

# QUAKER NEWS



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. WOLF:

Welcome to 2023!

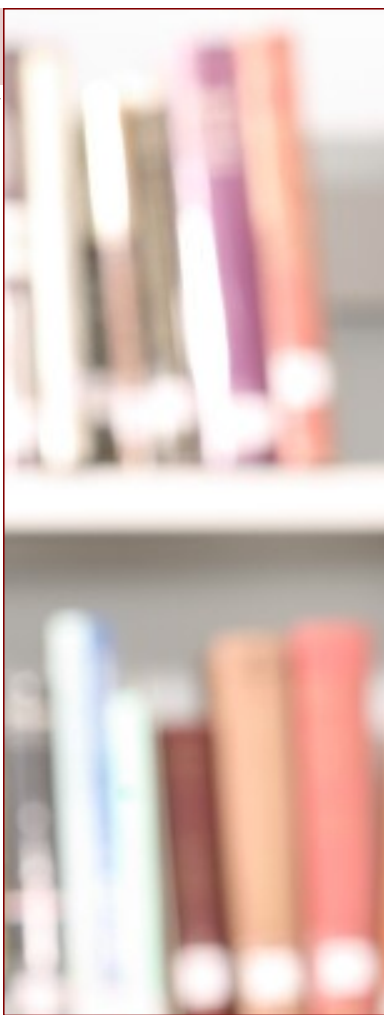
I hope that everyone had a safe, peaceful, and relaxing holiday season! With the shift into 2023, we turn our focus to two major events in the academic calendar. I would like to share some very important information about the upcoming course selection process and the January exams.

It is hard to imagine, but the scheduling process for the 2023-24 school year began the first week of January. Students were given detailed instructions about the scheduling process during an assembly on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students should begin discussing which courses they will be selecting based on their particular interests and academic goals. The academic handbook (available on the OPHS website) is a useful and informational tool in helping guide these conversations. Additionally, our counselors and teachers can provide valuable insight and guidance in this process. I encourage you to consult with them in order to make the best choices for your student. I am proud to say that Orchard Park High School is able to offer our students a very diverse and comprehensive selection of courses from which to choose. The course request process is a critical step in developing our staffing and curricular needs for the coming year. Student course requests dictate whether a particular course will be offered in the coming academic year.

The January exam period is scheduled for January 24-27, 2023. While there are no regular classes scheduled for those four days, they are considered attendance days, not vacation days. Exams begin at 7:30 AM, 10 AM, and 12:30 PM. Students are expected to report to the exam location at least 15 minutes prior to their specific examinations. As in the past, transportation will be provided for students for each testing period. Students should expect to be scheduled for a mid-term exam for each of their full-year courses and a final assessment for their semester-one courses. All students will be given a printed copy of their individual exam schedule and pertinent examination information in homeroom. Additionally, the entire exam schedule is available on the OPHS website. In accordance with the NYS testing regulations, students will not be permitted to bring cell phones into the examination rooms. Students will need to leave their cell phones in their lockers or at home during the exam administrations. A telephone is accessible in each of the House Offices if needed.

Happy 2023 and Go Quakers!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- It's never too late to join the PTO!
- Happy New Year!

# Happy New Year



## 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.



## Newsletter Submissions:

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

## OPHS CALENDAR

- 1/9 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 1/10 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)—7pm
- 1/14 ECMEA JH All County Auditions
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)
- 1/18 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 1/21 ECMEA SH All-County Auditions
- 1/24-27 HS Local/Regents Exams
- 1/26 Parent Info Series: Anxious Children In School—7pm (virtual presentation)
- 1/28 HS Winterscape Winter Guard Show—4pm
- 1/30 Post Prom Meeting—6pm  
PTO Meeting—7pm
- 2/1 Collegiate Athletic Signing—3pm
- 2/1 Winter Choral Concert—7pm
- 2/4 Section VI Invitational Bowling Tournament
- 2/5 Quaker Cheer Challenge
- 2/6 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 2/11 Winter Homecoming Dance—7pm to 10pm
- 2/14 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)—7pm
- 2/14 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 2/17 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 2/20—2/24 Mid-Winter Break (no school)
- 2/27 Post Prom Meeting—6pm  
PTO Meeting—7pm



**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)

- 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*

## 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. 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.

***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  
January 30th 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



**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 next meeting on January 30th 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!



**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.

**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](mailto:MBass@abramslaw.com).

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

# OPHS Post Prom Donations

## Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Lynn & Darryl Halter  
Joe & Shannon Dommer  
David & Kathleen Goodman  
Anonymous  
Karen & Phil Fuentes  
James & Diana Rotterman



## Principal's Club (\$50):

Kelly & Jeff Werdein  
Kristen Casto  
Debbie & Michael Leach  
Renee & Mike Gruin  
Amy Woodward

## \$20.23 Club:

Lisa & David Breth	Margaret Hodson	Lori & Chris Mathews
Lynn & Michael Buffamonti	Alyson & Kevin Kirk	Fauzia & Chris Mattingly
Laura & Raymond Carter	Ann Marie & Kenneth Newbury	Gigi & Kevin Wieszczecinski
Sheri & Scott Carter	Michelle & Andrew Slotman	Kim Caligiuri
Caren & Chris Chaffee	Zeina & Paul Williams	Jill & Stephen Schottman
Maureen Dempsey & Paul Moskal	Jennifer & Donald Brady	Holly Yoshida
Barb & Mark Dojnik	Jen & Jim Domzalski	Amy Zboch
Sheila & Gregg Eagan	Cathy & Earl Kipler, Jr.	
Tara & Chris Hart-Nova	Molly & Jonathan Heraty	

## \$20.24 Club:

Michelle Bouton  
Lisa & Elio Gioia  
Suzanne & John Houlihan  
Valerie & Joe Venturo  
Barbra & Charles Lesh  
Tara & Allan Rains  
Pam & Michael Rauh  
Rosanne & Angel Sanchez  
Karen & Phil Fuentes

## \$20.25 Club:

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

## \$20.26 Club:

Erin & Clint Homer  
Karen & Phil Fuentes

## General Donations:

Karen & James Nuwer

Donations are current through 1/9/2023

## **DRIVER EDUCATION**

Information on the Winter/Spring session of Driver Education is available on the district web site, [www.opschools.org](http://www.opschools.org).



Summer information will be posted in early March.

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 6th & 8th at 6:30-9:00pm
- Monday & Wednesday, April 24th & 26th at 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](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.  
-OR-
3. Venmo to @opmusicboosters



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

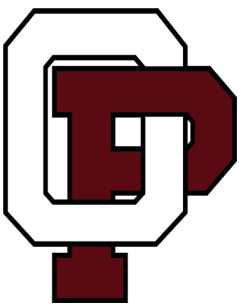
Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:Timmyfish8@yahoo.com).

**Visit our website, register, and pay online to become a member at [www.quakerboosters.com](http://www.quakerboosters.com).**

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

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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**



# 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.

**Membership for the school year is \$10.00. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

A membership covers all members of your household.

## VISIT [WWW.OPVAB.COM](http://WWW.OPVAB.COM) for more information

----- PLEASE CUT HERE (save top portion as your receipt) -----

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list member names and information below (if applicable).

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please make checks payable to: **Orchard Park Visual Arts Boosters**  
 Please return form to:  
 Orchard Park Middle School  
 60 South Lincoln Ave.  
 Orchard Park, NY 14127



Visit [opvab.com](http://opvab.com) or use the qr code for memberships and more information.