

QUAKER NEWS



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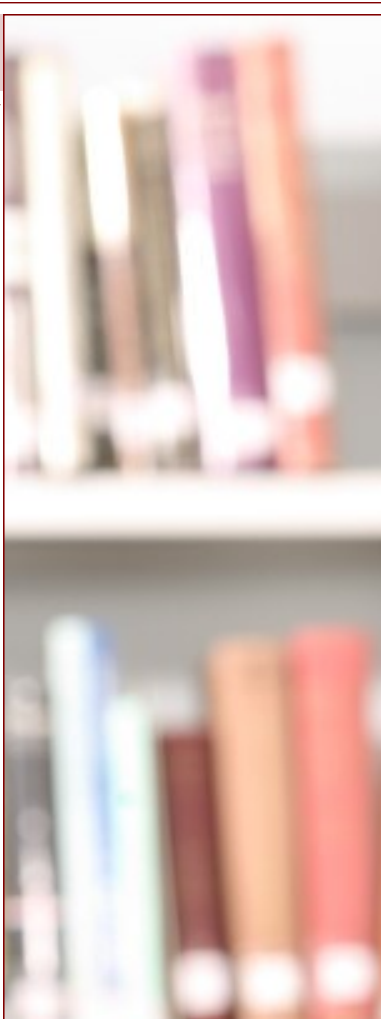
The 2022-23 school year is off to a flying start! The busy fall athletic season is in full swing, and clubs will soon be holding their initial meetings. I encourage all students to get involved in the many available clubs. Club membership is a great way to establish friendships and a deeper connection with the school community.

As a reminder, the High School Open Houses are scheduled for Wednesday September 14th and Thursday September 22nd. These nights are a great opportunity for you to meet your student's teachers and gain insight into the curriculum to be covered throughout the course. Open House is also an opportune time to join our High School PTO! Representatives will be in the cafeteria to help in the sign-up process. The PTO provides many wonderful services and is an essential part of our school program. I encourage you to support the PTO through membership and volunteering.

Homecoming is quickly approaching! Spirit week begins Monday, September 19th and finishes with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night, September 24th. There are numerous home athletic games scheduled for that week as well as the pep rally/powder puff game, parade, community carnival and football game. Each of you should have received an email highlighting the Homecoming 2022 activities and ticket information for the dance. This information is also available in the virtual backpack on the OPHS website.

I am looking forward to another memorable school year. As a school community, we have so many things to be proud of and to celebrate. As always, I encourage everyone to support all that our students do in the classrooms, on stage, and on the playing fields. I know that our students appreciate the opportunity to display their talents and skills for friends, family, and the Orchard Park community. Go Quakers!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Don't miss the open house events this month!
- Join in the family-friendly homecoming weekend events!
- Support your students via the PTO, Music & Athletic Boosters!



OPSCD Transportation Announcement:

We will be making changes to bus routes, including locations, route numbers, and times for the next couple of weeks. Please check for any changes on the [Parent Portal](#) before calling the Transportation office. Changes update overnight. Thank you for your patience!

OPEN PTO POSITION:



We are looking for a member to join our team!

The OPHS PTO is currently in need of a Secretary for our Board.

Please contact Tracy Brege at 716-472-9496 or tracybrege@verizon.net, if you are interested or if you would like additional information.

Thank you!

Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit information 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 information for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

