



PTO General Meeting

10-22-25

Principal's Update:

- Officer Shlegal (Scott) - resource officer here at O'Hara! Take a minute to say hello!
- Nurse Garcia - leave of absence - we have secured a new candidate.
- Parent Teacher Conference reminder - please reach out to teachers if you didn't sign up yet.
- Halloween parties and parade coming up Friday!
- Reminder about costumes being friendly for all students at the school - remember there are 5 year olds in our building!
- Extra parking for Friday is located at Community Swim Club on Aqua drive
- Streaming will hopefully be up on the YouTube channel as of Friday morning.

Kate Malyszka (President)

- Bylaw Updates - Voting –
 - reimbursement 60 day limit, receipts will all be done through the form - PASSED
 - Financial audit - external members only on the committee - PASSED
 - Manage board positions, communications and secretary separate - PASSED
- Auditorium Tech install - so exciting and will be so well used!! - Last two years of Dance fundraising has funded this
- Playground install - Has also been a big hit!!
- Open Positions for 2026-2027 school year - We will have a nominating committee.
Nominations will go out in April to vote
 - See descriptions on the website

Ashley McKay (VP)

- Noon Time Monitor for November - Please commit to each slot! Changes are really hard on the front office
 - Next training session will be in January
 - Dr. Batis might be able to set up a zoom meeting - virtual option for people, or another meeting before January
- Special Someone Dance update This year we are approved for pizza during the dance - 6-8:30am
 - First meeting was last week
 - Theme is Candy Land
 - Next meeting is January 22 - prep meeting at O'Hara 4pm-8pm
 - Set up is the day before the dance - we can use all the help we can get
 - Prices will go up this year unfortunately - \$25 across the board per ticket. \$30 at the door - extra kids are \$7
 - Older kids can come volunteer to help - no younger than O'Hara age invited to attend
 - Funds are available for students who are not able to attend for financial reasons
 - Please be respectful of the work we have put in to this dance! You are in charge of your children and teaching them to show respect for the dance!

- Photos will be taken and used by Fireside - if you would NOT like your child included please let us know
- 5th Grade Day update
 - Plans are in the works.
 - Fundraising will begin next week at Camp Allegheny drop off and pick up - fliers will be handed out
 - Oliver's labels is open all year for fundraising as well!

Erin Kleinman and Liza Linn (Secretary/Communications/Social Media)

- Extra Directories

Ms. Fanning!!

- Birthday tokens for PBIS - Ms. Planz is ready to hand out
- Certificates for birthday books (bookmark, sticker, or certificate)
- Spreadsheet can be created to note what books are birthday focused

Ms. Squali

- Financial scholarships - we need chairperson contact!!
- Erin put contact emails closer to the guidance counselor emails so they don't get questions about the event

Can we make a handout about PTO things for teachers to put out during conferences

Scott Mohr (Treasurer)

- Audit Report - Please read in full on PTO website
 - Cash flow procedures will change
 - Large checks will be co-signed
 - Great audit report
 - Carrying too much cash - all is going out now for playground, auditorium, book vending machine
- Monthly finance report also posted!
- Listen to the podcast!!

Patricia Antinopoulos (Fundraising)

- **October Spirit Sale-** Items will be delivered to your student at school in mid-November.
 - Thank you for your support
 - New company quality will be much better
 - Please email her with any new ideas - the company will work with us to add it to our spirit store
- **Ongoing Spirit Sales-** Please let me know if you have any specific items that you would like to see in the next sale (Nov/Dec OR Dec/Jan). Email me at fundraising@oharapto.org with your ideas! :)
 - Lots of extras of homecoming shirts leftover - email patricia for more! And will be sold at all PTO events coming up this year
- **Square 1 Art-** Order forms will be coming home ASAP with your students. All orders are due online by 11/12 to ensure items arrive early December before the holidays. All items ship FREE!
 - Art teachers have worked with the students to create the art
 - Forms coming home SOON
 - NOVEMBER 12!!!!
- **Holiday Plant Sale & Greenery**
 - New company - local - will be picked up before Thanksgiving

- As always, thank you for your support!

Committee Updates

- OFC January session?
- ~~Someone Special Dance~~
- Field Day
- Literacy ~~Still in talks~~
- Multicultural First meeting was ~~yesterday~~ - booth and performance sign ups are live and need to be submitted before December break Jan 23
- Science Fair
- ~~PBIS Rewards~~
- Book fair is the week of Nov 10!!
 Volunteer sign ups will come out early November.
- Community Outreach
- Green Foxes
- Party Planning ~~Friday is the day!!~~
Parent volunteers should have their instructions already - you can NOT come in the building until after the parade. Show up at the FRONT door after the parade. Change SDM by tomorrow!! (10/23)
- Photos can be taken and sent to yearbook! yearbook@oharapto.org
- ~~5th Grade Day~~
- Team O'Hara Appreciation Dinner for parent teacher conferences - we celebrated custodian day - new teacher gifts were finally delivered! Halloween smorgasboard for the teachers - holiday books are coming for teacher holiday book store - donations will be accepted
- Staff collection will begin on giving tuesday for staff appreciation holiday checks
- Homeroom Reps Chairs will be communicating info as needed