



Monday April 9th 2018

Friday April 13th: Teacher Planning Day/No School for Students

Please note that Friday April 13th is a Teacher Planning Day and there will be no school for students on this day.

Benson Hires New Football Coach

Congratulations to Mychal Gann on being hired as Benson's new Head Football coach.

Coach Gann will be introduced to Benson Tech students on April 10th at 3:30pm in the Auditorium. Any students interested in playing football should attend this meeting.

Benson Athletics

Benson's Poetry Slam Results (Please See Attached Photo)

Students celebrated National Poetry Month, participating in Benson's Annual Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 5! The top two finishers in the slam will represent Benson at Verselandia, Portland's annual city-wide poetry slam on April 26th! Our first place finisher this year is 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

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

Ilsa Brier

A Message from Amy Henry (Benson Counseling Dept.)

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.

Amy Henry

A Message from Benson's Art Instructor Joe Rozweski

The Heart of Portland Art Showcase will be happening on Wednesday April 11th 6:30pm-8:00pm at the Portland Art Museum. Please come out and show your support.

Please see attached flier for more event details.

Joe Rozewski

A Message from Caroline Bleckmann: Wellness Center Coordinator

Exciting news! Students can now see OHSU providers in the Benson Wellness Center on Wednesday mornings from 8-12. This means we are available four days per week! Come in for confidential Primary care, injury, Sports Physicals, Sexual and Reproductive Health, mental health, vaccines, and more!

Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW

Wellness Coordinator/Social Worker

[Benson Wellness Center](#)

503-916-5151 ext. 77981

Athletics:

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

Flex Days This Week

No Flex Days This Week

Benson's Website

Please be sure to visit our website at 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

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

- 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 Benson's Athletic Director Scott Archer

Academics:

Benson Dance finished the season #9 in team GPA throughout the entire state. Congrats to the Benson Dance Team, and head coach **Karissa Dean**. The team finished with a **3.64 GPA**. This placed Benson behind only Cleveland in the PIL.

Also garnering All-State Academic accolades are:

Benson Boys' Basketball: 3.19 GPA.

Benson Wrestling: 3.13 GPA.

Want more information? <http://www.osaa.org/awards/oregonian-cup>

PIL Golf Tournament:

Benson is looking to put together a Benson Golf team for the 5th 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) with questions, and/or to let us know you have registered, so we know how many plan to represent Benson.

More Athletic Information from Benson's Athletic Director Scott Archer

Spring athletics is alive and well (even if the weather doesn't suggest it). Attached is next week's athletic calendar, which you can be sure will change. Below please read about the academic success of our winter teams—it continues to be a remarkable year for Benson Athletics.

A quick spring run-down to this point:

Baseball won its first game in nearly 3 calendar years. Congrats to First-year head coach **Ray Watterson**.

Softball is seeing resurgence under head coach **Linda McLellan**. Softball has 20 girls participating, and is finding success as a JV program. Next year, the idea is to have Benson Softball back at the varsity level.

Track is off and.....running (couldn't help myself). **Benson Track** is young this year, but has quite a few athletes who hope to make some noise as the stakes increase from here.

The Oregonian Cup

The Oregonian Cup is an objectionable measure of how athletic programs perform over the course of a year. The points include athletic achievements, academic excellence, sportsmanship, and any honors for school activities.

Benson currently sits at **#44 in state**. This is remarkable for a few reasons. We did not offer swimming as a winter sports (can't earn those points), and we do not have Speech and Debate, Choir, Band, and other student activities that add to the overall point accumulation.

However, thus far (still have spring season), we are **ahead** of Reynolds, Gresham, Jefferson, Aloha, McKay, and Roosevelt. If not for a highly-questionable ejection during the winter sports (a tech for grabbing the rim while touching the ball for a rebound= -100 Cup Points), Benson would be ahead of Century and Madison High School. As it stands now, Madison is only 7.5 points ahead of Benson.

The last four years **Benson** has finished last in state in Oregonian Cup Standings. In 2013-14, Benson was dead last in 5A with 310 points. In 2014-15, Benson finished last in 6A with 575 points. In 2015-16, Benson finished last with 275 total points. In 2016-17, Benson finished last with 585 points.

It remains to be seen how the entire year shakes-out as teams may simply accumulate more points by virtue of having a varsity softball program, and a golf team. But we've already earned 565 points 2/3rds of the way through the year. We project to earn the most Oregonian Cup points in 5 years.

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Benson Wrestling: 3.13 GPA. Benson finishes ahead of Lincoln, Franklin, Oregon City, Beaverton, and Clackamas. Benson wrestling finished fourth in PIL wrestling.

Want more information? <http://www.osaa.org/awards/oregonian-cup>

Congrats to all the programs and their academic success this first semester. I am excited to see Benson make these lists, and am so proud to see everyone's efforts reflected in objective data.

One final note: Benson will be introducing its next head Football coach to students after school on Tuesday, April 10, at 3:30. Specific room: The Benson Auditorium

Thank you, All,

Scott Archer

Athletic Director

Benson High School

503.916.5100 x 77108

A Message From Sherree Thomas-Coleman

Upcoming College Visits/Events

04/18 Financial Aid Workshop (Counseling Center during Flex)
04/17 University of Utah (Counseling Center 1PM-3PM)
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)

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

04/14 Official ACT Test (Late Registration March 10th-23rd) Visit <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

05/05 Official SAT Test (Registration Deadline April 6th) 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

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

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 19th. Visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>

NW EEO Alyce Marcus Scholarship: Deadline April 20th. Visit 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 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 for details.

Humanist Essay Contest: Deadline April 16th. Visit scholarship@portlandhumanists.org for details.

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

iQ Credit Union Scholarships: Deadline March 10th. Visit <https://iqcu.com/form/scholarship-application> for details.

Oregon Jaycee Foundation Scholarship: Deadline April 18th. Visit the Counseling Center for applications.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship: Deadline June 14th. 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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