

QUAKER NEWS



Note from the OPHS PTO President:

Hello OPHS Families,

I hope this school year is off to a great start for all of you. In late August and September the PTO helped to facilitate many events. I'd like to thank several PTO members for their support.

Thank you to Jennifer Kellington and Denise Straitiff for organizing and providing ice cream to new students at the Freshman/New Student Orientation!

Thank you to Nicole Curtis, Joy Higgins, and Jeanne Kornowicz for organizing the Senior Tie-Dye! Thank you Senior Class advisors Mrs. Rodemeyer and Mrs. Conners and all of the PTO volunteers who helped make the event special for the Seniors!

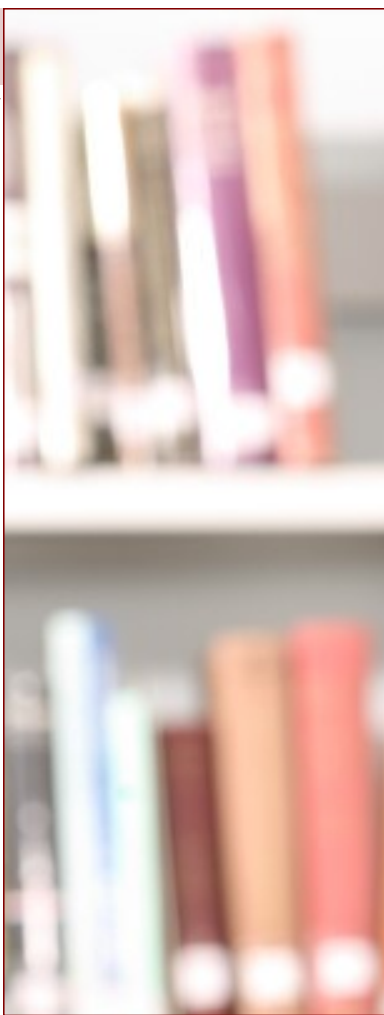
Thank you to the PTO Board and everyone who donated breakfast items for the Welcome Back Breakfast for teachers and staff. It was fabulous!

Thank you to Sarah Rera and Tammy Vitko-Woods, as well as, Mrs. Rodemeyer and Mrs. Conners for organizing the Coat Check and Refreshments at the Fall Homecoming Dance. Thank you to all of the PTO volunteers who helped that evening!

I also want to thank all the people who have taken on PTO responsibilities this year for us - it is because of you that we are able to help make OPHS a first-class place to be. I am so proud of the good work our PTO does here! Come out and join us on Oct 28th - Post Prom Meeting is at 6pm and PTO meeting is at 7pm. We would love to see you!

Jen Domzalski

OPHS PTO President



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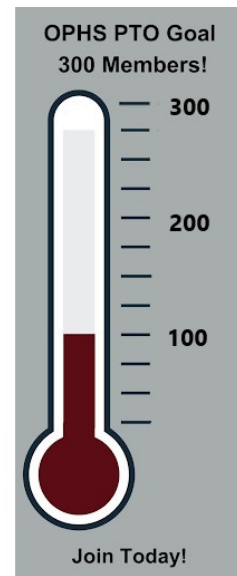
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- PTO Membership Drive
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OPHS PTO Membership Drive!

Welcome to OPHS! Our PTO is excited to bring events and support our kids in activities this school year! Please support the PTO & learn more about what the PTO is all about!



The PTO NEEDS your support!

We currently have 100 memberships - Our goal is to have 300.

Please help us to reach our goal by

Joining the PTO (\$5 Membership), and considering contributing with an extra donation!

<https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/>



All parents are welcome to attend the PTO meetings! It's a great way to learn about what's going on. Get the latest information from our Principal and Teacher Rep, Parent Reps (ILC, BET, STAP-Comm) and more.

What does the OPHS PTO do?

We host 2 events celebrating OPHS staff:

Welcome Back Breakfast (Aug.)

Staff Appreciation Lunch (Jan.)

