Who are we?

An organization devoted to enhancing and supporting Music Programs across the Orchard Park School District: including band, orchestra, chorus, and other K-12 music programs.

Who does this program benefit?

Everyone! Orchard Park Music Boosters benefits all students involved in a music program within the school district.

Why does it matter?

The O.P. Music Boosters have initiated and assisted in numerous musical projects, including partnerships with the O.P. School District, PTO, and Alumni Association to:

- Help purchase **audio equipment and music rights** to enrich operettas, plays, musicals, and other performances.
- Help purchase **new instruments** in conjunction with the school district.
- Annually funded several **student workshops** with guest artists and conductors.
- Award **music scholarships** to students pursuing the field of music in college, as well as, students not majoring in music who have dedicated themselves and made significant musical contributions while attending the O.P. School District.
- Provide an **on-going music lesson program** available for all instruments and voice during the school year, as well as a Summer Lesson Program.

Visit us soon at The Music Booster Website: opmusicboosters.com

What does it cost to join?

One year membership is a minimum donation of \$10 per family.

1. Scan QR Code (on the right) to use your PayPal account or Credit Card.
-OR-
2. Fill out the form below and mail it in with your donation.



----- Please detach and fill in form -----

Name: _____

Address: _____

School(s): _____

Grade Level(s): _____

Email (optional): _____

Please make check payable to:
Orchard Park Music Boosters

Send the form & check to:
Orchard Park Music Boosters
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Orchard Park High School
4040 Baker Rd.
Orchard Park, NY 14127