



OE Wolf Parent PTO Summer 2023 Newsletter



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OE Wolf Parents PTO information

The OE Wolf Parents PTO would like to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! We have been planning great projects for Oswego East!

Please take time to read through our summer newsletter and get to know OE Wolf Parents PTO and how you can get involved!

We are trying our best to bring back all the great traditions and start some new ones and need our OE parents & staff to get back involved in the PTO! We would love to continue to “Excel” as a team at Oswego East High School, but can’t do it without you!

What is OE Wolf Parents PTO?

OE Wolf Parents is a 501(c)3 PTO. An organization of teachers, staff and parents creating partnerships amongst the school, families, and the community to help all Oswego East students reach high levels of academic and social achievement.

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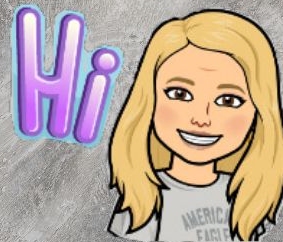
Meet your OE Wolf Parent PTO board
for 2023-2024!



June Charlett,
Co-President



Susan Gaston,
Secretary



Tracey Goldthwaite,
Co-President



Erin Wiencek,
Vice President
Media

Mandy Doy,
Vice President
Fundraising



Amy Kosinsky,
Vice President
-Hospitality & Grants

Become a OE Wolf Parent PTO member!

How do I get involved? First, you become a member by filling out a membership form online at <https://forms.gle/WSdKzmsYzw522oMLA> or at our Wolf Parent information tables. You are then a voting member at our meetings; 2nd Thursday of each month. You are welcome to volunteer for a committee or choose to chair an open committee or become a board member! There are many one-time and ongoing events. Also, if there is not a committee in existence for something that you feel would be beneficial to the Oswego East community, you can add to what is already being done by starting a new committee.

What does it cost? Membership has a suggested minimum donation of \$10/family and only requires you filling out an online membership form, link shown above! This donation (made through our website <https://www.oewolfparents.com/store/c2/Membership.html>) helps us cover our operating needs and gives us the opportunity to give back to the school in a variety of ways including, teacher wish lists, student scholarships and committees that better our school and our children. Funds raised by the OE Wolf Parent PTO go back to Oswego East High School programs, their students and staff.

Make a difference!

What are the benefits of being a member of the Oswego East Parent Organization?

Not only are you able to impact a major part of your child's development, their high school career, but you also can do it in whatever your schedule allows and in whatever way you choose to use your gifts. Whether it is through providing input, suggesting ways of improvement, voting on a change at the school, volunteering for an event, initiating a new program, wanting to know what is happening at school, or just wanting to do whatever you can to show your child that their time in school is important for you; our organization exists to give parents a chance to enhance the lives of their own children and all children at the school. You'll be tapping into our network with other parents, teachers and staff through meetings, events and communications to build a sense of community.

Who do I contact with questions?

You can contact OE Wolf Parent Board at oewolfparents@gmail.com or message us through our Facebook page.

Open positions & 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

We have the following open positions with the OE Wolf Parents PTO. If you'd like to be a part of the PTO board or committee chair, please note your interest on our membership form.

VP of Events: Oversee committees of our major events such as the Blue-Silver Bash & Senior Celebration

Concession Co-chair: Stock concession stand, work with volunteers to open or close concession stand (after school concessions and weekend PAC event concessions - run from Commons concession stand.)

Blue-Silver Bash chair: Oversee raffle basket fundraiser, , assign volunteers

Senior Celebration Co-Chair: Oversee planning of Senior lock in party

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Chair: Oversee planning of appreciation days for staff

See additional opportunities on our membership form!

Meeting Dates - 2nd Thursday of each month - 7 PM in the LRC @ OEHS
August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, 2023
January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, 2024

BLUE-SILVER COMMUNITY BASH IS AUGUST 18!

<https://blueandsilver.weebly.com/>



Scan Me!

Visit our Blue-Silver website for more information and updates on activities.

We are excited for our annual Blue-Silver Community Bash! Everyone in the community is invited to join the OEHS Wolf Parents PTO, OEHS Sports Boosters, and the Athletes, Staff and Students of OEHS and help celebrate and kick off the SD308 2023-24 School year!

