

QUAKER NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF MR. WOLF: Welcome to 2020!

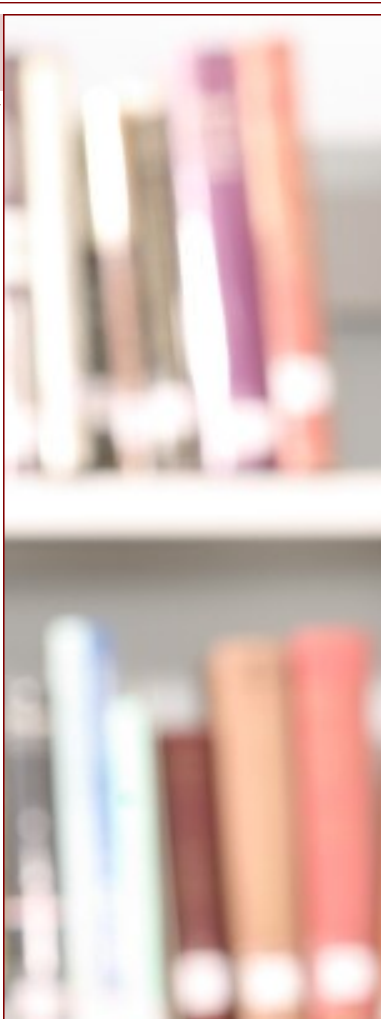
As we return from a long holiday break, our focus quickly shifts to the end of the 1st semester and the January exam period. Additionally, we will soon begin preparations for the next school year. Please review the following important information about these two events.

The January exam period scheduled for January 21-24, 2020. While there are no regular classes scheduled for those four days, they are considered attendance days, not vacation days. Exams begin at 7:30 AM, 10 AM, and 12:30 PM. Students are expected to report to the exam location at least 15 minutes prior to their specific examinations. As in the past, transportation will be provided for students for each testing period. Students should expect to be scheduled for a mid-term exam for each of their full-year courses and a final assessment for their semester one courses. All students have been provided with a printed copy of their individual exam schedule and pertinent examination information in homeroom. Additionally, the entire exam schedule is available on the OPHS website. In accordance with the NYS testing regulations, students will not be permitted to bring cell phones into the examination rooms. Students will need to leave their cell phones in their lockers or at home during the exam administrations. A telephone is accessible in each of the House Offices if needed.

As we transition into the second semester, the scheduling process for the 2020-21 school year begins! Students will be provided with a scheduling form during the first day of the second semester on January 27th. Parents and students should begin discussing which courses they will be selecting based on their particular interests and academic goals. The academic handbook (available on the OPHS website) is a very useful and informational tool in helping guide these conversations. Additionally, our counselors and teachers can provide valuable insight and guidance in this process. I encourage you to consult with them in order to make the best choices for your student. I am proud to say that Orchard Park High School is able to offer our students a very diverse and comprehensive selection of courses from which to choose. The course request process is a critical step in developing our staffing and curricular needs for the coming year. Student course requests dictate whether or not a particular course will be offered in the coming academic year.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year filled with the academic, athletic and artistic accomplishments of our talented students! Happy 2020!

Mr. Jonathan Wolf, OPHS Principal



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- There's still time to join the PTO
- PTO Staff Luncheon
- SAT test taking info
- Thanks for all those who've pitched in to help with time, donations, & support!



THANK
YOU
TEACHERS
AND STAFF



The **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** will be held on Friday, January 24th - just 2 weeks away. Will you help us to make the luncheon a success and say thank you to our wonderful staff at OPHS?

HERE ARE 3 WAYS TO HELP:

- 1) Sign-up to Donate Food/Drinks
- 2) Make a Cash Donation
- 3) Sign-up to Volunteer

Go to your membership toolkit account at orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com now to sign-up or to make a cash donation. You can also mail a check or cash to: OPHS PTO ~ 4040 Baker Rd ~ Orchard Park, NY 14127

Thank you!

Questions? Call or Text Holly Nelson at (716) 310-4256



PTO MEMBERSHIP:

It's NEVER Too Late To Join!!

Attention parents of seniors: you will not be able to volunteer at the senior picnic or post prom if you are not a PTO member. The PTO Membership Drive is the **ONLY** fundraiser for the PTO General Fund. Your \$5.00 Membership Fee helps the PTO support the students and staff of the High School. Less than 25% of High School families have joined so far. Please help us increase this percentage! See pages 5-7 for sign-up details. Thank you!

