

QUAKER NEWS



Hello OPHS Families,

Our PTO sure has been busy. We proudly provided a first-class appreciation luncheon for our OPHS staff on 1-26-24. Many thanks to all who generously donated food or drink items and to all who volunteered to help us set up, serve, and clean up. The teachers and staff said everything was just perfect. They enjoyed an afternoon of great food and friendship. Special thanks to Nicole Avitahl-Curtis and Pam Rauh for making this possible!

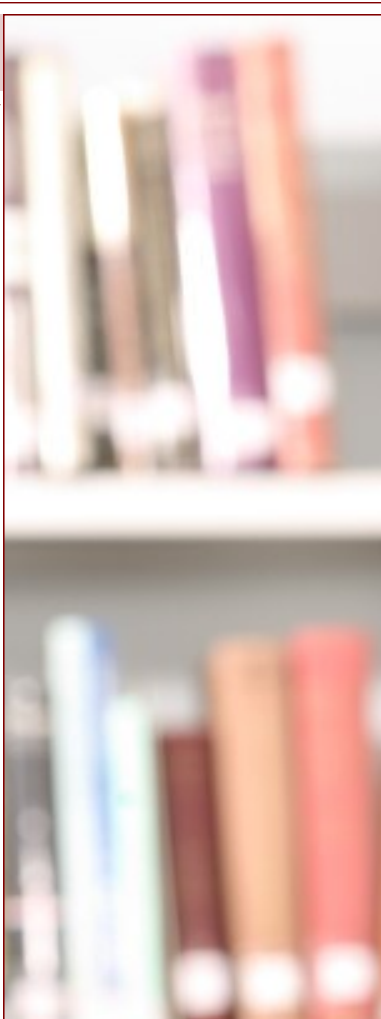
Our help was also requested for the Winter Homecoming Dance that took place on Saturday 2-3-24. Thank you to all who provided treats for the kids, and to those who made time in their evening to come over and help us serve the kids, provide coat check, and set up and clean up refreshments. When parents and families are involved in the school community the opportunities we can offer our children are something we in Orchard Park take great pride in. Thank you to Nicole Avitahl-Curtis and Sarah Rera for overseeing the important stuff for this dance.

I would like to remind you all about our Post Prom event. Just a couple of meetings have been held, and we sure could use some extra help in planning. Senior parents especially are asked to consider coming to one of our monthly Post Prom meetings to help send off our Seniors with a night they will fondly remember. Help from parents of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen is also welcome and appreciated. Check our newsletter for dates and times.

We still could use some help in providing a reception for our very first Society of Science Scholars taking place on March 26th. If you can help, please reach out to me directly at tracybrege@verizon.net

Thank you all and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Tracy Brege, OPHS PTO President



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- It's never too late to join the PTO!
- Please support our many upcoming Post Prom fundraisers!
- Open PTO positions for 2024-2025 School Year!



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FUNDRAISER DETAILS

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March 14, 2024*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

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OPHS Class of 2024 Post Prom Fundraiser

Let our bunnies help you make a special day! Our bunnies will hide candy or toy stuffed eggs in yards from 8-11 pm on Easter Eve 3/30/24

Get Egged!!



- \$25 for 25 stuffed eggs
- \$40 for 50 stuffed eggs
- \$50 for 70 stuffed eggs
- \$20 for 20 Dog Treat stuffed eggs



Egg your house!!

Egg your families' houses! Egg your friends!!

Egg your neighbors!!