FEATURING

Fall Sports scrimmages • Kid Zone • Dunk Tank • Concessions • Spirit Wear • OE Clubs & Activities • SD308 Mascot Races • Robotics & Rocket Team Demos • Performances by Cheer, Dance, Choir & Band • Raffles & MORE!!

BLUE-SILVER COMMUNITY BASH

BRINGING FAMILY, SCHOOL
& COMMUNITY TOGETHER

WHEN

August 18, 2023
4pm - 8pm

WHERE

Oswego East High School
1525 Harvey Road
Oswego, IL 60543

FEATURING

Sports scrimmages • Dunk Tank • Kid Zone with inflatables • Concessions • Spirit Wear • OE Clubs & Activities • SD308 Mascot Races • Robotics Team Demos • Performances by Cheer, Dance, Choir & Band • Raffles & MORE!!

www.sd308.org/oehs
www.oehsportsboosters.com
il.8to18.com/oswegoeast/

FREE ADMISSION
ALL AGES
EVENT

SCRIMMAGES

Lower levels will start at 4 PM and continue until varsity scrimmages:
Tennis 4:30 PM
Soccer 5:15 PM
Volleyball 6:00 PM
Football 7:15 PM

Marching Band
Performance 3:30 PM

KID ZONE

Dunk Tank
Activities run by OEHS Athletic Teams
Inflatables

SCAN ME
FOR MORE
INFO!



BENEFITING

OEHS Athletics
OE Wolf Parents PTO
OEHS All Sports Boosters
OE Care Closet

CLASS COLOR SHIRTS ON SALE FOR SPIRIT WEEK!

\$18 each

2X and larger
additional charge.



Order deadline Aug. 20
Will be delivered to OE for
pick up week of Sept. 11

<https://oehs23.itemorder.com/>

Scan here
to place order





2 GALLON POTS / 5 COLORS
RED, YELLOW, ORANGE, WHITE, PINK

**Help us reach our
goal of 500 mums!
Support OEHS
programs!**

**Teacher Wish Lists, Care Closet,
Scholarships, Classroom
enhancements & More!**

MUM
SALE!
\$15
EACH



**Scan me to
place your order!**



**Order online by Sept 1st
and pick up at OEHS
tennis court parking lot,
Saturday, Sept 16,
9 AM - 12 PM!**

[https://www.oewolfparents.com/store/
p40/Mums - 2_Gallon_Pot.html](https://www.oewolfparents.com/store/p40/Mums_-_2_Gallon_Pot.html)



BLUE-SILVER COMMUNITY BASH: This fun event kicks off the school year and will need many volunteers. Help with soliciting businesses for raffle items, put together raffle baskets, help at membership and raffle tables, dunk tank, kid zone, concessions, and more! Both adult and student volunteers needed! Students earn community service hours.



<http://signup.com/go/rof4bp>

Student & Adult volunteers needed to help with OE projects, fundraisers and more!

Please go to our sign-up link for more information and sign up TODAY!

<http://signup.com/go/rof4bp>

Additional opportunities will be added throughout the school year.

STAFF APPRECIATION DAYS: Check our sign up for various dates throughout the school year where we help with staff appreciation, including our current “**Stock the Staff Lounge**”. Some events are before or after school. Volunteer or donation of goods will be available in the sign up.

TEACHER WISH LISTS: Visit our wish list on Amazon (more items will be added throughout the summer) and find items you'd like to donate. As you "shop", please have items shipped to OE Wolf Parents, 1525 Harvey Road, Oswego, IL 60543, and we'll put together for our teachers. If you find items you'd like to donate from other businesses besides Amazon, please note on the Amazon list or send us a message! <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3RBMP17HD5C66>

If you are able to make a monetary donation through our website (we are a 501(c)3 organization), we will use those funds to purchase requested items to enhance our students classrooms. <https://www.oewolfparents.com/store/c6/Donations.html>

INFORMATION TABLES: Sign up to help at the OE Wolf Parent info table during Blue-Silver Bash, schedule pickups, curriculum night, and incoming freshman nights. See our link when dates become available.

Apparel & Wolf Parent Store item distribution: Throughout the year we will have items on sale such as shirts, ornaments, signs, etc., that will need volunteers to help with distribution at pick up locations or to deliver.

