Flex Schedule:

Thursday March 3 will be A day Tutorial for all students from 2:11-3:15pm

Friday March 4 will be B day Flex Schedule with Spring Sports/Rose Festival Morning Assembly from 11:09am-11:51am

This Week In Athletics:

Tuesday, March 1st
7:00pm WBX State Playoff Game
Central Catholic High School
Doors open at 6pm
Adults $6, Students $4

February 29, 2016

Dear Benson Parents/Guardians

Greetings from the Benson Wellness Center! My name is Caroline Bleckmann, and I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the Wellness Coordinator for the Center. I wanted to introduce myself and share a little about our brand new program.

The BWC officially opened last week, and we are slowly but steadily getting organized to serve students. Our mission is to provide a convenient and accessible place where students can access an array of health and wellness services. Once we are fully up and running, students will be able to visit the school nurse; access counseling services, and schedule medical appointments in one place. We also plan to offer educational programs in the center and in classrooms.

We already have an amazing team in place. It includes Laurel Merz, RN, BSN; Multnomah County Mental Health Consultant Jennifer Maney, LCSW; Western Psychological Services therapist Heather Merrill, LPC; PSU Social Work Intern Ruben Reyes-Santiago, and myself, the Wellness Coordinator. In the next few weeks physicians from OHSU will be joining the clinic.

We all love our jobs and care about the students at Benson. We also recognize that you, the parents, are the most important people in your children's lives. I would love to hear from you! I'll keep the community posted about programs and services as we roll them out, and always welcome your feedback.
Sincerely,

Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW
503-916-5151

Master Planning Workshop

Please read the attached flyer that discusses Benson's Master Planning Workshop which will be happening here at Benson Tech on Saturday March 5th from 9am-12pm with a light breakfast being served at 8:30am. What should the future of Benson look and feel like? What parts of the campus work well? What parts of the campus don't work well? How can Benson better support students and families? These questions and more can be answered at this workshop. Information regarding this event is attached as a flyer to this newsletter.

A Message from Adam Kennybrew (Benson's College Coordinator)

Parents of Seniors:

The OSAC and Oregon Promise deadlines for scholarships is Tuesday March 1st, 2016. Please do not miss this deadline. If you need help or support, please have your senior student contact their guidance counselor or the college counselor in the counseling center.
Hope to see you soon!

A Message from Joseph Rozewski (Benson's Art Teacher)

Benson's CTE program is expanding in the Arts.

We are currently looking into possible duel college credit for some Program of Study Art classes. These classes include: Two 3-D Sculpture/applied arts CTE, a foundational class in industrial design and ceramics technology and an advanced 3-D sculpture class, which does advanced mold making and industrial design classes.

Both offer skill building in the 3-D object making and designing realm. Both classes are aligned with Ziba Design firm, and soon, hopefully, Laika Animation studios. These will be a wonderful addition to our already strong CTE programs here at Benson Tech.

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A Message from Sally Niedermeyer (Benson's Nursing Instructor)

Parents, The Health Science department is continuously looking for Health professionals willing to host students for internships or be a speaker and demonstrate some of your unique skills to our students. If you are interested in learning more, or could provide a service, please contact Ms. Niedermeyer. Spring rotations start April 12th. Thank you! sniederm@pps.net or 503-916-5100x77198

The application for 10th, 11th and 12 grade Apprenticeship in Science and Engineering is open! Mentors are offering more than 150 amazing opportunities including:

3D Printing on the Micro Scale Using Nanoparticles at OSU

Behavioral Neuroscience and Genetics II at the Portland VA Medical Center

Visually Engaging Graphic Development for eLearning at the Bonneville Power Association

Environmental Chemistry: Natural and Human-Impacted Processes at OHSU

http://www.saturdayacademy.org/ase/student-information/how-to-apply

Application deadline: Friday, March 4th at midnight.

From the Benson Library

OBOB Competition

The regional Oregon Battle of the Books is tomorrow morning and Benson's team is ready! They are super excited and have been reading the selected novels non-stop. Last year, they placed third in the competition as a new team and hope to do even better this year.

The competition will be held at Alliance Charter School in Oregon City beginning at 8 AM.

Verselandia Poetry Slam

Benson's fifth annual Verselandia Poetry Slam is happening Thursday, March 17th, during Flextime (2:11-3:15) in the Benson Library. All young poets are encouraged to participate! Families are welcome to come watch this dynamic art form and see their student shine.

If you would like to be a judge for the poetry slam, want to sign up to participate, or have any questions, please contact Ms. Bruer (ibruer@pps.net) or Ms. Morris (jmorris1@pps.net).

Poetry Slam Workshop

Need to polish your prose or your delivery? There is still one workshop to attend on Saturday, March 5th at the St. John's Public Library (7510 N. Charleston).

Youth Workshop 1:00-2:00 PM

Open Mic (all ages) 2:00-3:00 PM

For more information, please call 503-227-2583, ext. 109 or learn more at www.literary-arts.org

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Dear Benson Families, Alumni, & Community Members,

We want to know the values that are important to you and that you want to see reflected in our school's expectations of students. Our goal is to develop 3-5 values with input from students, staff, community members, and families.

The team wants to understand what's important to each member of our school community.

Please share the three (3) values you believe are most important in the survey below. It is our goal to have your voice reflected in the development of Benson's revised School-Wide Student Expectations.

You can take the Family survey at: http://goo.gl/forms/MG9xDCNf5T

You can complete the Alumni and Community survey at: http://goo.gl/forms/r2sBNN2bwF

We also have both survey links on our Benson Website at: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/benson/

Note: Staff and students will take the survey at school.

Thank you for sharing your opinion.

Mr. Phillips & the Benson School Climate Team.

Messages from Counseling/Career Coordinator:

A Message from Miranda Ryan (Benson's Career Coordinator)
Career Days:
OMSI-March 9th , 2016
Ziba Design- March 10th, 2016
Oregon Humane Society- March 11th, 2016
Instrument –A digital creative agency- March 15th, 2016

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Employment Opportunities for Benson Students:
Information for all jobs can be found in the Career Center
•Text: @ccinfo to 81010 to get updates about job openings and other career events
•Multnomah Athletic club (two positions open-check out Job Board)
•Marshalls (applications in the CC)
•Bath & Body Works (applications in the CC)
•North West Youth Corps (check out the Job Board)
•Conservation Projects (Check out the Job Board)

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COLLEGE VISITS:
All visits will be held in the Counseling Center. You must sign up in the Counseling Center for these visits.
Text: @u2college to 81010 to get updates about college visits.

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A Message from Tony Peters (Benson's Attendance Monitor)
When Your Student is Absent or Late
When a student is absent from a class period, an Auto-Dialer will call a designated phone number associated with the student to inform parents/guardians of the absence.
In previous years, after listening to the Auto-Dialer message, parent/guardians were able to push a button to leave a recorded message for the Attendance Monitor. This is no longer possible. However, voicemail messages MAY BE LEFT for the Attendance Monitor, at any time, by calling Benson High School at (503) 916-5100 and then pressing Option 3 for Attendance. This is what the new Auto-Dialer system directs parent/guardians to do, in order to excuse or comment on their student's absence from class.

Make It a Great Week!
Curtis Wilson Jr., Principal
Benson Polytechnic High School