All proceeds go to a great cause - keeping our graduating class safe on Prom Night! Order using this link or the QR code above:

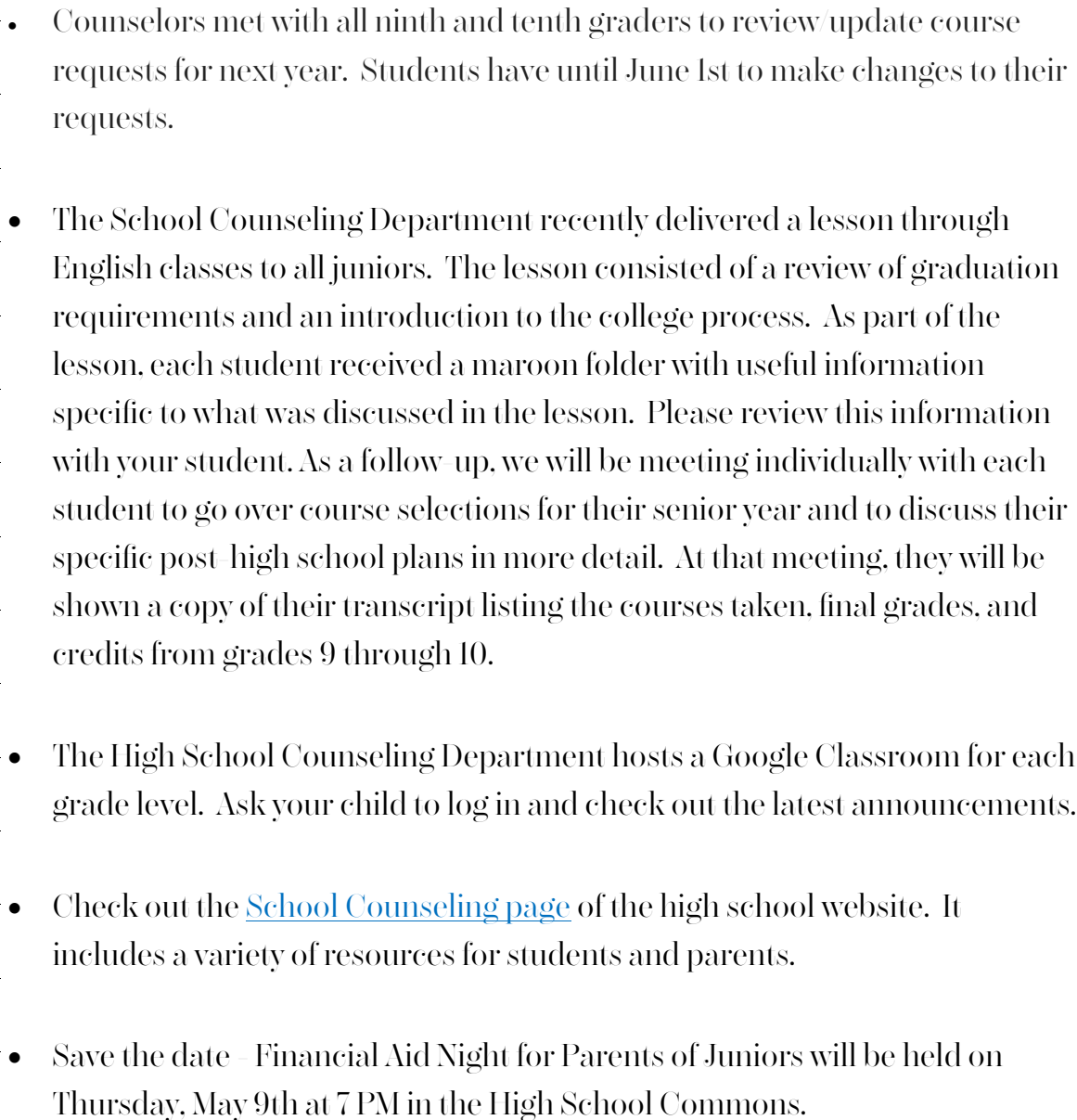
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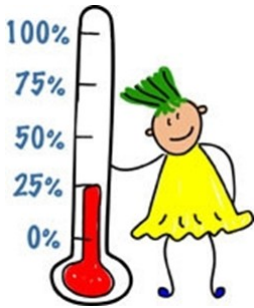
Specify ages, easy/hard hide, front/back yd.
If you have trouble, questions, or special requests (allergies) please email the bunnies at PamelaMRauh@gmail.com



