



WELCOME BACK

August 21, 2023

Dear OQS Community,

As we enter a new school year, we first wanted to take a moment to thank all of our families, teachers, staff, and community partners for an amazing 2022-2023 school year. Because of this community's fundraising and volunteer efforts, we were able to have an action-packed year filled with many exciting events and clubs including the return of Ski Club and Winter Fest. The events that the OQS PTO supports reinforce the already strong fabric of our community. By continuing to build our community, we help enrich the lives and educational experience of our students.

In addition to monetary support, the PTO is active behind-the-scenes working with our teachers and staff to organize volunteers to support educational enrichment programs, after-school clubs, and all-school events. Last year, we had over 75 volunteers across 15 different events filling over 1,000 volunteer slots! WOW!

As you reflect on this last year, please know that you made a difference, and you were a big part in making 2022-2023 a great and memorable year. We are so proud to be a part of this wonderful community! We thank each and every one of you for everything you did last year to support students and staff.

We are thrilled to continue the incredible momentum of the PTO in the 2023-2024 school year. One of our goals for the year is to increase PTO participation to generate deeper community connection, and new ideas to enhance our school. The PTO is open to ALL OQS families and costs nothing to join. Please see the below ways you can join in on the fun:

- Community Events: We are kicking off the year with a Back-to-School Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 27th from 2-4pm on the OQS Field. This will be a great opportunity to connect with friends new and old!
- Join a PTO Meeting: Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 7th from 6-7pm in the school library. Come share ideas or just listen AND make new community connections. We do have fun!
- Follow Along: Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date communications and look for our monthly newsletter in the Howler! You can also find updated volunteer and fundraising information on our website.
- Volunteer: The PTO helps organize volunteers across school events. If you are not already an approved volunteer, please reach out to the school office to begin that process.
- Reach out! Please email the PTO at OQSPTO@gmail.com at any time with ideas, questions, or simply to introduce yourself!

Please enjoy the few remaining days of summer with your families! We look forward to seeing you soon.

The OQS PTO Board
Liz, Beth, Rachel, and Kayla

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