

QUAKER NEWS



Dear PTO,

As the school year is wrapping up, I am marveling at the fact that I am writing my very last newsletter submission. After a long 22 years of PTO in Orchard Park, I will set my sights to move on to other things. I have watched the style and the process for volunteering at our schools change over the course of these years, but one thing has remained constant, and that is the care of the good people who come together to make the school experience a better place for everyone. Parents, Teachers, and Administrators working together to offer more in everything we do is one of the reasons why Orchard Park Schools are such a great place to be.

Kids do better when PTO's are involved - when we make that connection from home to school, all students feel more like they belong.

I am thrilled to pass the leadership of our OP HS PTO over to **Jennifer Domzalski** and her incoming Board.

I would like to thank my Board of Officers for their endless work and dedication to our PTO. **Donna Aylsworth, Karen Fuentes, and Nicole Avitahl-Curtis have been fantastic to work with, and I thank them for all they have done.**

I also want to thank the amazing **Tara Rains** for her dedication to our newsletter - Tara is incredibly talented, so easy to work with and someone I have a great respect for. Thank you, Tara!

Our traditional end of year celebrations all went off perfectly, thanks to **Andrea McGrath** and **Elizabeth Duckham** for the NHS Ceremony and **Denise Straitiff** for the Underclass Awards. **Jen** Domzalski did a fabulous job in filling our slate and processing our nominations.

I'd also like to thank our committee representatives for their hard work this year:

Brenda Cimo and **Jenni Duff** on BET, **Chris Popek** and **Pam Rauh** on ILC and our STAP-COMM Reps, **Kelly Kerl, Jeanne Kornowicz, Ellen Jeffree** and **Julie Szczublewski**.

A very special Thank you to our teacher rep **Mr. Brett Novilitis** - we so appreciate your many years of being our connection to the HS teachers. This is Mr. Norv's last year serving as the PTO rep, thank you for all you have done for us!

Finally, thank you to our Senior Class Reps for an amazing Senior Picnic: **Pam Rauh, Karen Laudico** and **Brenda Cimo**- Job well done ladies!!! (I'm going to separate out my Post Prom Thank you's - so please look for that further inside our newsletter.)

I would have been lost without the timeless help of **Sandy Basile** in our main office. Sandy is a complete wealth of knowledge and is always willing to help us out. Also huge Thanks to **Mr. Pafk**, for all his help to our PTO this year and especially for all his patience, kindness, and positivity. We appreciate everything you have done for us, your first year was the beginning of a long relationship with our OP high school. We know our students are in great hands!

I am grateful for the many, many people that have played a part in my own PTO journey. All my best to all of you! Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Students, parents/guardians, and families celebrate all your accomplishments and dig into that future and enjoy all that it brings your way! Take Good Care!

Tracy Brege, OPHS PTO President

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*Congratulations
to the Class of
2024 Graduates!*



Over the course of the next month, the OPHS PTO Facebook page will be transitioning to a new administrator. Part of this process may involve removing any members who joined the group prior to the creation of the questionnaire requirements for acceptance into the group. Should you find you were removed, and you wish to remain a member, please re-submit your request for the new administrator to accept. Additionally, if your child has graduated and you are no longer interested in being a member, please feel free to leave the group. This will greatly assist in the transition process. I apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.

It has been a pleasure serving as the OPHS PTO Vice President for the last four years and an absolute honor and privilege to have been the District's Central Council PTO President for the last two years. Next up... Empty Nester.

Enjoy your summer! 😎

Kind Regards,
Donna Aylsworth

Click the Facebook logo below to get to our group



OPEN PTO POSITIONS:

OPHS still has some open positions for the 24/25 school year. We need your help! You are welcome to co-chair with a friend or do it solo. For more information, or to nominate yourself please contact Jen Domzalski at jmdomzalski@hotmail.com.

- Newsletter Editor
- Nominating Chair
- Winter Homecoming Refreshments Chair
- National Honor Society Reception Chair



OPHS CALENDAR

- 6/1 Senior Prom
- 6/4 Regents Algebra I Exam
- 6/4 Scholarship Auditions—3:30pm
- 6/5 New Parent QMB Mtg—7pm
- 6/8 ACT Testing
- 6/8 QMB Can & Bottle Drive—9am-2pm
- 6/11 Board of Education Mtg—7pm
- 6/12 OPSEPTSA Meeting—6:30pm
- 6/12-6/26 Local Exams
- 6/14-6/26 Regents Exams
- 6/19 Juneteenth Holiday (No School)
- 6/20 Senior Banquet
- 6/29 Graduation @ Kleinhans Music Hall—2pm

2024-2025

- 9/4 First Day of School

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!



