

# QUAKER NEWS



After a brief hiatus over the holidays, the OPHS PTO has hit the ground running as we close the first half of the school year and head into the second half of the school year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the virtual book fair, and thank you to our OPHS Librarians, Jessica Godios and Beth DiLucente for once again organizing and making the event possible!

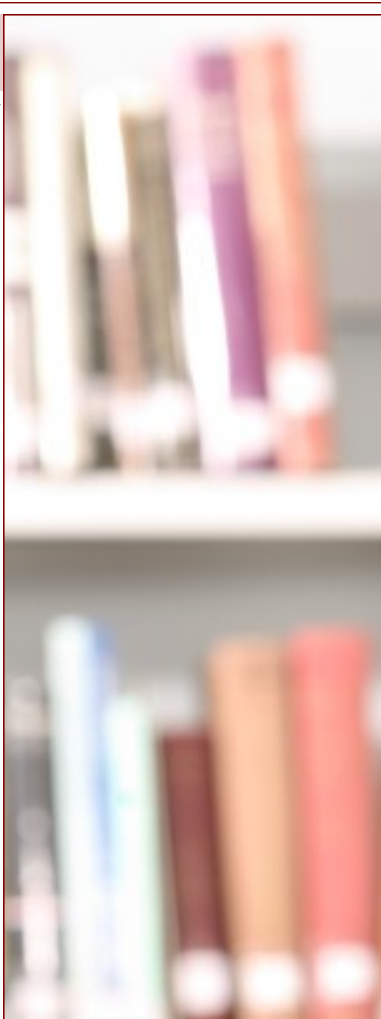
Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Staff Appreciation Lunch a success! Thank you to our event chairs, Sheri Carter and Pam Rauh, for all of their efforts to ensure the day was a success; thank you to the many families who contributed food and financial donations towards the lunch; and thank you to the teachers, staff and administration for everything they do to support our kids' growth, in particular in such challenging times. You are all appreciated!!

OPHS PTO is happy to have been asked to support STAP Comm's "Fire & Ice" Winter Homecoming Event. Thank you to Michelle Slotman and Donna Aylsworth for taking the lead on behalf of the PTO, and thank you to the families who are donating firewood and volunteering to help on that day!

Post Prom planning is underway! Sub-committees are forming, fundraising events are being planned, prizes are being collected, and entertainment options are being researched! If you'd like to help out, please reach out to Post Prom Chair Michelle Bouton at [michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com). Letters are being sent to local businesses requesting their support in the form of sponsorships, gift cards or prize donations. If you are a business owner, or you know of a business that may be interested in supporting this drug- and alcohol-free event for seniors, please encourage them to do so. Likewise, if you would like to make a personal donation, you can do so through your Membership Toolkit account. We understand that the past few years have been difficult for many, and we are very grateful for the support that we have received! We are certain that we can make the event special for the Class of 2022.

Stay warm!

Caren Chaffee, OPHS PTO President



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Consider joining the Post Prom Committee and support the Post Prom Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!

# Happy Valentines Day



## 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

- 2/2 Collegiate Athletic Signing—3pm
- 2/2 Winter Choral Concert—7pm
- 2/5 Winter Homecoming Festival 2pm to 4:30pm
- 2/18 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 2/21-2/25 Mid-Winter Recess (No School)
- 2/28 Post Prom Meeting —6pm (virtual)  
PTO Meeting—7pm (virtual)
- 3/17-3/19 Musical—7pm
- 3/18 Superintendent's Conference Day (no school)
- 3/20 Musical—2pm
- 3/21 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 3/22 Board of Education Meeting—7pm
- 3/28 Post Prom Meeting —6pm (virtual)  
PTO Meeting—7pm (virtual)

## Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit info for the newsletter should email: [ophspto@gmail.com](mailto: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 News & Information



### PTO MEETINGS 2021-22

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

- 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](mailto: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! \*\****

**Next Post Prom Meeting  
February 28th at 6pm!**

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 February 28th 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



### February

Saturday, February 5	Winter Homecoming Festival	2:00 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

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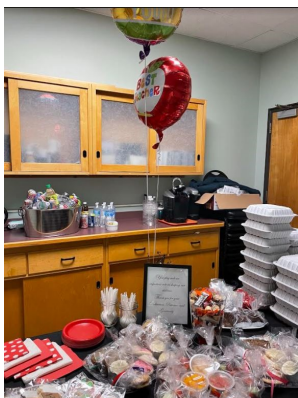


The Friday, January 28, 2022, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch was a huge success. Lunches were purchased from the Poppysseed Restaurant and fancy Cut-out Cookies from The Bookend Baker. Thank you for taking the time to individually wrap baked goods. Everything looked amazingly delicious!

The conference room in the Main Office and each House was transformed into a lunch appreciation station. Staff and Teachers, we encountered while cleaning up after the event thanked us for the lunches, beverages, desserts, and decorations.