The OPHS PTO supports many events for students all school year through funding and providing volunteers.

Events include:

Ice cream at Freshman/New Student Orientation (Aug.)

Senior Tie-Dye (Aug.)

Senior Picnic BBQ lunch (June)

Fall and Winter Homecoming Refreshments and Coat Check (Sept./Feb.)

National Society of Science Scholars Reception (March)

Tri-M Music Honor Society Reception (April)

World Languages Honor Society Reception (May)

National Honor Society Reception (May)

Underclass Awards Reception (May)

Post Prom Party (May)

The OPHS PTO has representatives on many high school committees that include parents, teachers, administrators, and students. These committees work hard to solve problems and enhance the school experience as a whole for our kids.

These include:

STAP-Comm (Students, Teachers, Administrators, and Parents Committee)

BET (Building Effectiveness Team)

ILC (Instructional Leader Committee)

If you are already a PTO member, THANK YOU!

OPHS PTO DONATIONS 2024 - 2025

**We would like to thank the following people for
PTO Donations!**

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis

Lindsey Clader

Karen Fuentes

Cameron Macon

Lynn Stoltz

Andrea McGrath

Lauren Sikora

Amanda Talty

Valerie Velasquez

Jennifer Bushen

Julie Wengewicz

Jill Skoba

Autumn Houseknecht

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Anyone wishing to submit information for the newsletter should email: ophsppto@gmail.com by the **FIRST 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.

PTO Meeting Dates 2024-2025



**Note: Meetings will take place in-person in the LMC Library
on the 2nd floor of the high school.**

**Please be certain to join PTO via the Membership Toolkit website
to ensure the emails are sent to you!**

Monday, October 28, 2024* - 7PM

Monday, November 25, 2024* - 7PM

Monday, January 27, 2025*- 7PM

Monday, February 24, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, March 24, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, April 28, 2025* - 7PM

Monday, May 19, 2025* - 6PM **(Updated time!)**

*** Post Prom meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on these dates, beginning in October!**

OPHS PTO Facebook Page Information

Please join the OPHS PTO Facebook page!

It's a convenient way to find out what's going on at the High School, stay informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities and stay updated on other information important for high school parents.

To join, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394/>

or enter "Orchard Park High School PTO" in the search box on Facebook.

***** Please be sure to answer the "membership questions" prior to submitting your request to join the page!***
Also, you must rejoin the page each year!





POST PROM INFORMATION 2024-2025



The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on May 31, 2025 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 2024, the PTO gave away more than \$2,000 in prizes and \$3000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2024.

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 **servng on the Post Prom Committee** by coming to a Post Prom meeting or emailing the Post Prom Coordinator. 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:

\$ 20.25	2025 Club (2026, 2027, and 2028 Clubs also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity Sponsor
\$500.00	Premier Raffle 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

The first **Post Prom Committee** meeting will be held on **Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm** All are welcome to join us to help plan the party! Parents of underclassmen are encouraged to attend as well!



POST PROM DONATIONS & SPONSORS



\$20.25 CLUB

Tara Rosa
Joy Higgins
Nicole Avitahl-Curtis
Tara Barclay
Jill Edwards-Tills
Nicole Danna
Sheila Eagan
Nancy DeBroka
Jennifer Carducci
Jillian Chudzik
Shannon Fisher
Danielle
Schwanekamp
Jennifer Breitwieser
Jennifer Meyer
Lucie Bowers
Maureen Quagliana
Renee Wall
Nicole Zelasko

\$20.26 CLUB

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis
Karen Fuentes
Rosanne Sanchez
Erin Homer
Jennifer Breitwieser
Shannon Dehn
Jill Pawlowski
Lisa Taips

\$20.27 CLUB

Nancy DeBroka
Jennifer Duff
Amanda McCormick
Courtney Wahowski
Rebecca Jubulis
Maura Watson
Sarah Rera
Tammy Vitko-Woods
Kelly Kerl