High School Counseling Department

Important Information:

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- Counselors met with all ninth and tenth graders to review/update course requests for next year. Students have until June 1st to make changes to their requests.
 - The School Counseling Department recently delivered a lesson through English classes to all juniors. The lesson consisted of a review of graduation requirements and an introduction to the college process. As part of the lesson, each student received a maroon folder with useful information specific to what was discussed in the lesson. Please review this information with your student. As a follow-up, we will be meeting individually with each student to go over course selections for their senior year and to discuss their specific post-high school plans in more detail. At that meeting, they will be shown a copy of their transcript listing the courses taken, final grades, and credits from grades 9 through 10.
 - The High School Counseling Department hosts a Google Classroom for each grade level. Ask your child to log in and check out the latest announcements.
 - Check out the [School Counseling page](#) of the high school website. It includes a variety of resources for students and parents.
 - Save the date - Financial Aid Night for Parents of Juniors will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 7 PM in the High School Commons.



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 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

- 3/1 & 3/2 NYSBDA Honor Band
- 3/7 Senior Citizen Spaghetti Dinner
- 3/8 Superintendent's Conference Day (no school)
- 3/9 ECMEA Jr High South Festival
- 3/11 Spring Varsity & JV Sports Begin
- 3/11 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 3/12 Board of Education Mtg—7pm
- 3/14-3/16 HS Musical—7pm
- 3/16 ECMEA Jazz Festival-Cheektowaga HS
- 3/17 Musical—2pm
- 3/18 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 3/20 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 3/22 & 3/23 ECMEA Senior High Festival at UB
- 3/25 Post Prom Meeting—6pm
PTO Meeting—7pm
- 3/26 Board of Education Mtg—7pm
- 3/26-3/30 QMB Walt Disney World
- 3/29-4/5 Spring Break (no school)
- 4/8 Superintendent's Conference Day (no school)
- 4/11 Tri-M Music Honors Society Chamber Music Concert—7pm
- 4/15 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 4/16 Board of Education Mtg—7pm
- 4/17 Collegiate Athletic Commitment Day—3pm
- 4/17 OP Jazz Festival—6:30pm
- 4/17 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 4/18 World Languages Induction Ceremony—7pm
- 4/19 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 4/24 Orchard Park Pride Night—6pm
- 4/29 Post Prom Meeting—6pm
PTO Meeting—7pm



OPHS PTO 2024-25 Open Positions

The OPHS PTO is looking to fill several open positions for the 2024-25 school year. We really need your help! Please consider sitting on a committee or chairing an event. Most of the positions are a two-year term with the exception of the Senior Class Assistants and the Post Prom Chair, which is a one-year term for parents of seniors. See something interesting but don't want to do it alone? Grab a friend and chair it together! Questions regarding what a position entails or to nominate yourself, please contact Jen Domzalski, Nominating Chair at jmdomzalski@hotmail.com Please email all nominations to me by May 12th. Thank you!

Open PTO Positions for the 2024-25 School Year:

Two-Year Term:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Nominating Chair

Newsletter Editor

STAP-Comm Rep - (1) open position

BET Rep - (1) open position

ILC Rep - (2) open positions

Freshman Orientation Chair - **(Parent of an incoming freshman)**

Fall Homecoming Refreshments Chair

Winter Homecoming Refreshments Chair

National Honor Society Induction Reception Chair

Society of Science Scholars Reception Chair

Senior Class Assistants (2) open positions - **One year term**

Post Prom Chair - **One year term**

Thank you in advance! Any amount of help is greatly appreciated!



PTO MEETINGS 2023-24

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

- 3/25
- 4/29
- 5/20 (at 6pm)

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 (*5/20 meeting at 7pm).

*“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! *****

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



Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group



Next Post Prom Meeting

March 25th at 6pm!