DANCE & ACTIVITY TOURNAMENT CONCESSIONS: We have been given the opportunity to sell concessions for dances, competition events for our PAC and other tournaments. Watch for updates if these events become available throughout the year. These include homecoming dance, outside dance companies that rent the space at OEHS to hold their competitions or school clubs that host tournaments (chess, esports, etc.). These events often run all weekend (Friday – Sunday), so we will set up many shifts throughout each day. We are asking for 2 adults and 2 students (earn service hours!) per shift to help in the OE Commons concession stand.



DICK'S MINI DONUT OR MUFFIN DAYS: Once a month we will bring back Dick's Mini Donuts or muffins. Parent volunteers will be needed to help sell donuts before school and during lunches.

<http://signup.com/go/rof4bp>

Scan me to volunteer





STOCK THE STAFF LOUNGE!

Help us show our appreciation to the OE staff to start the year with a lounge filled with snacks and drinks!

Scan the QR code to go to our sign up for Stock the Staff Lounge and sign up to bring a treat! Drop off to the OE Wolf Parents table during schedule pick up.

CELEBRATE YOUR OE STUDENT'S BIRTHDAY!

OE Wolf Parents PTO will place our birthday signs in your student's yard for 24 hours on their birthday!

Please make a donation to OE Wolf Parents to schedule the placement of your signs today!

<https://www.oewolfparents.com/store/c4/Merchandise.html>



Homecoming class color treats for OE staff lounge needed!

Scan this QR code to go to our
sign up - see different sign
ups for **Freshman**, **Soph**,
Junior & **Senior** Parents!



<http://signup.com/go/rof4bp>

Sign up to donate
or help decorate
themed table!

Sunday, Sept, 17 3-5 PM



Leader of the Wolf Pack Attack

Nominate a Senior to have their yard
attacked by our
Leader of the Wolf Pack team!



Join us in celebrating our Oswego East High School Seniors! We are announcing our 3rd annual year of the Leader of the Wolf Pack Attack. We will be placing our fun "Wolf Pack Attack" signs in seniors' yards throughout the year. Our team will be installing the signs and removing them approximately every 3 days unless the family requests otherwise. The community or the senior who was "attacked" may request the next senior to be "attacked". In this "Pay it Forward" program, we ask that families make a monetary donation through our website or by check that will go towards celebrating our seniors. We will be awarding senior scholarships and funding the annual Senior Celebration event for our seniors.



Nominate a senior's yard for a Wolf Pack "attack"

Have an OE senior you would like us to send out our Wolf Pack Attack team to decorate their yard?

Follow the link to fill out the request form. We ask you make a donation with your request. All donations will be put towards senior scholarships and senior celebrations for this year's class. We are a 501(c)3 organization.

[Nomination form](#)

Help Pay it forward.

[Donate Today](#)

Make a donation to have signs placed or moved

Follow this link to make an online donation to either have signs removed, or with your nomination of other seniors to be Wolf Pack Attacked!

[Make a donation](#)



Send us your photos!

Was your yard attacked? Send us a photo of your yard and include some fun pictures with your senior posing among the signs!

[Link to send pictures](#)

Visit our website to nominate a senior or donate to this great cause! (Anyone can nominate an OE senior: parents, staff, family, friends, and neighbors, etc!)

<https://www.oewolfparents.com/leader-of-the-wolf-pack-attack.html>

OE Wolf Parent Scholarships

This year OE Wolf Parents will award a minimum of two seniors a \$1000 scholarship for college. Applications will be available on the OE Wolf Parent website after January 1. Completed applications must be sent online through the OE Wolf Parents website no later than **Tuesday, April 2, 2024.**

If you would be interested in being part of the scholarship committee (cannot be a senior parent), we would love to have you on board. We need parents to help collect and review the applications. Please contact us for more information.

We would like to congratulate the class of 2023 recipients:

Michael Polubinski Robert Wachal
Jorie Spain Allison Mersman
Sydney T. Williams



OEHS CARE CLOSET

What is a Care Closet?

The Care Closet is an area of our school is to provide relief to students and their families who are experiencing hardships: food insecurity, lack of weather appropriate clothing, basic hygiene supplies, school supplies, etc.

Who gets to use it?