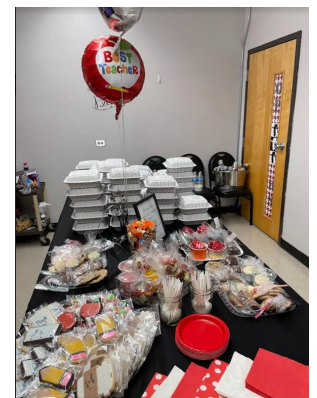
Thanks to all those who contributed including:

Juliette Reashor	Lori Ramsey	Karen Fuentes
Erin Mastroianni	Cathy Kipler	Bryan DeBroka
Jennifer Patterson	Jen Repp	Laura Fleming
Katherine Mellown	Caren Chaffee	Andrea Wereski
Laura Carter	Amanda Zwifka	Gayle Bond
Lynn Thorper	Erin Crouse	Bonnie Catanzaro
Erin Noe	Shannon Dommer	Sheila Eagan
Erin Homer	Kathleen Goodman	Amy Conley
Amanda McCormick	Bill Barsottelli	Sherri Callahan
William Benfanti	Denise Straitiff	Amy Gottstine
Karen Dolce	Lisa Huff Henrich	Karen O'Brien
Lisa Breth	Jennifer Coyle	Anne Draves
Fauzia Mattingly	Jolene Zeigler	Jill Drake
Jennifer Domzalski	Mary Cloherty	Jeffery Dolce
Maura Watson	Pamela Rauh	Shannon Robertson
Tobi Dauer	Sheri Carter	Nicole Avitahl-Curtis
Jaclyn Robinson	Tammy Vitko-Woods	Amy Wierer



**Thank you for your generosity!**

Sheri Carter and Pam Rauh  
Appreciation Luncheon Co-Chairs





**Krispy Kreme**  
DOUGHNUTS

**Sweets for your Sweet on Superbowl Sunday!**

**Help the Orchard Park Senior Class raise money for post prom!**

**Buy a dozen to give to your sweetheart or  
enjoy as a treat for the big game!**

**Presale until February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Drive Ups welcome!**

**Donut pick up Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**930-11 at Orchard Park High Athletic Field Lot**

**1 Dozen glazed \$11**

**To order, go to:**

**<https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/form/m/175098>**

**Or click here:**



# OPHS CLASS OF 2022 POST PROM COMMITTEE



**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make the Class of 2022 Post Prom Party Amazing! We are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, prizes, food, decorations, and entertainment. Please consider giving your time and talents to this very special event.

Anything you can give is greatly appreciated whether or not you have a senior this year.

We are looking for Chairs or Co-Chairs for the Food Committee and Decorating Committee.

If you would rather not chair a committee, we still need your help. The more volunteers we have the more we can do to make this event the **BEST EVER** for the Class of 2022.

Please contact Michelle Bouton [michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com) to let us know what you'd like to do. **THANK YOU!**



## 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](mailto:michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com).

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, February 28, 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  
Sheila and Gregg Eagan  
Susan and Christopher Heard  
Shannon and Michael Robertson  
Valerie and James Velasquez

## **\$20.22 Club:**

Sara and Andrew Austin  
Valerie and David Conforti  
Anne and Edward Draves  
Jill and Bret Norvilitis  
Jennifer and Dominic Patterson

Lori and David Pohrte  
Leslie Skwara  
Mark VanDerwater  
Tara and Dennis Nahabetian  
Mollie Scanlon

Barbara Sedita and Glenn Nenoff  
Andrea Wereski  
Wendy and Mark Menz  
Beth Draper  
Craig Hanlon

## **\$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  
Jennifer and Timothy Coyle

## **\$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  
Erin Mastroianni

## **General Donations:**

Anne and Edward Draves

**Donations are current through 1/30/2022**

# Orchard Park Special Education

# PTSA<sup>®</sup>

*everychild.one voice.<sup>®</sup>*

## What is a SEPTSA?

It's part of the New York State PTA and National PTA. SEPTSA was designed to build strong partnerships among parents, teachers, students, administrators, existing PTAs and the community, for the benefit of families and children in need of special education and/or individualized services.

## Save the dates!

Monthly meeting dates & times for 2022:

JANUARY 19, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

FEBRUARY 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

MARCH 16, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

APRIL 20, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

MAY 18, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

JUNE 15, 2022 | 6:30 pm\*

Please email [OPSEPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:OPSEPTSA@gmail.com) for Zoom link.

\* Meetings are currently scheduled as virtual & will hopefully switch to hybrid and/or in-person in the future.

## Not a member yet?

Attend one of the meetings. Bring a friend.

Learn more about this group at [opseptsa.org](http://opseptsa.org)

## Membership Benefits

- Get support & share experiences with other families
- Networking with district administrators, community members, parents, education experts & students
- Access to local, regional & NYS seminars and learning opportunities (usually FREE with your annual membership fee!)
- Be a part of a powerful association that can advocate on behalf of children and educators at the local, state and national levels. ([pta.org](http://pta.org))

## Ready to join?

Support OPSEPTSA today!

Register at the Member Hub.

[orchardpark.memberhub.com/store](http://orchardpark.memberhub.com/store)



## **DRIVER EDUCATION**

Information on the 2022 summer session of Driver Education will be available on the District website ([www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org)) in March. All students will need to pre-register on-line. Registration dates and times will be listed.



Please call 209-6295 with any questions.

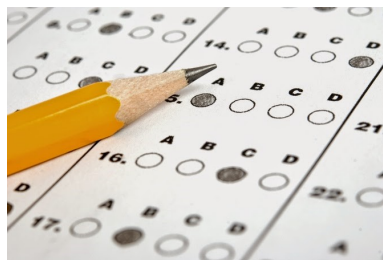
## **5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE**

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

Monday & Wednesday, February 7 & 9 6:30-9:00pm

Monday & Wednesday, April 25 & 27 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both sessions, be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There is a \$35.00 fee, checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District. Sign up at the Community Education Office or call 209-6295.



## **SAT PREP COURSE**

Orchard Park Community Education will be offering an **SAT Prep Course**. The course begins the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$150 for the 5 week course that meets two evenings per week. Please register at the Community Education office or call 209-6295. The registration form can be found on the district website, [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org), under Community Education and in the virtual backpack for the High School.



**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](http://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.



# 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](http://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](http://www.quakerboosters.com) or [www.opschools.org/athletics](http://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):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* 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