If you joined the PTO by submitting a paper membership form, your contact information was entered into Membership Toolkit, the PTO's new communication, donation, volunteering, and tracking system. Once your contact information is entered, you should receive an invitation to create a Membership Toolkit account. Please accept the invitation and follow the directions so that you can volunteer, donate, etc. online in the future. Creating a Membership Toolkit account is the **ONLY** way to establish your directory preferences (like hiding your home address, etc.).



If you do not receive an invitation after submitting a paper membership form, please contact Natalie Lesh Schaffer at natalielesh2.o@gmail.com. Once you create a Membership Toolkit account, you will not need to do it again throughout your student's time at OPHS. Thank you!

Post Prom Party

The Post Prom Party will be held on June 6, 2020 after Prom. Planning and fundraising starts NOW! The Post Prom committee will be making many decisions starting with the meeting on January 27th at 6 pm. 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 be involved!

PTO News & Information



Click the Facebook logo to get to our group



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



PTO MEETINGS 2019-20

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

1/27 4/27

2/24 6/1

3/30

POST PROM PLANNING

The post prom committee works all year to plan for this event and we need help! All parents are welcome but especially junior and senior parents. **Join us before every PTO meeting at 6pm (same location).**

"Many hands make light work"
John Heywood

**Next Post Prom Meeting
January 27th at 6pm**

OPHS CALENDAR

- 1/11 Winter Driver Education
Registration—8am
- 1/12 Quaker Cheer Challenge—9am
- 1/13 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
—No School
- 1/21-1/24 Regents Exams
- 1/25 Winterscape Winter Guard
Show—4pm
- 1/27 Post Prom Meeting, 6pm
PTO Meeting, 7pm
- 2/5 Collegiate Athletic Signing—3pm
Winter Choral Concert—7pm
- 2/7 Festival of Bands Concert—7pm
- 2/8 Winter Homecoming Dance
—7:30 to 10:30pm
- 2/10 STAP Comm Meeting—7pm
- 2/14 Early Dismissal—12:45pm
- 2/17-2/21 Mid-Winter Break
—No School
- 2/24 Post Prom Meeting, 6pm
PTO Meeting, 7pm
- 2/25 Parent Information Series:
Vaping—6:30pm at HS
- 2/27 Parent Information Series:
Vaping—6:30pm at MS

Newsletter Submissions:

Anyone wishing to submit info 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, but we can. If you'd like us to format your info for you, just send the text and let us know to format. Thank you!

Want to be a High School Booster???



It's not too late to join the PTO!

Cost of Membership: \$5.00

Perks of Membership:

- access to the online and mobile family directory
- ability to volunteer at various HS events
- the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting HS students and staff

Two Ways to Join:

1. Join online

(directions on page 6)

Or

2. Submit the paper membership form

(on page 7)

Thank you for your support!

OPHS PTO Online Membership Directions

Membership dues for the 2019 - 2020 school year are \$5.00 per family.

We are excited to announce that the PTO will be using Membership Toolkit instead of My School Anywhere for our communications, online store, online membership, volunteer signups and directory. Every family will need to create a Membership Toolkit account to join the PTO (or submit the attached form and an account will be created for you).

As with any new tool, we anticipate some growing pains. If you have **ANY** issues, please contact Natalie Lesh Schaffer at natalielesh2.0@gmail.com or 225-0412.

To create a Membership Toolkit account and join the PTO:

1. Go to <https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/> and click the "Register / Log In" button. Click the "Create Account" button on the right side of the page underneath "New User?" Provide your first and last name, email address, create a password and click the "Verify My Email" button
2. Go to your email and click the "Verify My Email" button (check your junk or spam folders if you don't receive it immediately). Enter your password where indicated on the verification screen and click the "Create Account" button
3. Click on "Step 1: Family Information" and provide the requested information. Click the "Next Step" button. Note: if you indicate that you want the second parent to be able to manage the account, they will receive an email and will have to accept your invitation to do so. They will have to create an account. (You can also invite another parent later.)
4. Proceed to "Step 2: Student Information." Click "Add Student" to enter your first HS child's name and grade. Do not enter Classroom Teacher. Click "I have another student" to add additional HS children to your profile. When all HS children have been entered, **click the "Save" button in the lower right side of the page.**
5. Proceed to "Step 2: Directory Publish Preferences." You can opt out of having your information published in the online directory. You can also choose which information you would like shared in the directory by unchecking any boxes containing information you wish to keep private. **Click the "Save" button in the lower right side of the page** to save your preferences.
6. Once you have created your account and completed your profile, please visit the Store to join the PTO. While you're joining the PTO, you can also make a donation to the PTO General Fund or to Post Prom. For any store purchase, you can pay online through your Paypal account or mail a check or cash to the PTO.
7. You can also visit the Volunteer page to sign up for events scheduled in the first half of the school year. The sign up for PTO events later in the school year will be posted at the appropriate time.

