

QUAKER NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF MR. PAFK:

Spring is in the air (finally!!) and it is so nice to see the sun arriving to school and still seeing it when we leave for the day. This time of the year gives all of us a lift and our students are focused on finishing this school year strong. We have had the opportunity, as a school community, to discuss and work through big things so far this school year. One update that I'd like to share is that after surveying all of our stakeholders on the topic of class rank, we have decided to move forward with plans to remove class rank from Orchard Park High School. Now comes the task of working with our students, parents, and teachers to decide when (which graduating class) to make the change, how will we recognize our students who excel and thrive academically, and how will we continue our ceremonies of celebration and acknowledgement in a way that highlights all of the amazing talent we have in our students. I am excited and encouraged about the future based on the thoughtful and focused conversations we have had so far.

While schedules are certainly busy, I encourage all of us to take a moment, when the sun is shining, to catch one of our athletic teams competing, stop and listen to the talented musicians perform, or attend one of our many academic inductions ceremonies. The sun shines a bit brighter over Orchard Park High School because of the wonderful young adults we have.

I hope you all have a great Spring and Go Quakers!

Brandon Pafk, OPHS Principal

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

OPHS STAP COMM PRESENTS



SPRING POP-UP THRIFT SHOP



Attention All OPHS Students!

Come shop for trendy gently used clothes

April 16th and 17th

(before school, lunch periods, after school)

Outside of the Auditorium

Pricing: 1 non-perishable item or \$1 (per article of clothing)

All Donations/Proceeds to be donated to the Windom Food Pantry

QUESTIONS? PLEASE SEE MRS. ROMINGER (163),
MS. KING (162) OR MR. BOVE (H2).

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE
ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL

OPHS STAP COMM PRESENTS



SPRING POP-UP THRIFT SHOP



Purchase clothing with:

1 non-perishable item or \$1 (per article of clothing)

CEREAL

PEANUT BUTTER

CANNED TUNA AND CHICKEN

CANNED SOUPS, STEWS AND CHILI

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED VEGGIES

BEANS, CANNED OR DRIED

BOXED MAC AND CHEESE

PASTA AND RICE

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

GRANOLA BARS

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Fundraiser

Support the OPHS Class of 2027 by purchasing food at
Chick-fil-A!

No online orders are accepted.

PLEASE MENTION OPHS AT CHECKOUT!

Our Spirit Night will be held on

Tuesday, April 30th

From 5-8 PM

At 3464 McKinley Parkway Buffalo, NY

Please see Mrs. Gruin or Mr. Brach in Room 356 with any
questions.

START SAVING YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES

for the Quaker Marching Band



BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

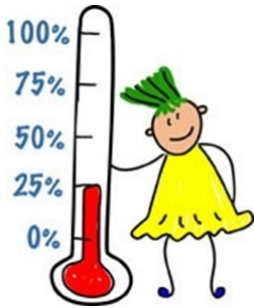
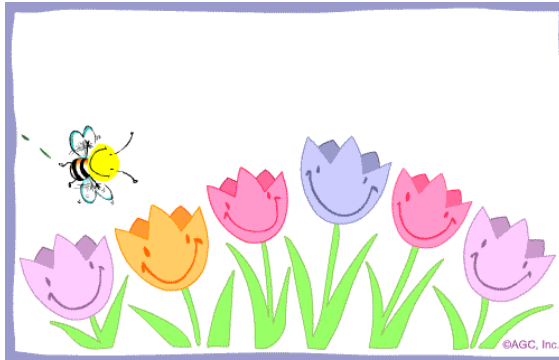
SATURDAY, June 8th, 9AM-12PM

Please have returnable bottles and cans **at the end of your driveway** by 9am for pickup (OP School District only).

Donations may also be **dropped off at OPHS Baker Lot** on Saturday, **June 8th between 9AM and noon**.

**PLEASE SEPARATE GLASS FROM PLASTIC AND
CANS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY**

Thank you for your support!!!