\$20.28 CLUB

Jennifer Duff
Caren Chaffee
Amanda Talty

Premier Raffle Sponsor

Sam Puleo

Superintendent's CLUB

Sheila Eagan
Jill Pawlowski
Cristi Occek

Principal's CLUB

Keiko Papaj
Andrea Shurtliffe
Shannon Dommer

Donations are current through 10/1/2024

OPHS PTO POSITIONS & CHAIRPERSONS 2024 - 2025

Executive Board

Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Phone Number
President	Jen Domzalski	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	(716) 432-6910
Vice President	Jennifer Kellington 2024-2026	jkellington379@gmail.com	(717) 433-7974
Secretary	Karry Kazial-Backes 2024-2026	karry.kazial@fredonia.edu	(716) 290-6672
Treasurer	Karen Fuentes 2024-2025	karen.fuentes8888@att.net	(310) 251-5635

Events and Chairpersons

Position	Name/Term	Email Address	Staff Contact
Newsletter Editor	Jennifer Kellington 2024-2025	jkellington379@gmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org
Nominating Chair	OPEN		N/A
BET Reps (2)	Jenni Duff 2023-2025 Barbra Lesh 2024-2026	jenniferduff7@yahoo.com doctorbarb33@gmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org

ILC Reps (2)	<p>Jessica Schimert 2024-2026</p> <p>Brenda Cimo 2024-2026</p> <p>Chris Popek 2024-2025</p>	<p>jjschimert@gmail.com</p> <p>brendacimo@yahoo.com</p> <p>chrispopek@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org</p>
STAP-COMM Reps (4)	<p>Kelly Kerl 2023-2025</p> <p>Ellen Jeffree 2023-2025</p> <p>Julie Szczublewski 2023-2025</p> <p>Deborah Kassirer 2024-2026</p>	<p>thekerls@gmail.com</p> <p>shamrocklans@msn.com</p> <p>lanoe@aol.com</p> <p>dkassirer@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Kirsten Feldman kfeldman@opschools.org</p> <p>Samantha Maciejewski smaciejewski@opschools.org</p>
Teacher Rep			N/A
<p>Senior Class Assistant ONE YEAR Tie Dye: 8/27/24 Senior Picnic 5/30/25</p>	<p>Nicole Curtis 2024-2025</p> <p>Joy Higgins 2024-2025</p> <p>Jeanne Kornowicz 2024-2025</p>	<p>navitahl-curtis@outlook.com</p> <p>joyhiggs@gmail.com</p> <p>jksportsfan@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org</p> <p>Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org</p>
<p>New Student /Freshman Orientation 8/28/24</p>	<p>Denise Straitiff 2023-2025</p> <p>Jennifer Kellington 2024-2026</p>	<p>denise.straitiff@gmail.com</p> <p>jkellington379@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dr. Cervoni acervoni@opschools.org</p> <p>Mr. Bove above@opschools.org</p>

Welcome Back Break-fast 8/29/24	PTO Board	jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Fall Homecoming Coat Check 9/28/24	Sarah Rera 2023-2025	sararera@gmail.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors
Fall Homecoming Refreshments 9/28/24	Tammy Vitko-Woods 2024-2025	tlvwsmiles@icwoods.com	Mrs. Rodemeyer mrodemeyer@opschools.org Mrs. Connors cfconnors@opschools.org
Staff Appreciation Lunch 1/24/25	Nicole Curtis 2024-2025	Navitahl-Curtis@outlook.com	Mrs. Basile sbasile@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming Coat Check	Sarah Rera 2023-2025	sararera@gmail.com	Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove above@opschools.org
Winter Homecoming Refreshments	OPEN		Mrs. Rominger srominger@opschools.org Mr. Bove
Science Scholars Reception 3/25/25	Heather Manocchio 2024-2026	hmanocchio@ecwa.org	Ms. King BKing@opschools.org
Tri-M Music Honors Reception 4/09/25	Karry Kazial-Backes 2023-2025 Jen Domzalski 2023-2025	karry.kazial@fredonia.edu jmdomzalski@hotmail.com	Mr. Bean SBean@opschools.org