OPHS PTO Membership Form

As an alternative to joining the PTO online (see previous page for instructions), you can complete this form and an online account will be created for you. Please bring the completed form and your payment to the PTO table at one of the Open House nights (September 11th and 19th) or mail the form and your payment to:

OPHS
Attn: PTO
4040 Baker Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Email Address: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

High School Child / Children's Names and Grades:

I WANT to be included in the online directory but wish to **keep the following information private** (circle all that apply): phone number, email address, home address, second parent's information, and/or child(s) name and grade(s).

I do NOT want to be included in the online directory at all.

Membership Dues	<u>\$5.00</u>
Post Prom Donation	_____
(see attached Post Prom page for information about donations)	
PTO General Fund Donation	_____
Total	_____

Check One: Cash _____ Check # _____

First Half of the Year Volunteer Opportunities (check all that interest you):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Tie Dye (8/28) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Breakfast (8/29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open House Membership Table (or) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Homecoming Dance (9/28) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Prom Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Baked Goods (all year) |



2019 – 2020 OPHS PTO Events

January

Friday, January 24	Staff Appreciation Lunch	All Day
Monday, January 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, January 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

February

Saturday, February 8	Winter Homecoming	7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Monday, February 24	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 24	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

March

Monday, March 30	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 30	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

April

TBD	World Language Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 27	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.

May

Friday, May 15	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Underclass Awards Ceremony	7:00 p.m.

June

Monday, June 1	Post Prom Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 1	PTO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 5	Senior Picnic	Morning
Sunday, June 7	Post Prom	12 a.m. – 3 a.m.



2019 – 2020 OPHS PTO Post Prom Information

Post Prom is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held this year at midnight on June 6, 2020, immediately following Prom. The Post Prom party is a safe, drug and alcohol-free event for OP Seniors and their Prom dates. OP Seniors do not need to attend Prom in order to attend Post Prom.

Last year, almost 400 students attended Post Prom. The students enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and prizes. The PTO gave away more than \$3000 in prizes and more than \$4000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of \$2019. This year's grand prize will be \$2020.

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 volunteer** in some capacity. Donors are recognized in the monthly PTO Newsletter. You do not need to be the parent of a senior to volunteer – all are welcome!

Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Suggested donation levels are as follows:

\$ 20.20	2020 Club (2021, 2022, and 2023 Club levels also available)
\$ 50.00	Principal's Club
\$100.00	Superintendent's Club
\$150.00	Community Sponsor
\$250.00	Activity Sponsor

You can make your donation online through your Membership Toolkit account or you can mail a donation to:

OPHS
Attn: PTO Post Prom
4040 Baker Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127

You can sign up to be a member of the Post Prom Committee through your Membership Toolkit account or through your paper membership form. Additionally, you can contact Post Prom Chair Barb Fowler at bfowler88@gmail.com if you are interested.

The next Post Prom meeting will be held on January 27th at 6pm in Library Media II.

OPHS Post Prom Donations

Activity Sponsor (\$250):

Nicole Zelasko

Superintendent's Club (\$100):

Sherry Major
Michele Chapuis
Christine Tinnesz
Lisa Sharp
Patricia Harrigan
Debbi Filipski
Nicole Zelasko
Cathleen & James Dunlop
Ann & Tim Fischer
Shannon Dommer



Principal's Club (\$50):

Robin Piscitelli
Jeanne Hellert
Debbie Leach
Jennifer Higgins

\$20.20 Club:

Kelly Houseman
Jean Masman
Dori Sajdak
Michelle Knavel
Robin Jubulis
Donna Donohue
Jack Wellington
Laurie Morris
Sheila Eagan
Caren Chaffee
Joanne McClintock
Sarah McBride
Janet Conley
MaryAnn DiSimone
Molly Heraty
Kate Taggart
Kimberly Schmelzinger
Christina Wojciechowski
Donna Malik-Buckley
Jill Norvilitis
Jill Hill
Martha Delozier
Sharon Azurin
Barbara Dojnik
Sheila Barnes
Amy Jablonski
Zeina Williams
Susan Luchowski
Lisa Taips
Lynn Larkin
Wendy Gloss
Ellen Gibson