This will be a FREE resource provided for students with items that you may not be affordable on your own. While this would be offered to all students, the intent is to share these items and resources with students and families that truly cannot purchase them on their own.

Will everyone know that I am using the Care Closet?

No! The use of the care closet is confidential and anonymous.

How does it work?

Simply scan the QR code you see in classrooms or on posters throughout OE! You will then fill out a Google Form using your student ID #.

Your items will be available for pick up in Student Services the following day!



We are currently in need of...

**SEE THE OE CARE CLOSET
AMAZON WISH LIST**

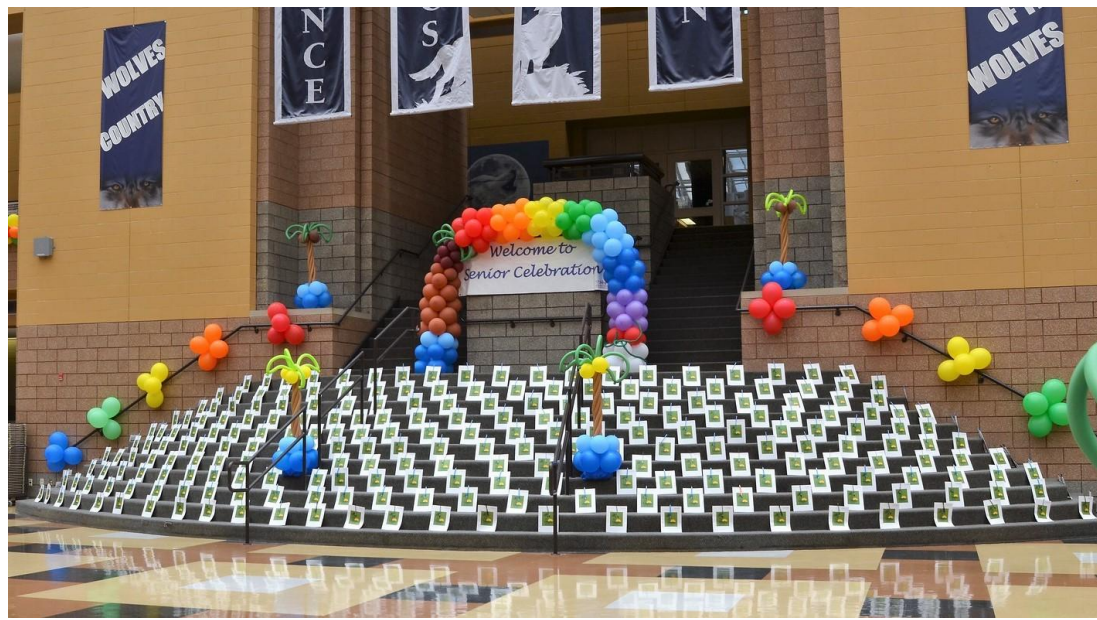
**HAVE ITEMS SHIPPED TO
OE CARE CLOSET
1525 HARVEY ROAD
OSWEGO, IL 60543**

OR

Drop off donations in Main
Office marked, Care Closet!

Wish List link:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M09FSQ3YKPVT?ref=wl_share



Senior Parents! If you are interested in planning celebrations and helping with senior activities for the class of 2024, please fill out this information form and we will make sure you are kept in the loop! Planning meetings will start this fall. Senior Celebration May 11, 2024!

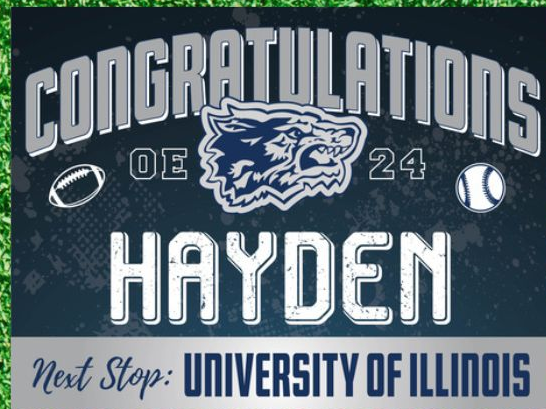
<https://forms.gle/DKWq5VsK7Eymhbd7A>

Senior Yard Signs or Window Clings on Sale!



Celebrate your senior with our 3 options of signs! Proceeds go towards OE senior events!