OPHS CALENDAR

- 9/13 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud)—7pm
- 9/14 Open House—6:30pm
- 9/19 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 9/21 Senior Portrait Retakes
- 9/21 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 9/22 Open House—6:30pm
- 9/23 Homecoming Events:
 - Pep Rally—6-7pm
 - Powderpuff Football Game—7:15-9:30pm
- 9/24 Homecoming Events:
 - Parade—10-10:30am
 - Carnival—10:30am-1pm
 - Football Game—1pm
 - Dance—7-10pm
- 9/26 STAP Comm Meeting—5:30pm
- 9/26 PTO Meeting—7pm
- 10/7 Early Dismissal Drill (dismissed 15 minutes early)
- 10/10 Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day (no school)
- 10/11 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud)—7pm
- 10/13 Underclassman Photo Retakes
- 10/15 PSAT at OPHS—7:30am
- 10/17 Superintendent's Conf Day (no school)
- 10/19 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 10/19 NCAA Night—7pm
- 10/22 ACT at OPHS—7:30am
- 10/22 QMB Annual Cavalcade of Bands—5pm
- 10/24 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 10/25 Post Prom Meeting—6pm
PTO Meeting—7pm
- 10/30 NYS Field Band Championships QMB

PTO News & Information



PTO MEETINGS 2022-23

All meetings are held at 7 pm in the OPHS Media Center II room (inside the library on the second floor)

- 9/26
- 10/25
- 11/28
- 1/30
- 2/27
- 3/27
- 4/24
- 5/22

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.

"Many hands make light work"
John Heywood

A SPECIAL PTO WELCOME TO PARENTS NEW TO OPHS!

The PTO extends a warm welcome to those of you new to OPHS! Please consider joining the PTO - it's a great way to gain access to lots of important information and there's never an obligation to volunteer (although you'll be given lots of opportunities to do so throughout the school year). The \$5 membership fee funds our annual budget without the need for fundraising so we won't ask you to sell or buy anything.

If you ever have any questions, the PTO Board contact information is contained on **page 8 and 9** of this newsletter. Please reach out because we are happy to help!

YOU'RE INVITED!

The PTO invites everyone to attend our PTO meetings. We are very much looking forward to seeing both current and incoming members this year! These meetings are a great venue for having open discussions, exchanging ideas, and asking questions. PTO meetings will take place the last Monday * of each month (except December). We meet in the LMC (Library) in the back room, it is located on the second floor across from the house 2 office. Check out this year's meeting schedule on the left side of this page.

(*The October meeting is on a Tuesday to avoid Halloween)

The OPHS PTO is looking forward to the start of the school year, and we hope that you'll join us! Joining or re-joining the **OPHS PTO** is easy and **takes just a few minutes of your time!** Just go to [Membership Toolkit](#).

Membership is still just **\$5!**

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 and on **pages 4-5** of this newsletter.

We also 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



OPHS PTO Membership: Instructions to Join Using Membership Toolkit Online



Membership dues for the 2022 - 2023 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.

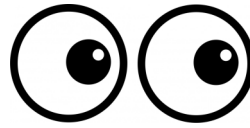
Note: if you indicate that you want the second parent to be able to manage the account, they will receive an email and will have to accept your invitation to do so. They will need to create their own account.

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 2022-2023” 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 2022-2023”*
 - 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.



Look for the PTO membership table before and after the open houses to submit your paper membership forms or to sign up online through one of the Chromebooks that we will have available there.

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.



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.

We're thrilled to return to our PTO activities this year! 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.



Post Prom Party

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 3, 2023, after Prom. Planning and fundraising starts NOW! Please consider attending our first meeting on October 25th at 6:00 p.m. 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!



A HUGE thank you to Caren Chaffee and Barb Djonik, this year's Senior Class Assistants, for doing a great job with the Senior Tie Dye! Also, thank you to Ms. Rodemeyer and Ms. Connors, Senior Class Advisors, who planned this event, provided all supplies, and guided volunteers.



Thank you to the senior class officers, the buildings and grounds staff, and the below volunteers for their willingness to help and the time they invested:

Yalitzza Aguila	Elizabeth Duckham	Julie Kjellstrom	Kristi Prince
Lisa Breth	Shalen DuFaux	Kathleen Makolinski	Eileen Reilly
Lynn Buffamonti	Kirsten Falcone	Debbie Marando Streety	Michele Schlitz
Jody Burnard	Kathleen Goodman	Natale MCGovern	Michelle Slotman
Caren Chaffee	Rebecca Gourlay	Mindee Mutty	Lisa Taips
Maureen Dempsey	Wendy Graulich	Karen Nuwer	Justine Watson
Barb Djonik	Molly Heraty	Karen O'Brien	Amy Woodward
Jennifer Domzalski	Cathryn Johnson	Denise Perry	Monika Zanni

Thank you to Elizabeth Duckham, Karen Fuentes, Owen Duckham, Gareth Duckham, Isabelle Fuentes, and Julia Tills for their help and for organizing Freshman Orientation.

