

QUAKER NEWS



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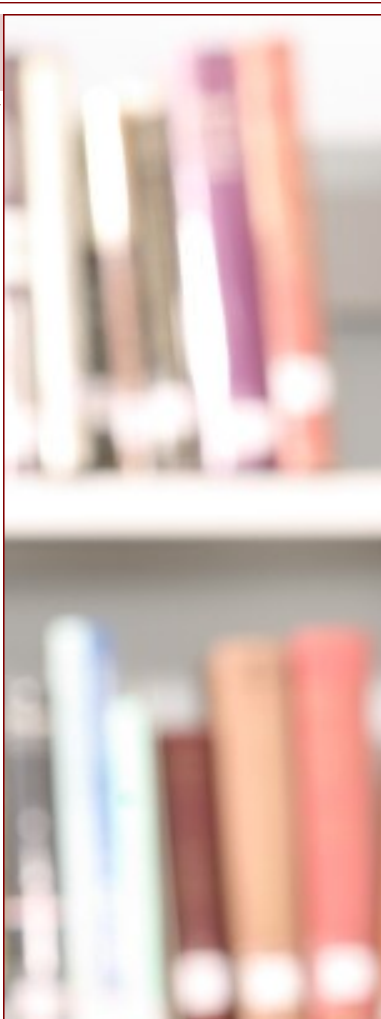
November signals the end of the first quarter of the academic year. While the transition to Hybrid Model for learning has presented challenges, I am very pleased with how everyone has done their part in providing a safe learning environment in our school. We have been able to effectively adapt to the social distancing guidelines and we will continue to make minor alterations as we move forward. One of those alterations is switching the rotation of which group of students moves first at the end of each period. For the second quarter, students with the last name beginning with L-Z will move first while students with the last name beginning with A-K will move second. This is in an attempt to create equity in the amount of time spent in classrooms at the end/beginning of each period.

Another alteration from our traditional academic schedule is the forgoing of the January exam period for this school year. As you may have heard, the New York State Board of Regents has canceled the January administration of Regents Exams for this year. After discussion, we have decided to use the time devoted to January mid-term exams and Semester 1 final exams to maximize instructional contact time. Teachers will be discussing with their students if/how final and mid-term assessments may be administered during individual class time as we get closer to the end of the semester. January 26-29, 2021 will now be regular attendance days, following in the normal cycle day sequence.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the students and staff for remaining vigilant in adhering to all of the OPCSD social distancing guidelines while on our campus. This commitment has helped us to remain as “in person” as possible for the first ten weeks of school. I also want to urge everyone to keep that same vigilance in mind when not in school. Several of the cases that we have encountered thus far as a school community have been traced to “outside of school” contacts. Hopefully, working together we can continue to stay healthy and in the Hybrid Model for as long as possible!

Go Quakers!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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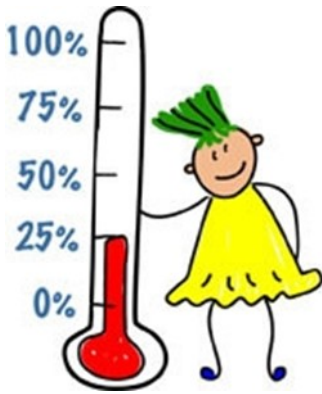
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Support your students via the PTO, and music and athletic 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

- 11/4 Parent Info Series (online):
Stronger On The Inside—
6pm
- 11/11 Veteran's Day (no school)
- 11/12 Parent Info Series (online):
Stereotypes and Implicit
Bias—7pm
- 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)
- 12/3 Parent Info Series (online):
Race, Racial Bias, and
Racism—7pm
- 12/4 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 12/8 Board of Education
Meeting—7pm
- 12/24-1/1/21—Winter Break
(no School)
- 1/7 Parent Info Series (online):
Talking to Your Children
About Race and Racism—
7pm
- 1/12 Board of Education
Meeting—7pm
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday (no school)
- 1/25 Virtual Post Prom
Meeting—6:15pm
Virtual PTO Meeting—7pm



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

**Next Post Prom Meeting
November 23rd 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 looking for a parent of a current junior to be a Post Prom Coordinator chair-elect and shadow Natalie this year. If you are interested, please email Natalie Lesh at natalielesh2.o@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 next meeting, via Zoom, on **November 23rd 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!





JUNIOR PARENTS!

Are you interested in helping plan the Class of 2022 Post Prom Party?

Now's the time to get involved!

We are looking for a chair-elect (or maybe co-chairs elect) to shadow this year's committee so that you are ready to take the helm next year and plan an amazing event for your student and their classmates!

If you are interested, please contact Natalie Lesh at natalielesh2.0@gmail.com or (716) 225-0412.



A HUGE thank you to **Natalie Lesh** and to all the volunteers listed below that helped with the Chicken BBQ Dinner-Post Prom fundraiser!

Marcy Adamy

Tracy Brege

Lisa Breth

Caren Chaffee

Barb Dojnik

Karen Fuentes

Nancy Hartung

Karen Laudico

Donna Leigh

Jody Magner

Karen Phillips

Deb Scinta

Jeanette Smith

Larry Smith

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Kim Kamis

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Ann Chojnacki
Amy Fotevski
Julie Grimes
Holly Nelson
Christine Tinnesz
Shannon Dommer



Principal's Club (\$50):

Carolyn Balisteri
Jennifer Brady
Kristin Dolce
Lynn Halter
Michelle Musteraid
Pam Rauh
Deborah Scinta
Jennifer Sippel
Eileen Riter
Catherine Schrantz
Renee Steiner

\$20.21 Club:

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

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 10/31/2020

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 next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **November 23, 2020 at 6:15 pm** via Zoom. The link will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page prior to the meeting.



