



### **Athletics:**

Please open up the link to the Benson Athletic Calendar for athletic events for this upcoming week.

### **Flex Days This Week**

Thursday April 26th  
Tutorial—2:23pm-3:15pm

Friday April 27th

Morning Assembly  
Benson's Talent Show  
11:09am-11:51am

### **Benson's Website**

Please be sure to visit our website at [www.bensonhs.net](http://www.bensonhs.net) and check out our yearly calendar to stay up to date on all things happening here at Benson Tech.

### **Career Coordinator Newsletter**

Please see the attached Career Newsletter from Ms. Ryan

**Monday April 23rd 2018**

### **Principal Wilson has been named the Oregon High School Principal of the Year.**

The award, administered by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators and the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators, makes Wilson eligible for the national Principal of the Year Award. He will be honored at the PPS Board meeting on Tuesday night, as well at the Annual COSA Conference in June and the OASSA/OESPA Principal's Conference in October.

### ***Congratulations Principal Wilson***

**SENIORS:** The Benson Webpage has added a "Scholarship Form" link for seniors to submit their awarded scholarships. In order to be recognized in the Graduation Program we must receive this information by May 18<sup>th</sup>!!

### ***Benson Counseling Dept.***

### **A Message from Amy Henry (Benson Counseling)**

National Technical Honor Society Seniors: Volunteer hour documentation is due by May 1, 2018 to Ms. Henry in Counseling if you want to be recognized at graduation.

### **Day of Silence: Friday April 27th**

Please note that some of our students will be participating in the Day of Silence on Friday and I wanted to give a brief overview regarding this event as my office will be supporting our students who will be taking a vow of silence on this day.

The Day of Silence (DOS) is a student-led day of action on which those who support making anti-LGBTQ bullying and harassment unacceptable in schools participate in events to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment – in effect, the silencing – experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) students and their allies. Students who participate in DOS often take a vow of silence during the school day, handing out "speaking cards", which explain the reason for their silence.

### ***Benson Administration***

### **A Message from the Benson Counseling Department**

Free/Reduced Lunch: If you are on free/reduced lunch and you are requesting a fee waiver for the ACT/SAT or college applications, parents will now be required to give us permission to verify your free/reduced lunch status. Attached is the permission form (we also have hard copies available in the Counseling office). After the form is turned in, we will need 2 business days to verify your status. Please let us know in Counseling if you have any questions.

## **Verselandia Thursday April 26th**

Students celebrated National Poetry Month, participating in Benson's Annual Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 5! The top two finishers in the slam will be representing Benson at Verselandia, Portland's annual city-wide poetry slam on April 26th at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Our first place finisher this year was senior, Mercedes Brookins! In second place is junior, Delaina Wolmut. And finally in third place is junior Trillium Ost.

For more information about Verselandia, and to purchase tickets go to [www.literary-arts.org](http://www.literary-arts.org)

Thank you and Congratulations to all who participated and showed their support! Best of luck to our poets at Verselandia.

***Ilsa Bruer***

## **A Message from Benson's Fit2Live&Learn Department**

Congratulations to the following Freshmen STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER in physical education with the highest quarter achievement award.

Abigail Hernandez

Jose Marquez

Sydney Trojak

Jordan Wolmut

Ragnar Strumann

Michael Knight

Emilio Aguilera

Charlize Peterson

Valen Wilcox

Samantha Dehen

Kalaundra Anderson

Aberdeen Stuart

Ari Becker

Taline Garris

Mikio Schmidt

Alexis Berkner

***The Benson Tech Fit2Live&Learn Team***

## **Senior's 60-Day Rule**

### **Parents Please Be Sure To Review This Message With Your Seniors**

For the remainder of the school year it is important for Seniors to stay focused on doing the right thing if they want to participate in graduation activities. According to Board Policy "...Seniors shall be disqualified from participation in commencement exercises and related activities if within 60 consecutive calendar days of the last senior school day they are found to be in violation of the District's Alcohol or Drug policy or any violation resulting in three or more days of suspension or more serious disciplinary action..." which includes major suspensions for vandalism (pranks) and suspension for truancy (skipping). Seniors who repeatedly skip class may be suspended for truancy and this may impact their participation in graduation ceremonies. If you are scheduled to be an aide, mentor, in study hall, etc. you must be present. This 60 day period for seniors begins Monday, April 2nd, 2018.

### ***Benson Administration***

## **A Message from Portland Public Schools**

The SafeOregon Tip Line Aims to Increase Student Safety

In keeping with our commitment to student safety, last October PPS joined school districts across the state in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. **It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.**

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- The "Report unsafe behavior" button found on every PPS school's website

The [SafeOregon website](#)

- A live call/text (844-472-3367)

An email to [tip@safeoregon.com](mailto:tip@safeoregon.com)

- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond.

Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something – immediately.** Let's work together to keep our community safe.

***Portland Public Schools***

## A Message From Sherree Thomas-Coleman

### Upcoming College Visits/Events

04/26 PCC Application Workshop (Counseling Center 2PM-4:PM)

04/27 PSU Admits' Celebration (Counseling Center 2PM-3PM)

05/01 National Decision Day Celebration (Counseling Center during Lunch)

05/17 Senior Awards Assembly (11AM-Noon Auditorium)

RSVP here <https://www.pacificu.edu/sites/html/forms/form/80874308150>)

### 2017-2018 Smarter Balanced Assessments for Juniors

Math: April 10th

**Language Arts: April 16th - April 26th**

Science: April 29th

### Financial Aid

For help with the Oregon Promise and/or FAFSA/ORSAA, visit the Counseling Center. Remember you will need your 2016 Tax documents.

### Testing

06/09 Official ACT Test (Registration Deadline May 4th) Visit <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

05/05 Official SAT Test (Registration Deadline April 6<sup>th</sup>) Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

For *free* test prep resources visit **Benson's Library**, the **Khan Academy** website at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>, **Multnomah County Library** website at <https://multcolib.org/resource/learningexpress-library> and/or [Number2.com](http://Number2.com)

### Need Practice for Important Tests? Go to Learning Express...

Is your student taking the ACT, PSAT, or SAT this year? The Benson Library has **Learning Express**, courtesy of the Oregon State Library, that gives students access to online practice tests and strategies on how to solve test problems. Please see the instructions on how to access **Learning Express** from home. If you are using PPS internet, no login or password is needed, but from home networks, please use

**Login: port, Password: oslis**

[Learning Express Instructions](#)---Please start on step 3. (Julie Morris)

## More Information From Sherree Thomas-Coleman

### Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

*\*Seniors don't miss the opportunity to get money for college. Apply for a scholarship TODAY!*

**OSAC/Oregon Promise Scholarship** online application **Now Open!** <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships-instructions.aspx>

**The Seneca Scholarship** (Seniors) visit [www.senecasawmill.com](http://www.senecasawmill.com)

**Fastweb:** For cultural, merit, and need-based scholarships visit: <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>

**Sallie Mae Scholarship** search too includes a variety of scholarship opportunities. Visit <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>

**Athletes:** *BigSun Scholarship* \$500 any sport! Deadline June 19<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>

**NW EEO Alyce Marcus Scholarship:** Deadline April 20th. Visit [http://www.nweeo.org/scholarship\\_application.php](http://www.nweeo.org/scholarship_application.php) to apply.

**Oregon SW Washington Chapter Scholarship:** Deadline May 15th. Visit [https://www.a4le.org/A4LE/Regions/Pacific\\_Northwest/Oregon\\_SW\\_Washington/Scholarships/Pacific\\_Northwest/Oregon/Scholarships.aspx?hkey=66512a86-d343-4bbe-bff2-3b8709fe9791](https://www.a4le.org/A4LE/Regions/Pacific_Northwest/Oregon_SW_Washington/Scholarships/Pacific_Northwest/Oregon/Scholarships.aspx?hkey=66512a86-d343-4bbe-bff2-3b8709fe9791) for details.

**Seniors:** Help finding additional scholarships is simple. Use your CIS account (found in your Google classroom) and/or visit the Counseling Center TODAY!

**Juniors:** Oregon State School of Business may have a scholarship just for you! Visit [https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9FAD6zZT9Eb26JT](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9FAD6zZT9Eb26JT) for details.

**Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Scholarships:** Two scholarship awards available. Visit <http://www.evergreenmuseum.org/scholarships> for application and deadline information.

**Abott and Fenner Scholarship:** Deadline June 14<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php> for more information.

### Summer Opportunities:

Young Leaders in Action. Visit <https://www.worldoregon.org>

PSU Summer Business Institute. Visit <https://www.pdx.edu/sba/summer-business-institute>

UO Summer Academy to Inspire Learning. Visit <https://sail.uoregon.edu/about/>

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## A Message from Benson's Athletic Director Scott Archer

### PIL Golf Tournament:

Benson is looking to put together a Benson Golf team for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual PIL Open Golf Scramble.

This is a fundraiser for the PIL.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club

4805 SW 229 Ave

Aloha, OR

\$250/Person; \$1000/ Foursome

<https://www.pilathletics.com/page/show/2512192-pil-open?tab=permissions>

We would love to have Benson supporters at this fundraiser to represent our school. Please email Athletic Director Scott Archer ([sarcher1@pps.net](mailto:sarcher1@pps.net)) with questions, and/or to let us know you have registered, so we know how many plan to represent Benson.

**Scott Archer**

**Athletic Director**

**Benson High School**

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