The PTO provided ice cream to the Freshman during Orientation this year.

The event was well attended and the ice cream was appreciated and enjoyed by the students!



A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who generously provided bagels and baked goods for our **Welcome Back Breakfast** for the Staff at OPHS. It was very appreciated! What a nice way to start off the school year.

Special Thanks to Tracy Brege, Caren Chaffee, Nancy DeBroka, and Michelle Bouton for helping set it all up in the very early hours of the morning!

Michelle Roberts	Karen Fuentes	Michelle Slotman	Nancy DeBroka
Lisa Webb	Lisa Burgio	Erin Crouse	Zenia Williams
Samantha Page	Caren Chaffee	Suzanne Houlihan	Fauzia Mattingly
Michelle Bouton	Nicole Curtis	Shannon Dommer	

OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons
2022 - 2023

Executive Board			
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Phone Number
President	Tracy Brege 2022-2024	tracybrege@verizon.net	(716) 472-9496
Vice President	Donna Aylsworth 2022-2023	donna.aylsworth@verizon.net	(716) 866-8295
Treasurer	Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	(310) 251-5635
Secretary	Open		
Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Staff Contact
Newsletter Editor	Tara Rains	tara.rains@hotmail.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
Nominating Chair	Jen Domzalski 2022-2024	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	N/A
BET Reps (2)	Elizabeth Duckham 2021-2023 Brenda Cimo 2022-2024	educkham@gmail.com brendacimo@yahoo.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
ILC Reps (2)	Ren Choroser 2021-2023 Pam Rauh 2022-2024	ren_jeffchoroser@msn.com pamelamrauh@gmail.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
STAP-Comm Reps (4)	Michelle Slotman 2021-2023 Karen Fuentes 2021-2023 Jeanne Kornowicz 2022-2024 Cathy Kipler 2022-2024	michelleslotman160@hotmail.com karen.fuentes8888@att.net jksportsfan@gmail.com ckipler823@yahoo.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Teacher Rep	Brett Norvilitis	bnorvilitis@opschools.org	N/A

OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons
2022 – 2023
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Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Staff Contact
Senior Class Assistants (2) ONE YEAR -Tie Dye -Senior Picnic	Caren Chaffee 2022-2023	chaffeecaren@gmail.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org
	Barb Dojnik 2022-2023	bdojnik11247@icloud.com	Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Freshmen Orientation	Elizabeth Duckham 2021-2023	educkham@gmail.com	Dr. Cervoni acervoni@opschools.org
	Karen Fuentes 2022-2024	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Bagel Breakfast	PTO Board	tracybrege@verizon.net	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Coat Check	Sheri Carter 2021-2023	sherilentcarter@gmail.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org
	Pam Rauh 2021-2023	pamelamrauh@gmail.com	Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Refreshments	Tammy Vitko-Woods 2022-2024	tlvwsmls@icwoods.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org
			Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Staff Appreciation Lunch	Sheri Carter 2021-2023	sherilentcarter@gmail.com	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
	Pam Rauh 2021-2023	pamelamrauh@gmail.com	
Winter Homecoming Coat Check	Sheri Carter 2021-2023	sherilentcarter@gmail.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org
	Pam Rauh 2021-2023	pamelamrauh@gmail.com	Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming Refreshments	Nicole Curtis 2022-2024	NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org
			Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
World Language Induction Reception	Amy Woodward 2021-2023	amyswoodward@hotmail.com	Mrs. Holterman kholtzman@opschools.org
National Honor Society Reception	Andrea McGrath 2022-2024	andrea.mcgrath@mac.com	Mrs. Karalus lkaralus@opschools.org
	Liz Duckham 2022-2024	educkham@gmail.com	
Underclass Award Reception	Nicole Curtis 2021-2023	NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org
Post Prom Chair ONE YEAR	Maureen Bass 2022-2023	MBass@abramslaw.com	Mr. Wolf jwolf@opschools.org