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World Language Induction Reception 5/1/25	Erin Reukauf 2023-2025	ecreukauf@gmail.com	Mrs. Holterman KHolterman@opschools.org
National Honor Society Reception 5/09/25	Wendi Czekanski 2024-2025 Jennifer Kellington 2024-2025	wendisueelynn@hotmail.com jkellington379@gmail.com	Mrs. Karalus lkaralus@opschools.org
Underclass Award Reception 5/21/25	Denise Straitiff 2023-2025	denise.straitiff@gmail.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org
Post Prom Coordinator ONE YEAR 5/31/25	Maureen Bass 2024-2025	Mbass@abramslaw.com	Mr. Pafk BPafk@opschools.org

The PTO is still in need of a **Nominations Chair** and a **Winter Homecoming Refreshments Chair**. Grab a friend and volunteer together! Contact Jen Domzalski to sign up or ask questions jmdomzalski@hotmail.com Thank you!

~ SPECIAL THANKS! ~

TO OUR PARENTS FOR AN ENCHANTED HOMECOMING!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at Homecoming 2024 refreshments. You made the night extra special for the students. To our parents of seniors, your service to our school will be greatly missed. For our parents of freshmen, we hope you enjoyed your first experience volunteering at Homecoming. We hope to see our freshmen, sophomore, and junior parent volunteers again next year.

We'd like to thank the following outstanding volunteers for giving up part of their Saturday night to help at the high school dance:

Nicole Curtis

Jolene Zeigler

Rory Curtis

Erin Brackenridge

Bryan DeBroka

Anne Malek

Catie Jones

Lisa Taips

Deborah Todero

Lynn Stoltz

Chris McGrath

Mike Rozic

Janie Sperry

(From the refreshment chairs Tammy Vitko-Woods and Ian Woods)

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the amazing parents who volunteered at the Homecoming Dance coat check. Your time, energy, and support helped make the night run smoothly, and we couldn't have done it without you. Your involvement truly made a difference, and we're so grateful for your dedication to our school community.



October News!

From the High School Counseling Department

- The OPHS NCAA Night will take place on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium. This evening is for the high school student-athlete who is considering playing at a Division I or Division II level in college. We will have a guest speaker from UB's Athletic and Compliance Office to provide insight into recruiting, scholarships, eligibility, and more! Parents and their athletes from all grades are encouraged to attend.
- The High School Counseling department met with the Junior and Senior classes during the first week of school for the Fall College Assembly. A plethora of information related to the college planning process including SATs, recommendations, athletics, applications, financial aid, SCOIR, and much more was discussed.
- The Western New York Collegiate Consortium of Disability Advocates will be hosting a college night for students with disabilities interested in learning about the transition from high school to college. The event will take place at Daemen University on Tuesday, October 17th, 2024. Colleges and agencies that support this transition across the state will present valuable information. Please visit the [WNYCCDA](#) website for details and registration information.
- OPHS is a test center for the October ACT, November SAT, May SAT, and June ACT. Please visit the [ACT](#) and [SAT](#) websites for details and registration information.
- During the months of September and October, the High School Counselors met with seniors for their Senior Check-In to discuss post high school plans. Options including college, trades, military, and employment were discussed.
- The High School Counseling department hosts a Google Classroom for each grade level. Ask your child to login 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.
- The Scott Krueger Memorial Scholarship application will be available the week of October 7th and is due on November 8th. Each year, two OPHS seniors are chosen to receive a \$10,000 annual scholarship valued at \$40,000 over four years. Applicants must have a GPA of 90% or above, have 4 credits of math and science, and have participated in at least one season of athletics at OPHS. Additional information and the application will be available on the Scholarships-Class of 2025 Google Classroom. All seniors have access to this classroom.

DRIVER EDUCATION



Check the district website in November for information on the Winter/Spring session of Driver Education.

5-HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

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

Monday & Wednesday, October 21 & 23, 2024 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both evenings and 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.