Scan QR code or go to
<https://oehs2024.itemorder.com> to place your order.
Store will be open until May 2024.





Looking for other Oswego East apparel items? Check out the OE Sports Boosters offerings at

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/illinois/oswego/oswego-east-high-school>

Watch for discount coupon codes!

Also, look for the OE Wolf Gear Kiosk at schedule pick up, Blue-Silver Community Bash and Football games!

For Sports Booster memberships, sports passes, volunteer opportunities, visit their website at <https://www.oswegoeastboosters.com/>



Athletic registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Please go to: <https://schools.snap.app/oswegoeast> to register.

You can register for whichever sport your student is interested in. **Remember, athletic user fees will be posted to PushCoin once rosters are selected.**

Try out / practice information for Fall sports will be posted on the athletic website once that information becomes available.

Be sure to have a current physical on file in the Athletic Office prior to tryouts!!!! You may scan and email your physical to Raleen Quick, athletic administrative assistant: rquick@sd308.org or fax to: 630.636.2458.

If you are an incoming Freshman, your 9th grade physical may also be used as your sports physical.

All physicals are good for one year + 30 days from the date the physical was taken.

If you need to get a sports physical, [download IHSA sports physical form](#) to bring to your doctor.

Please call Raleen Quick at 630.636.2222 if you have any questions.

**Athletic Registration
Now Open
For Fall Sports**



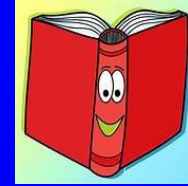
SEASON: FALL	
SPORT	START DATE
Boys Cross Country	8/7/23
Girls Cross Country	8/7/23
Football	8/7/23
Boys Golf	8/7/23
Girls Golf	8/7/23
Boys Soccer	8/7/23
Girls Swimming & Diving	8/7/23
Girls Tennis	8/7/23
Girls Volleyball	8/7/23



Schedule Pick Up Information

Wednesday, August 9 9 AM - 3 PM

Thursday, August 10 1 PM - 7 PM



- Nurses Station - Drop off Physical, immunization records
- ID/Yearbook photos will be taken
- Athletics station - Drop off Sports Physical (Freshman, can be same physical for nurses - just make a copy) Check practice schedules
- Pick up paper copy of schedule
- Purchase or order class color shirts * at OE Wolf Parent PTO table
- OE Wolf Parents PTO information and memberships
- OE Sports Boosters information and memberships, sports passes & reserved seating
- Pick up parking passes
- Pick up PE uniforms and lock - see pricing >>
- OE Spirit Wear available
- Find your locker, test your combination, walk your schedule, familiarize yourself with the school.
- English class novels available for purchase
- Transportation station - Check bus routes
- Freshman and new students pick up Chromebook
- Note: Students will NOT receive textbooks during schedule pick up days.

PE Uniforms (Cash or
Check only to OEHS)

\$10 Shirt

\$10 Shorts

\$6 PE Lock

(Can also be
purchased from PE
teacher anytime)



August

31-2: Wolves 101
7: Fall Sports Begin
9: Schedule Pick Up 9am-3pm
10: Schedule Pick Up 1-7 pm
10: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
7PM
15: Teacher Wish List Pick Up
16: First Day of School & Frosh Fest**
18: Blue Silver Bash 4-8
20: Deadline to order class shirts
24: Homecoming tickets and guest passes available
24: Curriculum Night 6pm

September

1: Deadline to order Mums
4-5: No School
7: Fall College Fair
13-15: Class shirt distribution
14: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
15: Homecoming Guest Pass Due by 3 PM
16: Mum pick up day
17: Hall decorating & Staff treat set up day
18-22: Spirit Week
20: Bonfire
21: Last day to purchase HOCO tickets
23: Homecoming Dance 7pm
25: Picture Retake Day (Freshman, Soph & Juniors)
28: Senior Yearbook Photo Day

October

2: Custodian Appreciation Day
5: Senior Panoramic Picture
6: 3.5 Hour school day
9: No School
12: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
20: Crosstown Football Game @ OHS
19-21: Fall Play
26: Staff treat day
26-27: 5 Hr School Day HS
31: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day

November

1 & 2: Band Concerts
3: Fall Blood Drive
9: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
11: Chess Tourney Concessions
15: Fall Jazz Concert
16: Future Wolves Night
17: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day
21 Staff treat day
23-24: No School
30: Club Photo Day

December

5: Winter Concerts (combined band & choir)
12: Chamber Ensemble
Percussion Concert
14: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
15: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day
20: 3.5 hour School Day
21: -- Winter Break Begins

Mark your Calendar!



