

QUAKER NEWS



It's hard to believe that we're into the holiday season and that we're nearing the start of a new year! The holidays are often a time of reflection, and the PTO would like to thank the many people who have helped to make the first part of the school year a success: the teachers, staff, and administrators; our selfless volunteers; and of course, our families, who continue to support the PTO in many ways. The efforts of the PTO would not be possible without each of you!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Virtual Book Fair last month! We were excited for the opportunity to participate in this activity again this year - Many thanks to the OPHS Library Staff for all of their hard work to make this happen for the second year in a row!

Thank you to the many families who have joined or re-joined PTO. If this is still on your to-do list, it's not too late! PTO emails are sent from our Membership Toolkit database, so joining the PTO is the best way to ensure that you are receiving information about PTO meetings, volunteer opportunities and activities.

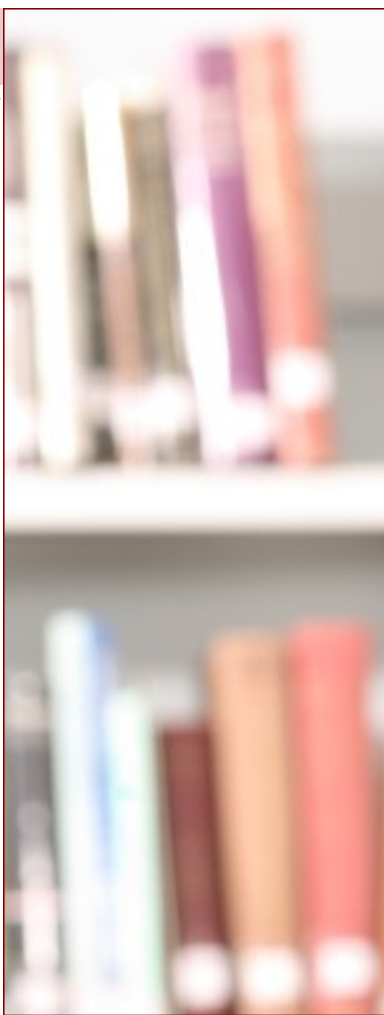
The PTO's Staff Appreciation Luncheon approaches quickly after winter break, as it is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2022. Stay tuned for information about ways to get involved and support the event! In the meantime, if you have questions or would like to help, please reach out to Sheri Carter at sherilencarter@gmail.com.

Post Prom plans are underway, and things really pick up speed after the start of the new year! This event requires many volunteers to be successful, so please consider getting involved. Please contact Michelle Bouton at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com if you're interested in participating in any way.

We're happy to continue to see so many of you join our monthly PTO Zoom meetings! PTO does not meet in December, so our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 24, 2022. Post Prom will be held at 6:00 pm and the PTO meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The links for the meeting will be sent via email and will be posted on the PTO Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

The PTO wishes you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season! Looking forward to 2022!

Caren Chaffee, OPHS PTO President



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- There's still time to join the PTO!



PTO MEMBERSHIP:

It's never too late to join!!

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!



Joining or re-joining the **OPHS PTO** is easy and **takes just a few minutes of your time!** Just go to [Membership Toolkit](#).

As all of our HS PTO emails are sent through Membership Toolkit, *your membership will ensure that you receive important information via email.* Instructions can be found on the [PTO page](#) of the High School website.



OPHS CALENDAR

- 12/3 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 12/13 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 12/14 Board of Education Mtg—6pm
- 12/15 Holiday Concert—7pm
- 12/24-12/31 Winter Recess (no school)

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- 1/14 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)
- 1/24 Post Prom Meeting—6pm (virtual)
PTO Meeting—7pm (virtual)
- 1/25-1/28 Regents Exams

Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit info for the newsletter should email: ophspto@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. If you'd like us to format your info for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!



PTO MEETINGS 2021-22

All PTO meetings will be held virtually at 7pm until further notice.