Post Prom Party

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 1, 2024, after Prom. Planning and fundraising are underway! Please consider attending our next meeting on March 25th at 6:00 p.m. It's never too late to participate! There is still much to accomplish! You do not need to have a senior student to attend or to be involved!



**PTO Event Dates
OPHS 2023-2024**

March

Monday, March 25	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Monday, March 25	PTO Meeting	7pm

April

Thursday, April 11	Tri-M Music Reception	7pm
Thursday, April 18	World Languages Honor Society Induction	7pm
Monday, April 29	Post Prom Meeting	6pm
Monday, April 29	PTO Meeting	7pm

May

Friday, May 10	NHS Reception	7pm
Monday, May 20	PTO Meeting	6pm**
Monday, May 20	Post Prom Meeting	7pm**
Wednesday, May 22	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7pm
Friday, May 31	Senior Picnic	

June

Saturday, June 1	Post Prom	Late Night
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**Please note time change from standard meeting schedule to avoid STAP-COMM conflict



Pam Rauh and Nicole Curtis organized the PTO-sponsored **OPHS Staff Appreciation Luncheon**, which took place on Friday, January 26th. **We want to express our gratitude to those of you who gave your time to help out at the PTO-sponsored OPHS Staff Appreciation Luncheon** - whether you volunteered, baked, shopped, or contributed financially!! The event was a success because of your support. Many of the staff said how much they enjoyed the food and the set-up, and how they felt appreciated. Thank you for your support of this and other PTO-sponsored events!

A special thanks to Pam Rauh for the many years that she organized Staff Appreciation Luncheons, going way back to elementary school!! This is Pam's last year. Thank you, Pam!! We will miss you!

Sarah Rera and Nicole Curtis organized the Coat Check and Treats at the **Winter Homecoming Dance on February 3rd**. We want to say, "**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!**" to all of you who gave your time to support the Winter Homecoming through volunteering, baking, or shopping!! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The kids had fun and enjoyed the extra perk of having treats.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next PTO event!

Nicole Curtis, Pam Rauh, Sarah Rera

2023 – 2024 OPHS PTO POST PROM INFORMATION



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 1, 2024 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 2023, the PTO gave away more than \$10,000 in prizes and more than \$2000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2023.

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 begins 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:

\$ 20.24	2024 Club (2025, 2026, and 2027 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

The next **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

OPHS Post Prom Donations



Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Leo's Pizzeria
Ventura's Carstar Collision

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Deanna McDonald
Tammy Vitko-Woods
Valerie Venturo
Lisa Esler-Brauer
Christina Hernandez
Barbra Lesh
Ann Fischer
Tanya Bowman

Principal's Club (\$50):

Erica Patterson
Lisa Renn
Kristin Dudish
Kristen Casto
Tara Campise
Jennifer Sippel
Kate Camalleri
Melanie Wojcik
Mary Thompson

Community Sponsor (\$150):

American Legion Post #567
Hourihan Law
4th Wave Technologies
Purtill Plumbing
The Schroeder Law Firm
National Air Cargo
Kumon Math and Reading Center of Orchard Park
McAllister Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
Excelsior Orthopaedics

Prize Donation Sponsors:

Ilio DiPalol's
West Herr
Buffalo Strive Vending

Donations are current through 2/29/24

OPHS Post Prom Donations

(continued)



\$20.24 Club:

Katherine Mellown	Lisa Henrich	Shannon Fisher	The Blend
Tammy Vitko-Woods	Tamara Papke	Suzanne Houlihan	Sana Physical Therapy
Nicole Avitahl-Curtis	Jill Spitz	Sharon Azurin	Great Erie Federal Credit Union
Julie Murphy	Erin Homer	Peggy Tronolone	Repp Renovations
Jennifer McCrone	Lisa Gioia	Ruban Sivanesan	Lisa Henrich
Sheila Eagan	Robin Heer	Danielle Lango	Savilles Florist
Donna Aylsworth	Tara Rains	Chris Popek	Cookie Jarz Bakeshop
Pamela Rauh	Christine Cleary	Michelle Roberts	Bridget Senfield
Pam and Michael Rozic	Alexandra Passarell	Karen Fuentes	Jen Repp
Laura Bosinski	Michelle Bouton	Jennifer Barber	Anthony-Brown Pharmacy
Kelly Connors	Juliette Reashor	House of Munch	Susanne Kelley
Monica Blake	Tara Campise	Transworld Business Advisors	