PTO meetings 2nd
Thursday of each
month 7PM in the
LRC

January

8: Return from Winter Break
11: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
15: No School
19: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day
26: 3.5 hour school day
25-27: Winter Play

February

2: International Fest
7: Jazz Concert
8: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
14: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day
16: 3.5 hour day
19: No School
27-28: Band Concerts

(Concession weekend dates
pending: Feb 16-18; 23-25)

March

1: No School
5: Choir Concert
14: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
15: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day
19: Election Day No School
20-21: Parent Teacher Conferences (Flex time)
22: Spring Blood Drive
25-1: Spring Break

(Concession weekend dates
pending: Mar 1-3; 8-10; 15-17)

April

2: WP Scholarship deadline
2: Return from Spring Break
4: Welcome to the Pack Night - Incoming Freshman
8: NHS Induction
11: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
18: Spring College Fair
19: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day
25: No School
25-27: Spring Musical

May

1-2: Band Concerts
1-5: Teacher Appreciation week
4: Prom
7: Choir Concert
8: Jazz Concert
9: Wolf Parent PTO meeting
11: Senior Celebration
13: Dick's Donut or Muffin Day
14: Senior Awards Night
17: Graduation Practice & Brunch
18: Graduation @ NIU 3pm
24: Last Day 3.5 hour day

Additional contact information & links

OE Wolf Parents PTO

email : oewolfparents@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.oewolfparents.com/> (Find info on Volunteer Opportunities, Scholarships, Teacher Wish Lists, Care Closet, Leader of the Wolf Pack Attack, Memberships, Fundraisers, Wolf Parent Store, Senior Celebration and other parent groups & More!)

Sign Up to Volunteer: <http://signup.com/go/rof4bp>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OeWolfParents/>

Suggested other Facebook groups to follow for information and help with your students particular class:

Parents of OEHS Class of 2024; Parents of the OEHS Class of 2025,
Parents of the OEHS Class of 2026; Parents of the OEHS Class of 2027

OE Sports & Event Photos: <https://www.olson62.com/> (Volunteer photographer, Colleen Olson captures many photos of our students. Feel free to view and download for free!)

OE Sports Boosters Website: <https://www.oswegoeastboosters.com/>

OE Athletic Website <https://schools.snap.app/oswegoeast>

OEHS Main Website: <https://oehs.sd308.org/index.html>



10 REASONS TO GET INVOLVED AT OE



1 Volunteering makes a big difference. Research consistently shows that kids whose parents are involved in their schools do better.

2 Volunteering offers tangible ways to be part of things. Sometimes we might mean well, but our busy lives get in the way of committing. Joining a parent group will provide concrete ways to get involved, whether at events, in the classroom, or on a committee, or just providing feedback, ideas and more.



3 It feels great to participate! Your children spend a lot of time at school, and it's great to share some of their school-related experiences with them.

4 You'll get to know other parents. It's powerful to create a circle of adult friends around a school, and having a shared interest is a good place to start. What's more, it can help foster connections between families in your community.



5 Your help is always needed. Whether it's helping run the next big event or providing support in the classroom, clubs or activities, there are always ways to pitch in.

6 It's a manageable commitment. Volunteering can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. Spend an hour at a fundraiser night or craft show, and your efforts will be appreciated. And remember, it's always OK to say no when you're busy.



7 It's fun! Even simple events like trivia nights and concessions for sporting nights can spice up your week.

8 You can tailor volunteering to play to your strengths. Within a parent group or school community there are many ways to contribute, some of which are sure to complement your strengths, interests, or professional skills.

9 Have a great idea? Volunteering gives you opportunities to get your ideas out there.

10 Volunteering provides another way to get to know school and support staff to better understand their needs and ideas.



How we support Oswego East



To learn more about other programs supported by the OE Wolf Parents PTO, please join us at our monthly meetings. Together we can make a difference!