

# QUAKER NEWS



Hello Friends,

PTO is back in swing after our holiday break. Time to get moving again - always so much to do.

We would like to Thank all the kind people who donated food, drink, funding and their precious time to put on our Staff Appreciation Luncheon over at the High School. We have received so many thank you's. The teachers and all the staff really enjoyed it. Bringing back a building celebration of food and community after several years of being unable to do that makes this luncheon an extra special treat, we are told. Huge thanks to our Chairpersons, Sheri Carter and Pamela Rauh for making this possible - they did an outstanding job!

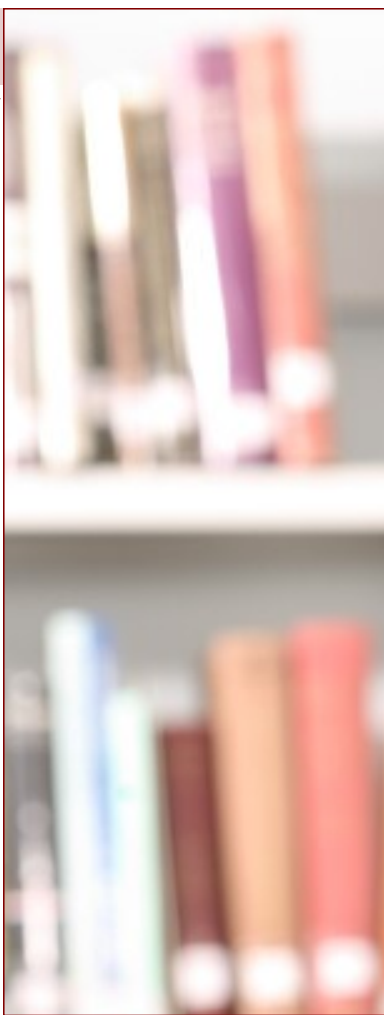
Seems far away but our PTO will soon be looking towards next year. Consider becoming involved in PTO. In March we will put out a slate of our open positions. Our executive board will all be entering our second year of our two-year terms, however, consider shadowing now, if any of these offices interest you. We welcome great ideas and new faces to our team.

Our Winter Homecoming is quickly approaching, and our PTO volunteers are proud to provide volunteer hands and to collect food donations to make the night extra special. Please consider signing up to help. A sign-up genius is out that details exactly what we need. Likewise, our Post Prom group is getting closer to having our Post Prom event planned out for the big June celebration. If you have a senior and want to be involved in this last high school function, please come and see where you would like to help. (We also welcome parents of Juniors, Sophomores and Freshman to help and see what it's all about...)

We have come to realize just how much these social events matter to our students, teachers, and staff. Please help us to keep the PTO a strong and proud partner in Orchard Park.

Warmly,

Tracy Brege, OPHS PTO President



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

# 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.

[More Info](#) ➔

### 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

- 2/6 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 2/11 Winter Homecoming Dance—7pm to 10pm
- 2/14 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)—7pm
- 2/15 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
- 3/2 Spring College Night—7pm
- 3/3-3/4 NYSBDA Honor Band—Syracuse
- 3/7 Parent Info Series: The Next Chapter—7pm at OPMS
- 3/9 Senior Citizen Spaghetti Dinner
- 3/10 & 11th ECMEA Junior High South Festival
- 3/13 Spring Varsity & JV Sports Begin
- 3/13 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 3/14 Board of Education Meeting (MS Aud.)—7pm
- 3/15 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 3/16 & 3/17 Musical—7pm
- 3/17 Superintendent's Conference Day (no school)
- 3/18 Musical—7pm
- 3/19 Musical—2pm
- 3/21 Teen Driving Safety—7pm at OPMS
- 3/24 & 25th ECMEA Senior High Festival
- 3/27 Post Prom Meeting—6pm  
PTO Meeting—7pm
- 3/28 Board of Education Meeting—7pm
- 3/31 Early Dismissal—12:45pm



**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)

- 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. 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  
February 27th 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 February 27th 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!

**OPHS PTO Events 2022-2023**



**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, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**

# OPHS Post Prom Donations

## Community Sponsor (\$150):

Marcelene Burkett

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

## \$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  
Amanda & Sean McCormick

## \$20.25 Club:

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

## \$20.26 Club:

Erin & Clint Homer  
Karen & Phil Fuentes

## General Donations:

Karen & James Nuwer

Donations are current through 1/31/2023



# HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS COLLECTION BIN



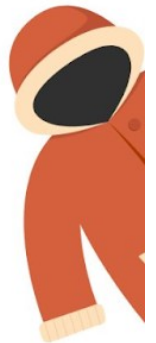
Help families in need with new or used clothing and blankets.

Drop off in the red bin outside the **Baker entrance** of the High School at any time.



**Drop Off Location:**

Orchard Park High School  
4040 Baker Road



**Sponsored by STAP Comm**



## DRIVER EDUCATION

Information on the 2023 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.

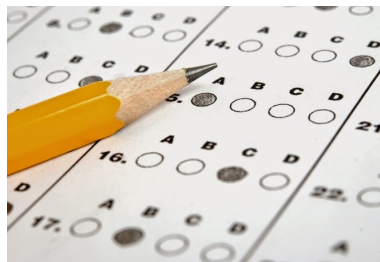


## 5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

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

- Monday & Wednesday, February 6 & 8, 6:30-9:00pm
- Tuesday & Wednesday, April 24 & 26, 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both evenings, 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 27<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$160 for the 5 week course that meets two evenings per week. Registration and payment may be mailed in or dropped off in person at the Community Education Office. The registration form can be found in the Community Education Catalog, 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 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): \_\_\_\_\_

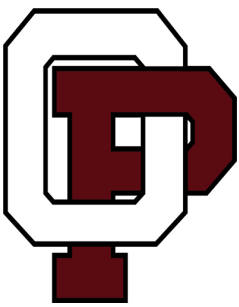
Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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***

----- 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**



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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.