\$20.25 Club:

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis
Jill Pawlowski
Danielle Schwanekamp
Keiko Papaj
Nancy DeBroka
Jennifer Coyle
Jennifer Breitwieser
Cristi Occek
Tracey Raczkowski
Kristi Walh
Bridget Senfield

\$20.26 Club:

Jill Pawlowski
Erin Homer
Jennifer Breitwieser
Shannon Dommer
Karen Fuentes

\$20.27 Club:

Tammy Vitko-Woods
Sarah Rera
Kimesha Northway
Wadeline Theodore
Rebecca Jubulis
Anne Dintino
Kerry Steinagle
Lisa Hanna
Cristi Occek
Nancy DeBroka
Courtney Wahowski

Donations-Other:

Valerie Velasquez
Suzanne McMullen
Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty
NYCM Insurance

Donations are current through 2/29/24

Thank you!

OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:

Thank you to the local businesses below for supporting OPHS with their Post Prom Donations!



Kevin W. Hourihan, PLLC
Attorney At Law



American Legion Post 567

DRIVER EDUCATION



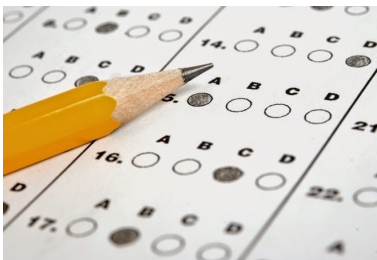
Information on the 2024 summer session of Driver Education will be available on the District website (www.opschools.org) in mid-March. All students will need to pre-register on-line. Registration dates and times will be listed. Please call 209-6295 with any questions.

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, April 22nd & 24th from 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both evenings, be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There is a \$40.00 fee. Sign up and pay online at www.opschools.org/communityed or register in person at the Community Education Office (cash or make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District). Call 209-6295 for more information.



SAT PREP COURSE

Orchard Park Community Education will be offering an **SAT Prep Course**. The course begins the week of March 25th. The fee is \$165 for the 5 week course that meets two evenings per week. Sign up and pay online at www.opschools.org/communityed or register in person at the Community Education Office (cash or make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District). Call 209-6295 for more information.



Orchard Park Music Boosters

It's time to Join or Donate!!!

Visit us online at:

www.opmusicboosters.com

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 / equipment** 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.

What does it cost to join?

- Annual Family Membership (Min. \$10 Donation)

Other Types of Donations:

- One-Time Music Scholarship Donation (Any Amount)
- One-Time General Donation (Any Amount)
- Maroon & White Corp. Sponsorship (\$100 - \$499)
- Platinum Corporate Sponsor (\$500 or More)

HOW TO JOIN or DONATE:

1. Scan QR Code 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): _____
 Type of Donation: _____

Please make check payable to:
Orchard Park Music Boosters, Inc.

Send the form & check to:
**Orchard Park Music Boosters
% OPHS
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 are always looking for new volunteers to grow our group. The more people we have, the more we can do. If you would like more information or want to get involved, please contact Tim Fischer (President) at Timmyfish8@yahoo.com.

Scan our QR to visit our website, register, and pay online for membership.

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
 Maroon \$50.00
 Silver \$100.00
 Platinum \$200.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to : QUAKER ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB
OPHS Main Office
4040 Baker Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127



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 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: _____

* 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 or use the qr code for memberships and more information.