- 1/24 (virtual)
- 2/28 (virtual)
- 3/28 (virtual)
- 4/25 (virtual)
- 5/23 (virtual)

POST PROM PLANNING

The post prom committee works all year to plan for this event and we need help! All parents are welcome, especially junior and senior parents. **Join us before every PTO meeting at 6:00 pm, beginning in October. Virtual meeting links will be emailed and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page.**

*“Many hands make light work”
John Heywood*

YOU'RE INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to attend our PTO meetings. Please note that the monthly PTO meetings will be held virtually until further notice. The Zoom link will be emailed to members and posted on the OPHS PTO Facebook page the day before each meeting. If you're unable to make the meeting, the minutes will be posted on the district website at <https://www.opschools.org/Page/10033>. 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.

If you have already renewed your membership, but you are not receiving emails with the Zoom information for the PTO meetings, please let us know by emailing Caren at chaffee.caren@gmail.com.

We encourage you to join our Facebook page!

To join, click on the Facebook logo below or enter “Orchard Park High School PTO” in the search box.

***** Please be sure to answer the “membership question” prior to submitting your request to join the page to ensure your request is reviewed and approved! *****



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



Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group



PTO News & Information

Beware of suspicious emails!

Phishing scams are on the rise and scammers are using PTOs to carry them out.

If you receive an email or text that looks like it's coming from a member of the PTO, the PTO Board, or a PTO Chairperson, but it seems suspicious, PLEASE BE CAREFUL. Check the "from" email address or phone number. It may say it is coming from someone within the PTO, but if the actual email address or phone number is not that person's personal contact information, or if it is not from "notify@membershiptoolkit.com", it could be a scam!



Many of these communications appear to be asking the recipient to buy a large number of gift cards, or they may be asking for the recipient to simply respond to the sender. Once a reply is sent, another request will come asking for money or gift cards. Other communications may include a link to click or a website to visit, which could end up being harmful. When in doubt, please check with the person from whom it appears the communication is being sent. It takes just a moment to send a text or an email or to call to confirm whether or not the communication actually came from that person.



Sign up to **VOLUNTEER** and participate in school activities! Many events need only a one-time commitment while others allow you to be involved throughout the year. There are also many things you can do behind the scenes where your teenagers won't see you!! There is still time to select volunteer opportunities that best fit both your interests and time commitment/availability.

Check out [Membership Toolkit](#) for the full list of opportunities!

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 4, 2022, after Prom. Planning and fundraising starts NOW! Please consider attending our next meeting on January 24th at 6:00 pm. 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 to be involved!

OPHS PTO Events 2021-2022**January**

Monday, January 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 24	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 28	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day

February

Saturday, February 5	Winter Homecoming Dance	7:30 p.m.
Monday, February 28	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 28	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

March

Monday, March 28	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 28	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

April

Thursday, April 21	World Languages Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 25	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 25	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

May

Friday, May 13	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 23	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.

June

Friday, June 3	Senior Picnic	Morning
Saturday, June 4	Post Prom	Late night



**Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence
is seeking Board Members**

The Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence (OPFAE) is currently seeking community members with a passion for education in the Orchard Park School District interested in playing an active role in promoting the highest educational experience for the students of the Orchard Park Central School district. OPFAE board members work closely with the leaders of the educational community to provide funding to support extraordinary educational opportunities. If you have a passion for supporting the best educational experience for Orchard Park students, this opportunity may be a great fit for you!

OPFAE is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises and invests funds to supplement traditional state and local funding for public education in Orchard Park. In addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, our board members are active advocates and ambassadors for the organization.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please forward a resume/CV and cover letter to:

Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence
Attn: Board Recruitment
PO Box 1163
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Visit us at opfae.org for additional information

Mission Statement

To enhance the educational experience of students in the Orchard Park Central School District by supporting extraordinary educational experiences and opportunities in the areas of the arts, sciences, math, technology, applied career skills, athletics and culture.

2021 – 2022 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 4, 2022, immediately following Prom. The Post Prom Party is a safe, alcohol-free event for OP Seniors and their 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 2021, the PTO gave away more than \$2500 in prizes and more than \$5000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2021.