OPHS PTO Events 2022-2023

September

Saturday, September 24	Fall Homecoming Dance	7:30 p.m.
Monday, September 26	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

October

Tuesday, October 25	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

November

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

January

Monday, January 30	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 30	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 27	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day

February

Saturday, February 11	Winter Homecoming Dance	7:30 p.m.
Monday, February 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

March

Monday, March 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

April

Thursday, April 20	World Languages Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 24	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

OPHS PTO Events 2022-2023
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May

Friday, May 12	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 22	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 22	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.

June

Friday, June 2	Senior Picnic	Morning
Saturday, June 3	Post Prom	Late night

2022 – 2023 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 3, 2023, 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 2022, the PTO gave away more than \$5000 in prizes and more than \$3000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2022.

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:

\$ 20.23	2023 Club (2024, 2025, and 2026 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 Maureen Bass at MBass@abramslaw.com.

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 6:00pm.**

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Lynn & Darryl Halter

Principal's Club (\$50):

Kelly & Jeff Werdein



\$20.23 Club:

Lisa & David Breth
Lynn & Michael Buffamonti
Laura & Raymond Carter
Sheri & Scott Carter
Caren & Chris Chaffee
Maureen Dempsey & Paul Moskal
Barb & Mark Dojnik

Sheila & Gregg Eagan
Tara & Chris Hart-Nova
Margaret Hodson
Alyson & Kevin Kirk
Ann Marie & Kenneth Newbury
Michelle & Andrew Slotman
Zeina & Paul Williams

\$20.24 Club:

Michelle Bouton
Lisa & Elio Gioia
Suzanne & John Houlihan
Valerie & Joe Venturo

\$20.25 Club:

Jill Edwards-Tills & Mike Tills
Erin & Clint Homer
Michelle & Andrew Slotman

\$20.26 Club:

Erin & Clint Homer

General Donations:

Karen & James Nuwer

Donations are current through 9/6/2022

DRIVER EDUCATION

Fall Driver Education - Please check the district website for availability.



Check the district website in November for information on the Winter/Spring session of Driver Education.

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, October 3 & 5, 2022 6:30-9:00pm
- Monday & Wednesday, December 5 & 7, 2022 6:30-9:00pm
- Monday & Wednesday, February 6 & 8, 2023 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, submitted to the instructor (make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District). Sign up at the Community Education Office or call 209-6295.





Orchard Park Music Boosters

It's time to join or Donate!!!

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.
-OR-
3. Venmo to @opmusicboosters



----- 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 Membership Form

The Quaker Athletics Booster Club is a group of parent volunteers that work to support the athletes of the Orchard Park School District. QABC raises money to help provide equipment, training, officials, etc. that is not covered in the athletic budget. We have seen a significant decline in volunteers in the last few years, likely due to the pandemic, and we are looking to revitalize our group. If you would like more information or want to get involved, please contact Tim Fischer (President) at Timmyfish8@yahoo.com.

Visit our website, register, and pay online to become a member at www.quakerboosters.com.

Like us on Facebook: Quaker Athletics Booster Club & follow us on Twitter @OPBoosterClub

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

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail address: _____

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

SPORT(s) involved in: _____

Membership Levels:	White	\$25.00	
	Silver	\$50.00	
	Maroon	\$100.00	(includes Quaker winter hat)
	Platinum	\$200.00	(includes parking spot at stadium for varsity football games)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Return completed form along with checks payable to:

QUAKER ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

OPHS Main Office
4040 Baker Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING ORCHARD PARK ATHLETES