\$20.21 Club:

Lisa Gioia
Kristen Mazur
Lisa Hanna
Kim Kamis
Susan Heard
Ann Chojnacki
Natalie Schaffer
Colleen Nielsen

\$20.22 Club:

Maura Watson
Kimberly Schmelzinger
Jody Magner
Susan Heard

\$20.23 Club:

Molly Heraty

General Post Prom Donations:

Dori Sajdak
Sheri Carter
Jennifer Warnes
Tracy Burger
Amy Zboch
Denise Day
Kristi Prince
Barbara Hanlon
Kelly Zarbo
Margaret Stuhr
Charmaine Cwick
Gina Forcucci
Susan Puskar
Danielle Moran
Elizabeth Klenke
Janelle Milliken
Joe Ademec
Melissa Haak

Donations are current through 12/31/2019



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SAT TEST DATES 2019-2020

SAT – SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST

OPHS – CEEB Code 334-325 /Test Center Code: 33-738

(Administered at OPHS in November and May)

- Learn about and Register for the SAT at: www.collegeboard.org REGISTRATION is NOT done through OPHS-- (online only at above site. You must make a student account which takes about 20-30 minutes, unless you already have one from taking the PSAT or an AP course).
- Call 866-756-7346 or 888-SAT-HELP if you are having problems (Be prepared to be on hold!)
- Fees: \$49.50 without essay section/\$64.50 with essay section/Subject tests \$26.00 Payable by credit card online when you register. For more information, click here: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/fees>

SAT Test Dates and Deadline 2019-20- Register online at: www.collegeboard.org

Saturday Test Date	Normal Registration Deadline	Late Registration	Potential Online Score Release
March 14th **No Subject tests	February 14th	March 3rd	March 27-31st
May 2nd At OPHS	April 3rd	April 21st	May 15-20th
June 6th	May 8th	May 27th	July 15-17th

Any questions, see your counselor or Mrs. Montesano. GOOD LUCK!!!



DRIVER EDUCATION



Information on the Winter/Spring session of Driver Education is available on the district web site, www.opschools.org
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 3 & 5, 2020 6:30-9:00pm

You must attend both sessions and be 16 or older and have a valid NYS Learner's Permit. There is a \$30.00 fee, submitted to the instructor (make checks payable to Orchard Park Central School District). Sign up at the Community Education Office or call 209-6295.



Need to raise an issue???

OPHS has three Shared Decision Making (SDM) committees that address student, staff, building, and curriculum issues.

STAP-COMM: The High School's student government, composed of students, teachers, administrators, and parents. This group addresses student issues.

Parent reps: Pam Rauh pamelamrauh@gmail.com, Robin Jubulis robinjubulis@yahoo.com, and Michelle Bouton, michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER COUNCIL: Composed of an elected chairperson from each HS department, high school administrators, school related professionals, parents, and a business representative. This group addresses issues pertaining to curriculum and instruction.

Parent rep: Janet Conley, jeconley@me.com, and Laura Kelly, latjkelly@gmail.com.

BUILDING EFFECTIVENESS TEAM: Composed of elected members from the Teachers Association and School Related Professionals Association, high school administrators, parents, and a business representative. This group addresses contractual issues pertaining to the welfare of the school; student and staff welfare and morale; the physical condition of the building; and improvement of the school.

Parent reps: Maura Watson, jdng6@yahoo.com, Kim Kamis kimkamis1@yahoo.com.

If you have an issue you would like raised at any of these committees, please contact the parent rep or fill out the attached form and submit it to the Main Office. The form can also be found at: <https://www.opschools.org/domain/84>.

Orchard Park High School Shared Decision Making Committees Parent Input Form

OPHS SDM committees consist of school administrators, teachers, parents and community members who meet monthly to discuss high school policies, curriculum and event planning.

Item of Concern/Interest/Issue:

Background of the issue (what has been done). Check all that apply:

Spoke with: Teacher _____ Counselor _____ Administrator _____

Your recommendations for solution/outcome:

Name (required): _____ **Date:** _____

Individual Concern _____ Group Concern _____

To be completed following the meeting:

Action (summary): _____