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 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:

\$ 20.22	2022 Club (2023, 2024, and 2025 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, or you can email Michelle Bouton at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com.

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00pm.**

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Sheri and Bill Barsottelli
Michelle Bouton
Nicole and Jeff Zelasko
Rachel and Charles Messina

Principal's Club (\$50):

Sheila and Gregg Eagan
Lisa and Kevin Galas
Sara and Andrew Kogut
Maura and Matt Watson
Nancy and John DellaContrada
Lynn and Darryl Halter
Bonnie and John Cantanzaro

\$20.22 Club:

Sara and Andrew Austin	Lori and David Pohrte	Barbara Sedita and Glenn Nenoff
Valerie and David Conforti	Leslie Skwara	Andrea Wereski
Anne and Edward Draves	Mark VanDerwater	Wendy and Mark Menz
Jill and Bret Norvilitis	Tara and Dennis Nahabetian	Beth Draper
Jennifer and Dominic Patterson	Mollie Scanlon	

\$20.23 Club:

Sheri and Scott Carter
Jennifer and Timothy Coyle
Kathleen and Dave Goodman
Molly and Jonathan Heraty
Michelle and Andrew Slotman
Karen and Sean O'Brien
Caren and Chris Chaffee
Barb and Mark Dojnik
Debbie and Michael Leach
Pam and Michael Rauh
Laura and Raymond Carter



\$20.24 Club:

Michelle Bouton
Lisa and Elio Gioia
Erin and Clint Homer
Suzanne and John Houlihan
Valerie and Joe Venturo
Peggy and Michael Blidy
Barbra and Charles Lesh
Cynthia Nichols
Tara and Allan Rains

\$20.25 Club:

Michelle and Andrew Slotman
Tara and Dennis Nahabetian

General Donations:

Anne and Edward Draves

Donations are current through 12/2/2021

DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the Winter/Spring session of Driver Education is available on the district web site, www.opschools.org.



Please call 209-6295 with any questions.

5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

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

- Monday & Wednesday, December 6 & 8, 6:30-9:00pm
- Monday & Wednesday, February 7 & 9, 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 \$35.00 fee (make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District). Sign up at the Community Education Office or call 209-6295.





Quaker Corner Bookstore



Quaker Corner School Store is located in the OPHS Commons area & is open after school.

Orchard Park Apparel!

- Backpacks ***NEW***
- Travel Mugs
- Spirit Sleeves
- Stadium Blankets ***NEW***
- Stickers

Plus more new items coming this year!

Lots of School Supplies!

- Binders (1 inch)
- Book Socks
- Dividers
- Earbuds ***NEW***
- Index Cards
- Locks!
 - Single or 2-pack with same combo ***NEW***
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Notebooks (1, 3, and 5 Subject)
- Pens, Pencils, Highlighters, Sharpies
- Rulers
- Sticky Notes

\$25

**With drinks, snacks, and so much more:
Why not swing by and give it a try?!**

The Quaker Corner is the student-run store at OPHS. All proceeds benefit the OPHS DECA chapter. Questions? Email Mrs. Casto at kcasto@opschools.org



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, concession stand profits and golf tournament are the Booster Club's primary source of funding.

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 (includes preferred parking for all Varsity Football games including playoffs)

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

Volunteers are needed to help operate the concession stand for various sporting events held at OP Stadium.

Please consider adding your name to the volunteer list.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters is a non-profit organization of dedicated parents, teachers and community members who value and support visual art opportunities for the youth of our community.

The goal and objectives for the boosters are:

- Provide additional learning opportunities for students.
- Fund events and field trips that expose our youth to art and artists.
- Support the efforts of our students through art displays and exhibitions.

Please help support the visual arts boosters by becoming a member. A membership covers all members of your household. Membership for the school year is \$10.00.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

List additional members of your household (first, last name and grade if applicable):

* Please return completed form and checks payable to:

Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters.
Orchard Park Middle School
c/o Art Department
60 South Lincoln Ave.
Orchard Park, NY 14127