Post Prom Event Thank You!!

Our Post Prom Event for the Class of 2024 was a huge success - The evening's theme was **TAILGATE** and our hometown sports teams were all represented! A million Thank you's to our Core Committee of:

Tammy Vitko-Woods, Pam Rauh, Tara Campise, Erin Homer, Karen Fuentes, Donna Aylsworth, Pam Rozic, and Tracy Brege

So many parents and community members came together to make this all possible - thank you for the many donations of money, food, drink, prizes and **TIME AND TALENTS**. We truly appreciate the people who came out and were willing to stay on well into the wee hours of the morning to make this a great evening for our kids. We would hate to leave anyone out, so please know we know you were there, and we are grateful for your help. So many top-notch prizes were given out, and one lucky kid went home with \$2024!

Most importantly our kids had an after-Prom event to go to that kept them safe and entertained.

Special thanks to **Karen Fuentes and Renata Doerr** for running our biggest Post Prom fundraiser with the BBQ and donut sale aligned with the district budget vote on May 20th. It was a huge success and helped provide well for this event. Thank you to **Juliette Reashor** for picking up the Krispy Kreme donuts too! They were a big hit! We also appreciate the many volunteer hands that come out to help serve and prepare the dinners! We can always count on our great parents and members to make this all happen.

A million Thanks also going out to Mr. Pafk, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Reiford and Mr. Hafner and Mr. Bove for all their help that night and to Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Brignone and Mr. Bean for helping and making the kids night even more fun at Post Prom. Unending gratitude to our amazing high school **Custodial Crew and Cleaners and to Mr. Tom Coleman** - We have a lot of truly dedicated and incredibly helpful people on staff at OPHS!

Thank you!

Tracy Brege

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Premier Raffle Sponsor (\$500):

Mighty Taco
Substance Free Coalition/Kids Escaping Drugs



Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Leo's Pizzeria
Ventura's Carstar Collision

Community Sponsor (\$150):

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

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

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| Tanya Bowman | j.b.'s Salon |
| Community Bank | Barbra Lesh |
| Tara Barclay & Anthony Acuna | Deanna McDonald |
| Lisa Esler-Brauer | Ruban Sivanesan |
| Ann Fischer | Valerie Venturo |
| Barbara & Patrick Hanlon | Tammy Vitko-Woods |
| Christina Hernandez | |

Principal's Club (\$50):

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| Kate Camalleri | Erica Patterson |
| Tara Campise | Chris Popek |
| Kristen Casto | Lisa Renn |
| Ren & Jeff Choroser | Michelle & Bill Roberts |
| Martha & Douglas DeLozier | Jennifer Sippel |
| Kristin Dudish | Mary Thompson |
| Jim & Laura Fleming | Melanie Wojcik |
| Amanda McCormick | |

Prize Donation Sponsors:

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| Melissa Albert | BW's Barbecue | Louie's Texas Red Hots |
| Rebecca Balk | C's Custard Delight | Amanda McCormick |
| Bob-O-Link Golf Club | Kathleen Camalleri | Suzanne McMullen |
| Bookend Baker | Cookie Jarz Bakeshop | Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence |
| Lisa Brauer | Laura Cox | Francine Powers |
| Buffalo Bandits | Nicole Curtis | Quaker Athletic Booster Club |
| Buffalo Bills | Shannon Fisher | Sunshine & Bluebirds |
| Buffalo Bisons | Hogenkamp Optics | Wegmans McKinley Parkway |
| Buffalo Sabres | Suzanne Houlihan | West Herr |
| Buffalo Strive Vending | Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant | |



OPHS Post Prom Donations

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\$20.24 Club:

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

\$20.25 Club:

- Nicole Avitahl-Curtis
- Jennifer Breitwieser
- Jennifer Coyle
- Roy Curtis
- Nancy DeBroka
- Cristi Oczek
- 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
- Heather & Daniel Kasproicz
- Kimesha Northway
- Cristi Oczek
- Sarah Rera
- Kerry Steinagle
- Wadeline Theodore
- Tammy Vitko-Woods
- Courtney Wahowski

Donations-Other:

- Suzanne McMullen
- NYCM Insurance
- Jeremy Robinson
- Kettle Korn Shoppe
- Thomas Johnson Homes & Realty
- Valerie Velasquez

Donations are current through 6/3/24

Thank you!

OPHS Post Prom Business Donors:

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



DRIVER EDUCATION

Please check the district web site, www.opschools.org, in mid-July for information regarding the fall session.



5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

- The 5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course will be held on Thursday, June 27th from 8:00am -1:00pm at Orchard Park High School.
- You must 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.