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: ophsppt@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

- 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
- 5/1 Music In May I—7pm
- 5/4 SAT—7:30am
- 5/4-5/17 AP Exams
- 5/7 Music In May II—7pm
- 5/7 Board of Education Mtg—7pm
- 5/9 Financial Aid Night—7pm
- 5/10 NHS Induction—7pm
- 5/15 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 5/15 AOF Senior Graduation Night—6:30pm
- 5/18 Driver's Ed Registration—8am
- 5/20 PTO Meeting—6pm
Post Prom Meeting—7pm
- 5/20 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 5/21 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 5/21 Annual School Vote
- 5/21 Music In May III—7pm
- 5/22 Underclass Awards Night—7pm
- 5/24 & 5/27 Memorial Day Weekend (no school)
- 5/27 Memorial Day Parade—9am
- 5/29 & 5/30 NYYSMA Instrumental Majors
- 5/31 Senior Picnic



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)

- 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

April 29th 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 April 29th 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**

April

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| 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

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| 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

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

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:

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| \$ 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, April 29th, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

OPHS Post Prom Donations



Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Leo's Pizzeria
Ventura's Carstar Collision

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

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

Principal's Club (\$50):

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

Community Sponsor (\$150):

American Legion Post #567
Erica Brecher
Buffalo Sports Garden
Excelsior Orthopaedics
4th Wave Technologies
Hourihan Law
Illuminate Health & Wellness
Kumon Math and Reading Center of Orchard Park
McAllister Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
The Mentholatum Company
National Air Cargo
Orchard Park McDonald's Restaurant
Orchard Park Pediatrics
Purtill Plumbing
The Schroeder Law Firm
Tops Markets #108 - Orchard Park

Prize Donation Sponsors:

Buffalo Strive Vending
Ilio DiPalol's
Louie's Texas Red Hots
West Herr

Donations are current through 4/11/24

OPHS Post Prom Donations

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\$20.24 Club:

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

\$20.25 Club:

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

\$20.26 Club:

Jennifer Breitwieser
Shannon Dommer
Karen Fuentes
Erin Homer
Jill Pawlowski

\$20.27 Club:

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

Donations-Other:

Suzanne McMullen
NYCM Insurance
Jeremy Robinson
Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty
Valerie Velasquez

Donations are current through 4/11/24

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



American Legion Post 567



Illuminate Health & Wellness



DRIVER EDUCATION

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



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

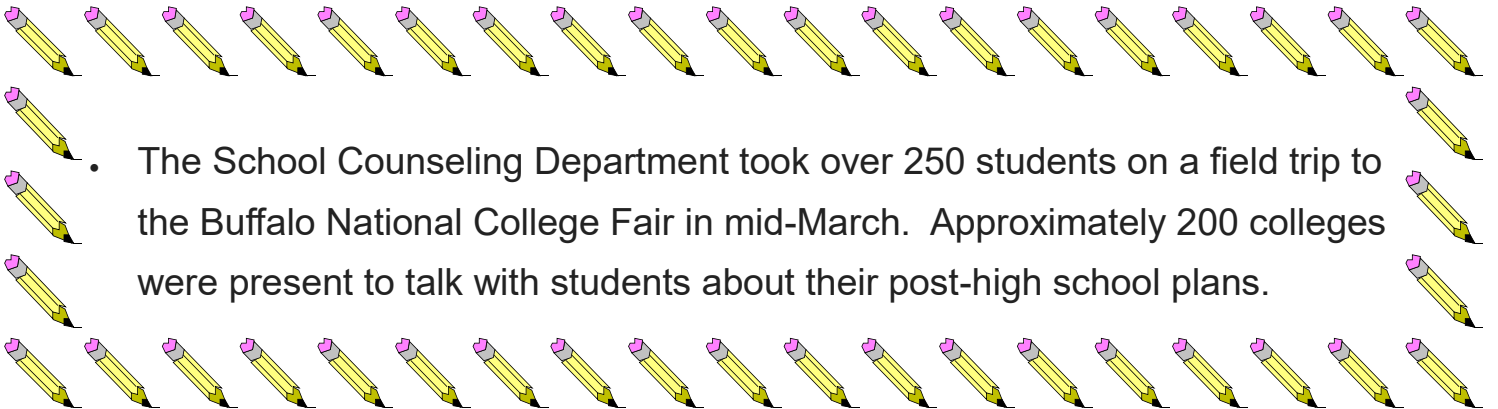
5-Hour Pre-Licensing Courses will be held on the following dates at the Orchard Park High School:

- Monday & Wednesday, April 22 & 24 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.

High School Counseling Department

Important Information:

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- The School Counseling Department took over 250 students on a field trip to the Buffalo National College Fair in mid-March. Approximately 200 colleges were present to talk with students about their post-high school plans.



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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* 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.