Dear High School Parents:

Welcome or welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and that you are excited that your child will soon be heading back to school. As you know, a number of events and activities were cancelled last year, but the PTO is looking forward to supporting the students, teachers, staff and families and returning to our schedule of events and activities for the year! Towards this end, we hope that you will consider getting involved. Here are a few ways to do that:

Join the PTO - Membership is only $5 and can be done quickly and easily online, through Membership Toolkit. Instructions for joining online can be found on the attached page. Emails related to PTO-sponsored events, activities and volunteer opportunities are sent to members through the Membership Toolkit website, and members have access to the online directory of all PTO member families.

Join the Orchard Park High School PTO Facebook page. We use the page to keep parents informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and we share other information important for high school parents. The page can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1396662093956394/ or by searching “Orchard Park High School PTO” on Facebook.

PTO meetings will take place the last Monday of each month (except December). We will try a combination of formats - some meetings will be in-person and some will be virtual. A list of meeting dates is attached.

Stay informed. Read the monthly PTO newsletter available on the HS website (click on “Parent Resources” and then “PTO”). The newsletter contains information about what’s happening at the High School, and often contains requests for volunteers. An email will be sent when the newsletter is posted.

Volunteer to help. We’re thrilled to return to our PTO activities this year! As volunteer opportunities become available throughout the year, they will be communicated through PTO emails, on the Facebook page and in the monthly PTO newsletter.

We hope you enjoy the last days of summer!

Caren Chaffee, President
chaffeecaren@gmail.com

Donna Aylsworth, Vice President
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Tracy Brege, Treasurer
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Amy Wierer, Secretary
wiereramy@gmail.com
Senior Tie Dye

This year’s Senior Tie Dye will take place on **Tuesday, August 31, 2021** between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on the **Baker Road lawn**.

Seniors may come at any time between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm to make their shirts.

The activity will take place outside, under tents, rain or shine.

**Senior Parents:**
If you are interested in volunteering at this year’s Senior Tie Dye, please sign up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4dafa62ea02-senior](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4dafa62ea02-senior) or contact Marcia Totaro at mtotaro25@verizon.net or Marcy Keats at marcykeats@icloud.com.
Are you the parent of a student who is new to Orchard Park High School?

Welcome to the OPHS community!

The New Student Orientation for incoming 9th graders and students new to OPHS is a great opportunity to get to know the High School better, meet classmates and check out their class schedules!

The New Student Orientation will be held on
Wednesday, September 1, 2021
(Students only)

6:00 pm - Student drop off
6:00-6:30 pm - Student registration in auditorium
6:30-7:30 pm - Orientation program

As a “Welcome to OPHS,” 9th graders and new students will receive a free ice cream at orientation, courtesy of PTO.
Kickoff Staff Breakfast

The PTO will once again be hosting the **Staff Breakfast** to kickoff the 2021-2022 school year.

This year, it will take place the morning of **Thursday, September 2**.

As in past years, we are hoping to have some of the breakfast items donated, and the PTO will purchase fruit platters, juice, etc.

The list of breakfast items that are needed, as well as opportunities to help with set up or clean up, can be found here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BAA92BA9F49-ophs](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BAA92BA9F49-ophs)

**If you are able to help out by signing up to donate breakfast items or help with set up and clean up, thank you!**

Breakfast items/ baked goods can be dropped off to the high school (Baker Road side) the day before, on **Wednesday, September 1**.

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Picture Day

**Picture Days will be Wednesday, September 8 and Thursday, September 9. Pictures will be taken on each student’s assigned gym day, and students will be sent to have their pictures taken during their gym period.**
OPHS PTO Membership:
Instructions to Join Using Membership Toolkit Online

Membership dues for the 2021 - 2022 school year are just $5.00 per family.

The PTO will be using Membership Toolkit again for our communications, online store, online membership, volunteer signups and directory.

• If you DO NOT have a Membership Toolkit account from previous years, please follow steps #1 - #11 to create an account and join the PTO.

    OR

• If you already have a Membership Toolkit account, please LOG IN and follow steps #7 - #11 below (You may omit steps #1 - # 6)

To create a Membership Toolkit account:

1. Go to https://orchardparkhspto.membershiptoolkit.com/
2. Click the “Register / Log In” button
3. Click the “Create Account” button on the right side of the page underneath “New User?”
4. Provide your first and last name, email address, create a password and click the “Verify My Email” button
5. Go to your email and click the “Verify My Email” button
6. Enter your password where indicated on the verification screen and click the “Create Account” button
To join PTO:

7. Click on “Step 1: Family Information”
   • Provide or confirm 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 need to create their own account.**

8. Proceed to “Student Information”
   • Click “Add Student” to enter your first OPHS child’s name and grade.
   • Do not enter Classroom Teacher.
   • If needed, click “I have another student” to add additional OPHS children to your profile.
   • When all HS children have been entered, **click the “Save” button in the lower right side of the page.**

9. Click on “Step 2: Directory Publish Preferences”
   • 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.

10. Click on “PTO Membership 2021-2022” under “Store & Data (Information) Forms” to complete your membership.
    • Click the “down” arrow to the far right of the “Membership for Families” section and select the number “1”
    • If you choose to make an **optional donation to the PTO**, please enter your donation amount in the box to the right of the “Donation of your choosing” under “General Fund Donation.”
    • **Click “Add to cart and checkout”**
    • If you choose to make an **optional donation to Post Prom**, you will have the option to do so on the “Checkout” screen.
      o You will receive a message that states, “Note: You have not completed the following optional forms. You should consider reviewing them before completing your transaction: Post Prom Donation 2021-2022”
      o Click the link that says, “click here.” This will take you to a page with multiple donation options
        • If you choose a predetermined amount, select the drop down box under “Qty” and make your selection
        • If you make a donation of your choosing, please scroll to the bottom and enter the amount of your gift next to “Post Prom General Donation.”
      o **Click “Add to cart”**
      o **Click “Proceed to Checkout”**
    • For any store purchase, you can pay **online through your PayPal account or using a credit or debit card** or mail a check or cash to “OPHS PTO, 4040 Baker Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.”

**Volunteer opportunities will be posted through the Membership Toolkit as they become available.**
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 question” prior to submitting your request to join the page! **
OPHS PTO Meeting Dates
2021-2022

Note: Some meetings will take place in-person, while others will be held virtually by Zoom

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m.

A meeting reminder, meeting agenda and location of an in-person meeting or link to a virtual meeting will be sent out each month via email to members who have signed up on Membership Toolkit.

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

Meeting reminders will also be posted on the Orchard Park High School PTO Facebook page.

Monday, September 27, 2021 - in person
Monday, October 25, 2021* - in person
Monday, November 22, 2021* - virtual
Monday, January 24, 2022* - virtual
Monday, February 28, 2022* - virtual
Monday, March 28, 2022* - virtual
Monday, April 25, 2022* - in person
Monday, May 23, 2022* - in person

* Post Prom meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on these dates.
The Post Prom meeting location or meeting link will also be emailed to members and posted on the Orchard Park High School PTO Facebook page.
# OPHS PTO Positions/Chairpersons
## 2021 - 2022

PTO Meeting Dates: Mondays at 7:00 pm: 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23

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| Senior Class Assistants (2) ONE YEAR TERM     | Marcia Totaro 2021-2022  | mtotaro25@verizon.net           | Mrs. Rodemeyer  
mromdemeyer@opschools.org  
Mrs. Connors  
cfconnors@opschools.org |
| Tie Dye: 8/31                                 | Marcy Keats 2021-2022    | marcykeats@icloud.com           |                                                    |
| Senior Picnic: 6/3                            |                          |                                 |                                                    |
| Freshmen Orientation 9/1                      | Elizabeth Duckham 2021-2023 | educkham@gmail.com             | Dr. Cervoni/Mr. Bove  
aacervoni@opschools.org  
above@opschools.org |
| Staff Breakfast 9/2                           | PTO Board                | chaffecaren@gmail.com          | Mrs. Basile  
sbasile@opschools.org |
| Fall Homecoming Refreshments 9/25             | Barb Dojnik 2021-2022    | bdojnik@wilmingtontrust.com    | Mrs. Rodemeyer  
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Mrs. Connors  
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| Fall Homecoming Coat Check 9/25               | Sheri Carter 2021-2023   | sherilentcarter@gmail.com      | Mrs. Rodemeyer  
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Mrs. Connors  
cfconnors@opschools.org |
|                                                | Pam Rauh 2021-2023       | pamelamrauh@gmail.com          |                                                    |
| Staff Appreciation Lunch 1/28                | Sheri Carter 2021-2023   | sherilentcarter@gmail.com      | Mrs. Basile  
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| Winter Homecoming Refreshments 2/5            | Barb Dojnik 2021-2022    | bdojnik@wilmingtontrust.com    | Mrs. Rominger/Mr. Hafner  
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| Winter Homecoming Coat Check 2/5              | Sheri Carter 2021-2023   | sherilentcarter@gmail.com      | Mrs. Rominger/Mr. Hafner  
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bhafner@opschools.org |
|                                                | Pam Rauh 2021-2023       | pamelamrauh@gmail.com          |                                                    |
| World Language Induction Reception 4/21       | Amy Woodward 2021-2023   | amyswoodward@hotmail.com        | Mrs. Holtermann  
kholtermann@opschools.org |
| National Honor Society Reception 5/13         | Kristen Birmingham 2021-2023 | kbirmingham@philipslytle.com  | Mrs. Karalus  
lkaralus@opschools.org |
| Underclass Award Reception 5/25               | Nicole Curtis 2021-2023  | NAvitahl-Curtis@outlook.com     | Mr. Wolf  
jwolf@opschools.org |
|                                                |                          |                                 |                                                    |
| Post Prom Coordinator ONE YEAR TERM 6/4       | Michelle Bouton 2021-2022 | michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com | Mr. Wolf  
jwolf@opschools.org |
# OPHS PTO Events 2021-2022

## August
- **Tuesday, August 31**: Senior Tie Dye  
  10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, September 1**: Freshmen Orientation  
  6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, September 2**: Welcome Back Staff Breakfast  
  7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

## September
- **Saturday, September 25**: Fall Homecoming Dance  
  7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, September 27**: PTO Meeting  
  7:00 p.m.

## October
- **Monday, October 25**: Post Prom Meeting  
  6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, October 25**: PTO Meeting  
  7:00 p.m.

## November
- **Monday, November 22**: Post Prom Meeting  
  6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, November 22**: PTO Meeting  
  7:00 p.m.

## January
- **Monday, January 24**: Post Prom Meeting  
  6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, January 24**: PTO Meeting  
  7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, January 28**: Staff Appreciation Lunch  
  All Day

## February
- **Saturday, February 5**: Winter Homecoming Dance  
  7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, February 28**: Post Prom Meeting  
  6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, February 28**: PTO Meeting  
  7:00 p.m.

## March
- **Monday, March 28**: Post Prom Meeting  
  6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, March 28**: PTO Meeting  
  7:00 p.m.
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The Post Prom Party is the largest PTO event of the year and will be held on June 4, 2022 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 2021, the PTO gave away more than $2500 in prizes and more than $5000 in cash, with one lucky senior winning the grand prize of $2021.

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 beings 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:

- $ 20.22 2022 Club (2023, 2024, and 2025 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, or you can email Michelle Bouton at michelle.leigh.bouton@gmail.com.

The first Post Prom Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm