



ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO NEWSLETTER

From the PTO Vice President

OPMS PTO APRIL 2021 VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are quickly approaching the end of school year! **8th Grade Class T-shirts** are available for purchase until April 11th !! Check out the link below to view and order. Thank you to Mrs. Sanchez and the 8th Grade students who made designs for the shirts and to Tara Campise and Dawn Both-Kim for organizing the T-shirt sale !! A link to the website is below.

[Orchard Park Class of 2025 \(artdogtees.com\)](https://artdogtees.com)

Look out for the virtual book fair, happening April 21 - May 4, 2021 😊

Thank you to the PTO members for a good meeting in March 😊 A special thanks for stepping up to chair events planned for the 2021-22 school year!

The only positions we still have to fill are on the PTO Board.

We will have *no PTO events in 2021-22* if we don't have a PTO Board
Please sign up for a position or help us recruit people to fill these positions!
Please contact Denise Straitiff or myself if you are interested – our contact information is below.
The following PTO positions will be open for the 2021-2022 School Year.

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis, PTO Vice President opmsptovp@gmail.com
Denise Straitiff, Nominating Chair OPMSPTONominatingChair@gmail.com

The next few PTO meetings will be important for discussing and planning the future of the OPMS PTO. We will discuss budget, activities and fundraising. ***If there is a new event or fundraiser you want to propose adding next year, please come and share your ideas!*** Please make every effort attend our last 2 PTO Meetings on

Wednesday, April 14th at 9:00 AM
Wednesday May 12th at 9:00 AM

The Zoom link for the meetings can be found by logging into your PTO member account at <https://orchardparkms.membershiptoolkit.com/login>

Thank you, Everyone! I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting 😊

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis, PTO Vice President

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ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MISSION STATEMENT

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President

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Treasurer

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These 4 are Board Positions

6th Grade Activity Nights Chair (Fall and Spring) - 2 Open slots

7th/8th Grade Activity Nights Chair (Fall and Spring)

Color Run Chairs (2 open slots)

8th Grade Holocaust Assembly Chair

Supply Sale and School Bookstore Chair

Building Effectiveness Team (2 Open Slots)

Book fair Chair

Poinsettia and Wreath Sale Chair

7th Grade Wellness Day Chair (2 Open Slots)

Nominating Chair

Webmaster

Holocaust Reception Chair

Staff Appreciation Chair

Back to School Celebration Chair

Please contact Denise Straitiff denise.straitiff@gmail.com or Nicole Avitahl-Curtis opmsptovp@gmail.com if you are interested. Also look below for a list of descriptions for each position.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

Grade Report Schedule 2020-2021

Marking Period	Parent Portal On or After
1st Qtr. Interim Reports	Tuesday, October 13, 2020
1st Qtr. Report Cards	Thursday, November 19, 2020
2nd Qtr. Interim Reports	Friday, December 18, 2020
2nd Qtr. Report Cards	Tuesday, February 2, 2021
3rd Qtr. Interim Reports	Friday, March 5, 2021
3rd Qtr. Report Cards	Friday, April 16, 2021
4th Qtr. Interim Reports	Friday, May 14, 2021
4th Qtr. Report Cards	Wednesday, June 30, 2021 (approximately)

Marking Period Dates 2020-2021

1st Marking Period	Begins: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Closes: Monday, November 9, 2020
2nd Marking Period	Begins: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 Closes: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
3rd Marking Period	Begins: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 Closes: Thursday, April 1, 2021
4th Marking Period	Begins: Monday, April 12, 2021 Closes: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

If you have questions or concerns about your student, please contact the Counseling Center for assistance at 209-6233.

Check back for
information on our
next book fair
April 21-May4!

OPMS PTO Meeting Schedule for 2020-21

9/23/20	9:00am-11:00am
10/14/20	6:30pm-8:00pm
11/12/20	9:00am-10:30am
1/13/21	9:00am-10:30am
2/10/21	9:00am-10:30am
3/10/21	6:30pm-8:00pm
4/14/21	9:00am-11:00am
5/12/21	9:00am-11:00am

Meetings via Zoom

Please visit PTO Website for link

A note from the classroom

Agility



Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket.

-Evan Esar



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Tech Dept Update

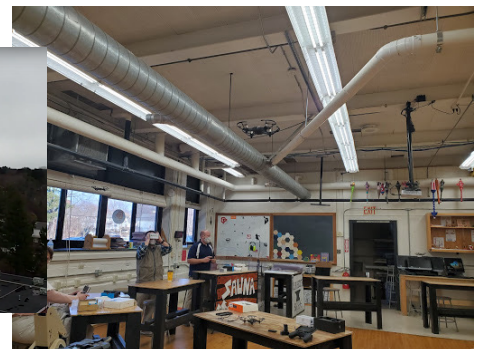
Over the past several years the Middle School PTO has played a pivotal role in breathing new life into the OPMS Technology Education program. Due to the PTO's ability to fundraise they have generously donated multiple forms of technological devices to assist in supporting a wide range of needs within the Technology Education program. A few years ago, Mr. Roland expressed an interest in VEX Robotics components, with the intention of starting a Robotics Club and integrating robotics into the classroom. The Quaker Bots, as the club is named, built and entered a robot called "Beep, Beep, Boop, Boop, Beep, Boop" into a local competition, qualified, and competed in the finals for that event. Orchard Park was officially on the radar for Western New York robotics and this couldn't have been accomplished without the incredible support of the PTO. Students were granted hands-on, robotics experience and the perspective of competing with 21 other WNY teams.

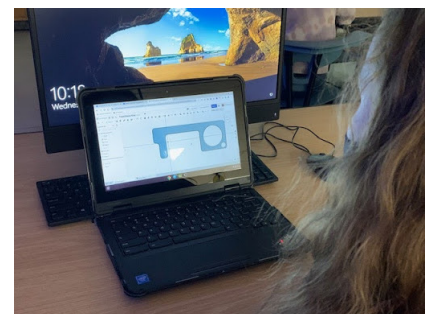
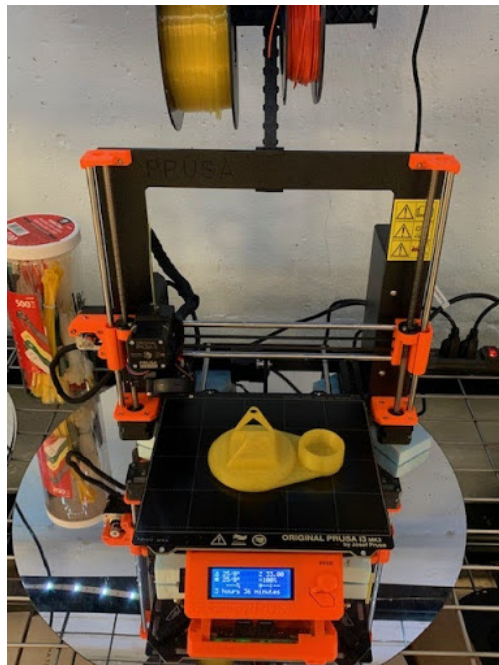
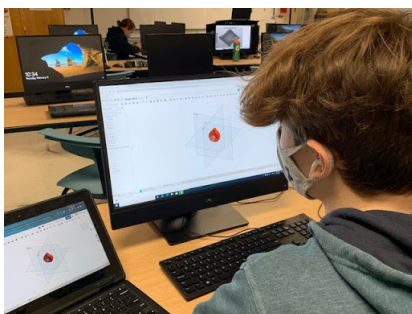
With students competing and robotics being further explored, teachers were inspired to continue dreaming of the greatest experiences possible for OPMS students. There were grandeur ideas of laser engravers, 3D printers, drones and more. As teachers further developed these distant ideas, it became evident that many of these needed to be seriously considered. After great amounts of planning and scaffolding curriculum and prioritizing needs and wants, the Technology Education Department had a bold vision and plan for the future.

Last year, Mr. Johnson's 8th grade students learned about Computer Aided Drafting and how to 3D model. Teachers recognized that classes were lacking a way to produce more tangible objects and experiences beyond just creating digital models. After requesting the assistance of the OPMS PTO and the Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence, Mr. Johnson's lab is now stocked with a Prusa 3D printer farm, including 10 printers! The 3D printers have played a vital role in maintaining a Covid-safe environment, during the pandemic, while still allowing students to work "hands-on" both in the classroom and remotely. Students design three-dimensional models on their Chromebooks, quickly send their model to the print farm, and later pop the model right off the print bed. From assistive medical devices to fidget spinners to custom designed catapult games, 3D printers provide the students with a means of engineering their thoughts into reality.

Most recently, the PTO has been able to provide assistance to the Technology Education department to meet their latest goal of teaching students the technology and principles of Unmanned Autonomous Systems (drones). The Technology Department met with teachers from Computer Science, Math, and Science to develop cross-curricular lessons focused on drone technology. While the class set of smaller drones are helpful, teachers and students did not have access to larger scale drones and the technology that comes with them. Through a recent curriculum project, this group of teachers realized the potential for a larger aircraft, such as thermal imaging, and requested the support of the PTO. Thanks to this collaboration, students will very soon be able to fly drones up to 400 feet in order to record weather, climate, and topography information for Science, calculate distances and angles compared to altitudes for Math, and learn how to safely fly and maintain drones during Technology classes. Mr. Gill and Mr. Roland will be the lead instructors to work with students since they have already studied and successfully completed the requirements for the FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot certification. These two teachers are already collaborating with OPCSD Buildings and Grounds for inspections across district properties as well as the OPCSD Transportation Department to record training videos for bus arrival, parking, and departure at each school. OPMS students will be flying these missions!

Needless to say, the OPMS PTO provides our students with not only fun, after-school activities but also meaningful and much needed technological equipment for use in the classroom. The OPMS Technology Education Department and Computer Science Department are forever grateful to all past and present members and look forward to an incredible future for our students.





**Congratulations to contest winner
Zoe Curtis!**

April Newsletter

ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE CLASS OF 2025 APPAREL SALE



**Webstore will close on April 11th, 2021
*NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED***

<https://artdogtees.com/collections/orchardparkclassof2025>

Size Chart

YSM	YMD	YLG			
6/8	10/12	14/16			
SM	MD	LG	XL	XXL	
34-36	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	



Short Sleeve: \$16

Hoodie: \$30

All orders must be placed online. Prices do not include tax & shipping

If you have any questions please contact Tara at rtlc2002@yahoo.com

OPMS Clubs 2020-21

Beginning in March, we were able to get the following clubs up and running. Clubs are a great way for your child to get involved and feel more of a connection to the school. Clubs are meeting in-person following our COVID protocols and procedures and meeting virtually. Please have your child check the morning announcements or contact the teacher about meeting dates and times.

Mrs. Bond	Art Club
Mrs. Cullen	Book Fiends
Mrs. Dings	Drum Ensemble
Mrs. Fisher	Art Club
Mr. Gill	Tech Club
Mr. Hanes	Health Club
Mrs. Costello	Girls Who Code
Mr. Kalenik	Math Club Advisor
Mr. Kloster	BIG Club
Mrs. Loftus	Spanish Club
Mr. Roland	Robotics Club
Mrs. Sanchez	Art Club
Mrs. Scaccia	GG Charms
Mrs. Schara	Fiddle Club
Mrs. Schunk	French Club
Mrs. Velasquez	Life & Careers Skills Club

ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MEETING MINUTES

March 10TH, 2021 6:30pm ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Nicole Curtis, Jessica Merry, Elizabeth Duckham, Mr. Grupka, Petra Novak, Jennifer Domzalski, Krissie Bonin, Michelle Faust, Denise Straitiff, Erin Homer, Melissa Haak, Donna Leigh, Barbra Lesh, Carla Becker, Tammy Vitko, Maura Watson, Sally Diegelman

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by OPMS PTO Vice President Nicole Curtis, at 6.32pm. She opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: - ELIZABETH DUCKHAM

OPMS PTO Secretary Elizabeth Duckham noted that the minutes from the February Meeting were approved electronically. PTO members were asked to enter their names and e-mail addresses into the chat as a sign in sheet. The draft minutes will be sent to attendees for approval via e-mail. Officers and Chairs were asked to send her a copy of their report for the minutes at the end of the meeting.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:-MR. GRUPKA

Friday, the 19th of March, will be a half day. There will be no students in attendance on Monday, March 22nd (Superintendent Day).

Clubs have started to meet. Please encourage your students to listen to the MSTV announcements, and to attend the clubs. Mr. Grupka is hoping that the clubs will help students feel more connected to school. There is no late bus.

All 8th Graders have received a form, via email, to vote for the 8th Grade T-Shirt design that they like. There are 5 great designs to choose from. Congratulations to the 8th Grade students who designed them. There was some great creativity. The voting is open until Friday this week. Thank you to Mrs. Sanchez for organizing the competition.

The Board of Education met last night and there were questions regarding attendance and changes in guidelines. There is no change at this point. 6 feet in the classroom, 12 feet for Physical Education and Music. The OPSD will wait and see, if and when, the guidance changes. Feedback from parents will be considered. The talk at this point is that the CDC will change guidelines to 3 feet with barriers. This will pose many logistical challenges including transportation and the cafeteria; as well as the overall schedule for both the virtual and hybrid models. They are examining the various options.

Quaker Camp, this summer, will not just be for the Elementary School students but also the Middle school students. This will be the first time in 11 years. The plan at this point it will be for ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science classes for students who are struggling academically. Mr. Grupka is also hoping to add a different satellite class each week eg Art, Phys Ed and Tech. All parts of the OPMS will be represented but it won't be overwhelming. There will be a transition group of 5th – 6th graders; 6th to 7th graders and 7th to 8th graders. 8.30am – 12noon at OPMS. They are trying to be responsive to the needs of the students, especially after this past year.

There will hopefully be more clarity regarding the Regents exams next Wednesday. This will impact the 8th Graders taking the Accelerated Algebra course.

IV. TEACHER GRANTS: -ELIZABETH DUCKHAM

Mr. Grupka is requesting funding for 6 portable dry erase boards to be used by the OPMS teachers in the outdoor learning spaces this spring. They will be made available to all of the OPMS teachers to use, in conjunction with the tents previously donated by the PTO. Each one is \$123.92, a total purchase of \$743.52.

In addition, he would like to request replacement pads of paper that can be used with the dry erase feature. Each replacement pad is \$40.88. He would like a total of 12, for a total purchase of \$490.56

Both items can be used beyond the school year in the outdoor classrooms, indoor classrooms and evening events.

Nicole Curtis proposed a motion for the total purchase of \$1,234.08. Barbra Lesh seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

V. OFFICERS' REPORTS

a. TREASURER'S REPORT- JESSICA MERRY

Jessica thanked Anetta Hendershot for submitting the OPMS PTO Bookstore taxes this year. Anetta saved the OPMS PTO \$160, to submit out \$10 tax return. Thank you.

There was a \$753 profit from the Apparel Sale.

Jessica Reviewed the Treasurer's Report

VI. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

1. NEWSLETTER – ERIN HOMER

The March newsletter is up on the website and has been emailed to families. In addition, Mrs. Schuler is hopeful to send it out to all of the OPMS families.

Thank you to the Phys Ed Department for their article regarding the snowshoes.

The deadline for next month's newsletter is March 26th. There will be an article from the Tech Department in the new issue regarding the drones the OPMS PTO donated.

Mr. Grupka will be giving Erin a list of Google Classroom Codes for the various clubs for the next newsletter.

2. 8th GRADE T-SHIRTS -TARA CAMPISE

Tara is unable to attend this evening. Nicole reported on her behalf that the 8th Grade design Competition is in progress.

3. BOOK FAIR – CATHY KIPPLER

Cathy was unable to attend this evening. Nicole reported on her behalf that the Book Fair will be online from April 21st – May 4th.

VII. IDEAS FOR PTO INVOLVEMENT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

1. TALENT SHOW: –JESSICA MERRY

We are waiting for the Teacher Representative for the Student Council to let us know if this is something they would like to pursue.

VIII. OFFICERS REPORT CONTINUED

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The CCPTO discussed the activities taking places at the various units including virtual field trips and book fairs.

All of the Board positions will be open next year: The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each of these positions were reviewed in detail.

Nicole said that meeting dates and times will be worked on for next year, over the next month. Please let the board know if you have any input regarding the calendar.

The open chair positions for next year were discussed. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to have their name placed on the slate for next year. The vote for the slate will be at the May meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT : The meeting was adjourned at 7.36pm

THE NEXT OPMS PTO MEETING: APRIL 14th, 9:00 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Duckham, Secretary OPMS PTO

EVERY POSITION ON THE OPMS PTO BOARD IS OPEN NEXT YEAR AND WE NEED TO START FILLING THEM. NEW MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO THINK ABOUT JOINING THE BOARD AND HELPING TO STEER THE PTO DURING WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE A RETURN TO NORMALCY IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.



IT WOULD BE A REAL SHAME TO LOSE ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT ENRICH AND ENHANCE OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE HERE AT OPMS.

PLEASE PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT NEXT YEAR. AN OUTLINE OF ALL PTO POSITIONS IS AVAILABLE AT ORCHARDPARKMS.MEMBERSHIPTOOLKIT.COM

ADDITIONALLY, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT ANY OF THE CURRENT BOARD OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THEIR ROLES

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT - NICOLE AVITAH-CURTIS OPMSPTOVP@GMAIL.COM

SECRETARY - ELIZABETH DUCKHAM OPMSPTOSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

TREASURER - JESSICA MERRY OPMSTREASURER@GMAIL.COM

OPMS PTO - DESCRIPTION OF POSITIONS

The Orchard Park Middle School PTO's mission is to promote and encourage communication between parents, staff and the community. Its goals are to complement the school curriculum with additional opportunities to learn, socialize and grow.

Board:

The OPMS PTO Board is comprised of at least four (4) Officers: a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additional officers may be elected by a majority vote of the OPMS PTO which shall establish a job description for any such officer consistent with the CCPTO Bylaws. The duties of the OPMS PTO Board may include but are not limited to:

1. Transact the necessary business of the Local Unit.
2. Share all decisions and records with the OPMS PTO membership.
3. Approve plans of OPMS PTO committees.
4. Monitor OPMS PTO committee budgets.
5. Approve out-of-budget expenses or fundraisers between OPMS PTO meetings up to \$500 in expense or projected profits, by a vote of three (3) OPMS PTO Board members.

President:

The OPMS PTO President shall set agendas and preside at all meetings of the OPMS PTO; shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office. The President shall also be a Director of Central Council during his/her term as OPMS PTO President. He / She attends the CCPTO meetings every other month during the school year and reports to the group on the activities of the OPMS PTO. Provides support, advise and problem-solving skills to other Officers, Committee Chairs and PTO members.

Vice President:

The OPMS PTO Vice President shall act as an aid to the President; shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer; and shall perform all duties assigned by the President. Works to ensure that all open leadership positions are filled. Ensures smooth Officer and Committee Chairs transition. Provides support, advise and problem-solving skills to other Officers, Committee Chairs and PTO members.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer should adhere to all the financial policies laid out in the CCPTO By Laws. The Treasurer shall:

- Receive all monies of the OPMS PTO; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures
- Shall maintain the OPMS PTO bank account from which all expenditures are paid in accordance with the approved budget as voted upon by the OPMS PTO membership.
- Maintain the OPMS PayPal account, regularly transferring and recording all income via Membership Toolkit.
- Ensure that all chairs and officers are aware of tax exemption requirements (distribute tax exemption forms) and maintain information pertaining to retailers' specific requirements for tax exempt purchases. Maintain the tax-exempt online accounts e.g., Amazon.

- Ensure that all members, chairs or school staff making purchases on behalf of the PTO are reimbursed in a timely manner.
- Provide support for other officers and committee chairs; Provides all around support, advice and problem-solving skills to the PTO and its members.

In addition, the Treasurer shall prepare the following reports and documents:

- Monthly income/expenditure reports for the CCPTO treasurer
- Status reports at every scheduled PTO membership meeting for the membership
- The annual report to the OPMS PTO Officers and the Central Council Treasurer (upon the approval of the OPMS PTO President).
- Bookstore receipts for NY State tax preparation
- Annual budget for discussion with the Board and presentation to the OPMS PTO membership in May for the following school year.

Secretary:

The Secretary is an active conduit for communication between the board, administration, and PTO members. Gives proper notice of any meetings and distributes agendas. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all meetings of the OPMS PTO; and shall circulate draft minutes for review and post the final meeting minutes in the OPMS PTO newsletter and on the website in a timely manner. The Secretary maintains accountability by being knowledgeable of the organization's records and related materials and able to provide advice and resources to the board on relevant topics. Coordinates setting the Annual PTO Calendar of PTO Events. Keeps a copy of the CCPTO bylaws and the OPMS PTO Board's policy statements. Keeps lists of Officers, Board Members and Committees. Organizes and executes the Requests for PTO Funds program.

Nominating Chairperson:

Charged with preparing a slate of Officers and Committee Chairs, consisting of at least one (1) name for each office and committee chair, to be submitted at the April OPMS PTO meeting. The Nominating Chairperson or Committee shall publish a list of all open positions in the Local Unit newsletter in February and March. An open position is one in which the current holder has served in that capacity for two (2) or more years, or whose child / children are moving up to high school. The consent of each candidate is required before his / her name may be placed in nomination. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the April meeting. If OPMS PTO is unable to fill the position of Nominating Chairperson or seat a Nominating Committee, the OPMS PTO Board shall perform these duties. Voting is conducted by the Nominating Chairperson. All Board Members are voted on individually. The slate can be voted on as a unit if there are no individuals competing for the position. The Nominating Chair then communicates with the newly-elected Officers and Chairs that they have been appointed to the position and ensures that the list kept by the Secretary is updated accurately.

Membership Chairperson:

The OPMS PTO Membership Chairperson is responsible for the annual PTO Membership Drive which includes creating fliers and other advertising information; Maintaining the directory of PTO Members on the Membership Toolkit in cooperation with the OPMS PTO Webmaster;

Coordinating with the OPMS PTO Treasurer the payment and collection of PTO Membership dues; and reporting on the program's progress at monthly PTO Meetings. The Membership Chairs ensure a Membership Drive presence at the Back to School Celebration, all three Open Houses in the Fall and the incoming 6th Grade Parents Orientation in the Spring each year.

Parent Volunteer Coordinator:

The OPMS PTO Parent Volunteer Coordinator works with the OPMS PTO Committee Chairs and Webmaster to send out sign-up requests for volunteers for our PTO and other OPMS events; Responsible for maintaining records of Approved Parent Volunteers in cooperation with Orchard Park Central School District Offices.

Newsletter Chairperson:

OPMS PTO Newsletter Chairperson publishes a newsletter monthly from September through June. This newsletter is sent out to the District via e-mail and is also published on the OPMS PTO website. Responsible for communicating with the Administration, Board and Chairs to include advertising for upcoming OPMS PTO fundraisers and events, as well as any other school related communication.

Webmaster:

The OPMS PTO Webmaster is in charge of the OPMS PTO website. Works with the Board and Chairpersons in particular the Membership Chairs and the Treasurer. Keeps the website up to date and informative. Helps post event flyers, calls for volunteers, meeting minutes etc.

Building Effectiveness Team: (3 Parent Representatives)

The OPMS Building Effectiveness Team (BET) is a group of faculty, staff, administrators and three OPMS PTO Representatives who meet monthly to discuss matters pertaining to the organization, operating and functioning of OPMS.

Bookstore and Supply Sale Chairpersons: (2 positions)

The OPMS PTO Bookstore and Supply Sale Chairpersons organize the School Supply Sale which takes place over 3 days in the last 2 weeks of August. Some of the preparation work starts in May/June. This is a large fundraiser for the OPMS PTO. The Chairpersons order supplies for the sale, organize volunteers and conduct the sale. These Chairpersons also run the School Bookstore during the school year, which serves mainly as a convenience for students and is not a large source of funds. The Bookstore is typically open every morning before school and 2-3 times a week during the lunch hours. The Lunchtime Bookstore was last conducted as a "mobile Bookstore" in the Foyer.

Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser Chairperson:

The OPMS PTO Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser Chair communicates with the vendor and has the coupon books organized and ready to distribute at the Open Houses. (The coupon books are typically organized into piles for each home room.) The Chairperson works with the Administration and Treasurer collecting the funds and any returned books.

Book Fair Chairpersons: (2 positions)

The OPMS PTO Book Fair Chairs organize and run the Scholastic Book Fairs in the Fall and Spring. Collaborates with the OPMS Librarians regarding the venue and donation of Scholastic Dollars profits to the library. Coordinates advertising

Box Tops Chairperson:

The Box Tops Chairperson organizes and runs the Box Tops Fundraising Program at OPMS.

Spirit Wear Pop Up Store Chairpersons: (2 positions)

The OPMS PTO Spirit Wear Pop Up Store works with the Board and Administration to sell OP spirit wear as a fundraiser. In addition, they help coordinate the 8th Grade T-shirt sale.

Poinsettia and Wreath Sale Chairpersons: (2 positions)

This is the OPMS PTO's longest - running fundraiser. The Chairpersons organize the event arranging vendors, prices, a flyer, advertising and local business support. There is a sale period of 3 weeks in November when the Chairpersons collate the orders and work with the Treasurer. The pick-up is the school half day in December, when the Chairpersons work with the Volunteer Coordinator for volunteers to help with unloading, organizing, delivering and helping with customer pick-ups.

Color Run Chairpersons: (3 positions)

The OPMS PTO Color Run Chairpersons organize and run all aspects of the Color Run, including working with the race organizer on the race route, registration, T-shirts, interfacing with the town and village, refreshments, volunteers, fundraising, and post-race party.

Holocaust Reception Chairperson:

The Holocaust Reception Chairperson organizes a small reception in May for a group of students, faculty, staff, administrators and the presenter at the annual OPMS PTO Sponsored Holocaust Assembly.

Staff Appreciation Chairperson:

The OPMS PTO Staff Appreciation Chairperson arranges a lunch / breakfast / snacks for the OPMS staff. This event is typically held in May.

Back to School Celebration Chairperson:

The OPMS PTO Back to School Celebration Chair organizes this event on the evening of the 6th Grade Orientation and School Supply Sale, on the last Thursday in August before school starts. The school is open for students of all grades to fill their lockers and walk their schedules. The Chair organizes food trucks; works with the Administration to ensure plenty of outdoor seating and tables; lawn games; activities e.g. henna tattoo artist, up close magician, balloon artist etc; advertises; works with the Membership Chairs, Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator.

Activity Night Chairpersons: (2 positions each)

The OPMS PTO 6th Grade Activity Night and OPMS PTO 7th & 8th grade Activity Night Chairs organize an activity night in the Fall and Spring. These Activity Nights are on a Friday night and are organized at the school. The Chairpersons organize the event; communicate with the Administrators; advertise it; works with the PTO Volunteer Coordinator and works with the PTO Treasurer.

- The 6th Grade Activity Night in the Fall is typically in September, the weekend before Homecoming. Activities in the past have included physical activities in the gyms such as dodge ball & obstacle course; DJ and dancing in the cafeteria; refreshments (popcorn and drinks) and doughnuts on a string in the cafeteria; craft in the lobby; henna tattoo artist; candy bingo in the faculty lounge; and an ice cream truck. The Spring Activity night is in early March and has typically been at a venue such as Sky Zone or Get Air.
- The 7th & 8th Grade Activity Night in the Fall is typically in October the weekend before Halloween. Activities in the past have included a Halloween Costume Competition; Green Screen; Pumpkin Painting craft; DJ and dancing in the cafeteria; indoor lawn games; refreshments (popcorn and drinks) in the cafeteria; candy bingo; physical activity such as Bubble Soccer in the gym; Halloween movie shorts in the auditorium; milkshake truck; Halloween games and a Haunted House. The Chairpersons work with the Haunted House Chairperson. The Spring Activity is in mid- March and has typically included popsicles and an activity.

Haunted House Chairpersons: (2 positions)

The Haunted House Chairpersons lead a Committee that executes a Haunted House any Friday in October before Halloween dependent on the schedule of the vendor. They arrange additional decorations; communicate with the Drama Club at OPHS for actors; arrange make up; set up for the event, coordinate a large number of volunteers etc. They collaborate with the 7th & 8th Grade Activity Night Chairpersons.

7th Grade Wellness Day Chairpersons: (2 positions)

7th Grade Wellness Day is an annual all-day outdoor event for 7th Graders held in June. The Chairpersons works with an OPMS Administrator to organize the activities, volunteers and refreshments for the 7th Grade Class.

8th Grade Celebration Chair: (2 positions – one in charge of the morning celebration, and one in charge of the evening celebration)

The OPMS PTO 8th Grade Celebration Chairs leads a committee to arrange a celebration both during the day, and in the evening, on the last Friday in June before the 8th Grade exams begin. The celebration during the day is after the Awards Ceremony and includes organizing outdoor activities e.g. inflatable obstacle courses, dunk tank, lawn games; hot dogs and refreshments. The evening celebration has typically included a DJ and dance in the gym; yarn dodge ball; indoor lawn games; henna tattoo artist; caricature artist; green screen; selfie stations; refreshments including cotton candy, popcorn, milkshake truck etc. The Committee typically starts planning in January and suggests 3 themes to the Student Council. The 8th Graders vote on these themes and the winning theme is used for flyers, costumes and decorations at the evening celebration.

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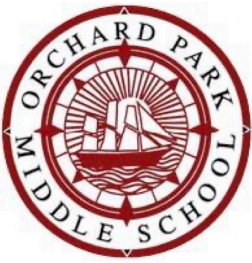
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2020-2021

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2020-2021 PTO CALENDAR

Event	Date(s)	Time(s)
Back to School Family Night	9/3/20 CANCELLED	5:00pm-8:00pm
PTO Meeting	9/23/20	9:00am-11:00am
6th Grade activity Night	9/18/20 CANCELLED	7:00pm-9:00pm
Fall Book Fair (auxillary gym)	9/30/20-10/2/20 CANCELLED	7:45am-2:45pm
7th/8th Grade Haunted House	10/9/20 CANCELLED	7:00pm-9:00pm
PTO Meeting	10/14/20	6:30pm-8:00pm
Poinsettia Wreath Sale	11/2/20-11/11/20 CANCELLED	N/A
PTO Meeting	11/12/20	9:00am-10:30am
Poinsettia Wreath pick up	12/4/20 CANCELLED	11:00am-6:00pm
PTO Meeting	1/13/21	9:00am-10:30am
PTO Meeting	2/10/21	9:00am-10:30am
PTO Meeting	3/10/21	6:30pm-8:00pm
6th Grade Activity Night	3/19/21 CANCELLED	6:00pm-8:00pm
7th/8th grade Activity Night	3/26/21 CANCELLED	7:00pm-9:00pm
PTO Meeting	4/14/21	7:00pm-9:00pm
BOGO Book Fair	4/28/21-4/30/21	7:45am-2:45pm
PTO Meeting	5/12/21	9:00am-11:00am
Staff Appreciation Luncheon	5/13/21	10:30am-1:00pm
Color Run	5/21/21 CANCELLED	6:00pm-9:00pm
8th Grade Moving on Celebration	6/11/21	8:00am-2:30pm & 7:00pm-9:00pm
7th Grade Wellness Day	6/16/21 CANCELLED	8:00am- 2:30pm



Building Effectiveness Team (BET) Parent Input Form

The BET is a group of middle school administrators, teachers, SRPs, guidance counselors, special area teachers and parents who meet monthly to discuss middle 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 by BET recorder following the meeting:

Action of BET (summary): _____

After completing this form, please return it to the Welcome Desk at OPMS.

• Mrs. Fisher: shanfish82@gmail.com • Mrs. Mueller: twodolls2000@aol.com • Mrs. Bonin: wdnboat@aol.com

Additionally, forms can be emailed to one of the PTO parent representatives listed above.



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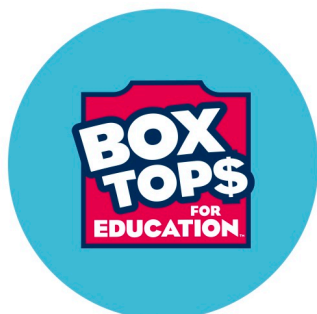
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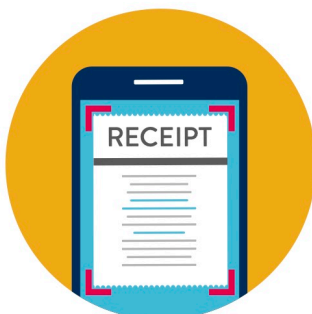


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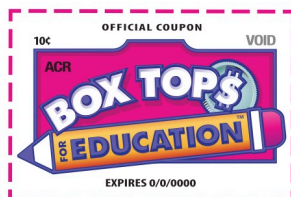
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BEVERAGES

- Nestlé® Pure Life® Fruity Water Apple 6.75 oz 8-Pack
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- Nestlé® Pure Life® Water 8 oz. 6, 12, 24 & 56-Packs
- Nestlé® Pure Life® Water 11.15 oz 6-Pack



HOUSEHOLD CLEANING

- Lysol® Disinfectant Spray
- Lysol® Disinfecting Wipes
- Lysol® Toilet Bowl Cleaner



MEALS & SIDES

- Annie's® Mac & Cheese
- Annie's® One Pot Pasta
- Annie's® Soup
- Hamburger Helper™
- Chicken Helper™
- Tuna Helper™
- Old El Paso™ Beans
- Old El Paso™ Taco Kit
- Old El Paso™ Tortillas
- Old El Paso™ Shells



SNACKS

- Annie's® Bunny Cookies
- Annie's® Bunny Grahams
- Annie's® Cheddar Bunnies
- Annie's® Cheddar Squares
- Annie's® Cookies
- Annie's® Crackers
- Annie's® Fruit Snacks
- Annie's® Granola Bars
- Annie's® Popcorn
- Annie's® Snack Bars
- Annie's® Snack Mix
- Bugles™
- Cascadian Farm™ Granola
- Cascadian Farm™ Granola Bars
- Cascadian Farm™ Protein Bars
- Cereal Treat Bars
- Chex™ Mix
- Fiber One™ Bars
- Fiber One™ Brownies
- Fiber One™ Cheesecake Bars
- Fiber One™ Cookies
- Food Should Taste Good™ Chips
- Fruit by the Foot™
- Fruit Roll-Ups™
- Garden of Eatin'™
- General Mills™ Fruit Snacks
- Gushers™
- LARABAR™ Kid
- Mott's® Fruit Snacks
- Nature Valley™ Bars
- Nature Valley™ Biscuits
- Nature Valley™ Bites
- Nature Valley™ Granola Cups
- Nature Valley™ Layer Bars
- Nature Valley™ Snack Mix
- Nature Valley™ Squares
- Nature Valley™ Wafer Bars



CEREAL & BREAKFAST

*Bagged cereals do not participate

- Ancient Grains Cheerios™
- Annie's® Cereal
- Annie's® Toaster Pastries
- Apple Cinnamon Cheerios™
- Apple Cinnamon Toast Crunch™
- Banana Nut Cheerios™
- Basic 4™ Cereal
- Big G Cereal Breakfast Pack (8 Pouches)
- Berry Berry Kix™
- Birthday Cake Cookie Crisp™
- Blueberry Cheerios™
- Blueberry Chex™
- Blueberry Toast Crunch™
- Boo Berry™
- Cascadian Farm Cereal™
- Cheerios™
- Cheerios™ Oat Crunch Cinnamon
- Chocolate Cheerios™
- Chocolate Chex™
- Chocolate Lucky Charms™
- Chocolate Peanut Butter Cheerios™
- Chocolate Toast Crunch™
- Cinnamon Chex™
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Churros
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Shreds
- Cocoa Puffs™ Cereal
- Cookie Crisp™ Cereal
- Corn Chex™ Cereal
- Count Chocula™
- Dippin Dots™ Cereal
- Drumstick™ Cereal
- Fiber One™ Cereal
- Fillows™ Cereal
- Franken Berry™
- French Toast Crunch™
- Frosted Cheerios™
- Frosted Lucky Charms™
- Fruity Cheerios™
- Girl Scouts™ Cereal
- Golden Grahams™
- Honey Kix™
- Honey Nut Cheerios™
- Honey Nut Cheerios™ Crunch
- Honey Nut Chex™
- Kix™ Cereal
- Lucky Charms™
- Maple Cheerios™
- Mermaid Cereal
- Multigrain Cheerios™
- Nature Valley™ Cereal
- Nature Valley™ Granola
- Oatmeal Crisp™ Cereal
- Peach Cheerios™
- Peanut Butter Chex™
- Peanut Butter Chocolate Shreds™ Cereal
- Protein Cheerios™ Oat & Honey
- Pumpkin Spice Cheerios™
- Raisin Nut Bran™
- Reese's Puffs™
- Rice Chex™
- Star Wars™ Cereal
- Strawberry Toast Crunch™
- Sugar Cookie Toast Crunch™
- Toasted Coconut Cheerios™
- Total™ Cereal
- Trix™ Cereal
- Vanilla Chex™
- Very Berry Cheerios™
- Wheat Chex™
- Wheaties™



SCHOOL & OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Boise® POLARIS® Premium Paper
- Boise® X-9® Paper
- Paper Mate® Arrowhead® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Clearpoint® Mechanical Pencils
- Paper Mate® Colored Pencils
- Paper Mate® Comfortmate Ultra™
- Paper Mate® Correction Pens
- Paper Mate® DryLine® Products
- Paper Mate® Eagle® Pens
- Paper Mate® Eraser Mate®
- Paper Mate® Expressions® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Flair® Felt Tip Pens
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® Elite
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® Ultra
- Paper Mate® Gel Pens
- Paper Mate® Flexgrip® RT
- Paper Mate® Handwriting
- Paper Mate® Holiday
- Paper Mate® Infinite Lead
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Ballpoint Pens
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Gel Pens
- Paper Mate® Inkjoy® Stylus 2-in-1
- Paper Mate® Lead Refills
- Paper Mate® Liquid Flair®
- Paper Mate® Liquid Paper® Fast Dry
- Paper Mate® Markers
- Paper Mate® Mirado® Woodcase Pencils
- Paper Mate® Pens
- Paper Mate® Pink Pearl® & White Pearl® Erasers
- Paper Mate® Profile®
- Paper Mate® Profile® Elite
- Paper Mate® Quick Flip™
- Paper Mate® Sharpwriter® Mechanical Pencils
- Paper Mate® Speeder
- Paper Mate® Write Bros. Pens
- Paper Mate® Write Bros. Mechanical Pencils

CLIP-ONLY PRODUCTS

A few brands have opted not to participate in the digital program; however, you can still find Box Tops clips on these products during the packaging transition. Be sure to send them to your school before they expire.

- Annie's® Condiments
- Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad
- Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Potatoes
- Bisquick™
- Cascadian Farm™ Frozen Fruit
- Cascadian Farm™ Frozen Vegetables
- Select Finish® Products

- Select Hefty® Products
- Select Kleenex® Products
- Larabar™
- Old El Paso™ Seasonings
- Old El Paso™ Sauces
- Pillsbury™ Frozen Biscuits
- Select Reynolds® Products

- Select Scott® Products
- Totino's™ Single Serve Pizza
- Select Ziploc® Products



BAKING

- Annie's® Biscuits
- Annie's® Cinnamon Rolls
- Annie's® Cookies
- Annie's® Crescents
- Annie's® Dry Baking Mix
- Annie's® Dry Brownie Mix
- Annie's® Dry Cake Mix
- Annie's® Dry Cookie Mix
- Betty Crocker™ Cookie Mix
- Immaculate® Biscuits
- Immaculate® Cinnamon Rolls
- Immaculate® Cookies
- Immaculate® Crescents
- Immaculate® Pie Crust
- Pillsbury™ Birthday Cake Bars 6ct
- Pillsbury™ Chocolate Fudge Brownies 6ct
- Pillsbury™ Grands!™ Refrigerated Biscuits
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Biscuits
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Breadsticks
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Brownies
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Cinnamon Rolls
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Cookie Dough
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Crescents
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated French Bread
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Pie Crust
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Pizza
- Pillsbury™ Refrigerated Shape Cookies



FROZEN

- Annie's® Bagel Pizzas
- Annie's® Pizza Bagels
- Annie's® Pizza Poppers
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™ Bites
- Pillsbury™ Mini Cinnis
- Pillsbury™ Pancakes
- Pillsbury™ Toaster Scambles
- Pillsbury™ Toaster Strudel
- Totino's™ Party Pizza (4-pack only)
- Totino's™ Pizza Rolls



REFRIGERATED & DAIRY

- Mountain High™ Yoghurt
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Yogurt
- Yoplait® Go-GURT® Dunkers
- Yoplait® Kid
- Yoplait® Multipack



Orchard Park Music Boosters

It's time to join!!!

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** 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.
- Provide **an on-going music lesson program** available for all instruments and voice during the school year, as well as a Summer Lesson Program.

Visit us soon at The Music Booster Website: opmusicboosters.com

What does it cost to join?

One year membership is a minimum donation of \$10 per family.

1. Scan QR Code (on the right) to use your PayPal account or Credit Card.
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2. Fill out the form below and mail it in with your donation.



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