OPCSD Parent Information Series 2020-2021

All sessions will be accessible from www.opschools.org.

Stronger On The Inside

November 4, 2020 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Joseph Clem's workshop will introduce clear, evidence based, strategies to increase compliance and success and reduce defiance and anxiety for all ages. Joseph Clem is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Behavior Analyst (BCBA) with over 15-yrs of practical experience.

The Orchard Park Central School District provides Parent Information sessions each year to provide district parents with additional tools and resources. The District believes in a Learning Community.

"It takes a village"

Raising Resiliency

January 2021

Timothy Shoemaker invites persons of all ages and at all crossroads, to explore the lesser known nuances of resiliency. With anecdotes and insights drawn from hundreds of personal interviews, calling upon both traditional and personal knowledge, Tim examines the critical questions and probes the probable answers; leading his audience on their own journey of self-discovery.

3-Part Workshop Series on Stereotypes, Implicit Bias, Race and Racism

Stereotypes and Implicit Bias: From Awareness to Action

November 12, 2020 from 7 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

This session provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on how bias and stereotypes can influence our perceptions of others.

Teen Driving Safety

May 26, 2021 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The Orchard Park Police Department will present the dangers of distracted driving, driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, license restrictions for permit holders and junior drivers, vehicle and traffic laws, pedestrians and other safety issues. This presentation is for both teenagers and their parents.

Race, Racial Bias, and Racism: Increasing Understanding

December 3, 2020 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This session focuses on defining race, racial bias and racism. Participants will increase their understanding of the meaning of race and the impact of racism on society at various levels.

Restoring Civility in the Community

June 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Creating safe and inclusive community environments begins with how civil we are towards our fellow men and women. Presenter, Ken Nwadike Jr. shares stories of de-escalating intense confrontations. He describes ways that peacekeeping principles can be used proactively in the community to prevent heightened situations from occurring. The keynote inspires participants to be more supportive and respectful towards one another.

Talking to Your Children About Race and Racism

January 7, 2020 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Parents and caregivers have an incredible opportunity to engage their children in meaningful conversations about race, racism and racial injustice. This workshop will provide information regarding the racial/cultural identity development of children and tools for parents/caregivers to have age-appropriate impactful discussions with their children on these difficult yet important topics.



Dear Orchard Park Community,

OPHS STAP-Comm is continuing the tradition of “adopting” a family afflicted by cancer and providing them a safe and memorable Christmas. This year we have a large family of 7.

We would be grateful to any parents or community members who would like to make contributions by purchasing gift cards as we work to provide a Merry Christmas for this family during this troubling time. We are looking for gift card donations from the following locations: **Wegmans, Walmart, Target, Footlocker, Nike Store, Dollar Tree, & Dollar General**, various denominations are appreciated.

We are asking that all gift card donations (have students drop off at OPHS) are received by **Tuesday, November 24th**. Please contact:



Ella Mikulec (ejmikulec@gmail.com) or Mr. Bove (above@opschools.org) with any questions!



Thank you!

Shop the Orchard Park Middle School Online Book Fair and support our school!



Dear families,

You're invited to shop the Middle School Scholastic Book Fair online from November 9th – November 22nd! All purchases benefit the Middle School and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

You'll love the NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair Homepage on 11/9 - 11/22 and click "Shop Now" to get started:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/opmsfallfair2020>

Happy reading,
Orchard Park Middle School PTO

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion.



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
% Joseph Biondo
Orchard Park High School
4040 Baker Rd.
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Quaker Athletics Booster Club



QABC MEMBERSHIP

The Quaker Athletics Booster Club supports sports for the interscholastic athlete as well as fitness for all students in the Orchard Park Schools. Our annual membership drive will be our primary source of funding this year. Due to the Covid situation, we had to cancel our annual Golf Tournament this June '20 and we will not be opening the concession stand compromising our annual Quaker Booster profits.

THE BOOSTER CLUB HAS FUNDED

Turf Field, Baseball/Softball Pitching Machines, Weight Training Equipment for HS and MS weight rooms, Cheerleading mats, Pole vaulting poles, X-Country Tom-Tom watches, Scoreboards, I-pad for swimming and Diving, Volleyball standard Net system, Wrestling Mats, Golf Bags, Golf training aids, Coaching Clinics, Scrimmages, Basketball Shoot-A-Way Machines, Tennis training aides, HUDL filming memberships, the Annual QABC Scholarships, and MORE!

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved, please contact:

Timmyfish8@yahoo.com

Please help us continue our success by joining the Quaker Athletics Booster Club, making a donation, and/or by volunteering!

All members are welcome to attend the QABC monthly meetings.

Visit our website at www.quakerboosters.com or www.opschools.org/athletics

Like us on Facebook: Quaker Athletics Booster Club & Follow us on twitter@OPBoosterClub

----- PLEASE CUT HERE -----

To join, donate, and/or volunteer for the Quaker Athletics Booster Club, please complete:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail address: _____

Yes No ***I would like to add my name to your volunteer list***

SPORT(s) involved in: _____

Membership Levels:	White	\$25.00
	Silver	\$50.00
	Maroon	\$100.00
	Platinum	\$200.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please return completed form along with checks payable to:

QUAKER ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

OPHS Main Office

4040 Baker Road

Orchard Park, NY 14127

Please consider adding your name to the volunteer list.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES!