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Athletics

*Please see the attached Athletic
Calendar for this week's athletic
events.*

Flex Schedule This Week

*There will be no flex schedule
this week*

In-Service Day

No School for Students

*Friday October 11th will be the
Statewide In-Service day for
Teachers*

*Please note that the building
will be closed on this date*

October 7th 2019

A Message from Benson's AP Testing Coordinator Megan Hill

AP registration for AP tests will begin this week and the deadline for registration is November 1 (deadline if using a fee waiver is Oct. 15). AP teachers will explain to students how to register for their exams. Attached is a flow chart on how the process will work this year. Please note that only a deposit of exam fees will be due at this time. Also attached is an updated chart showing how much credit students will receive for a passing AP score at Oregon State, University of Oregon, and Portland State University.

The exam fee for students not requiring assistance is being reduced. The exam fee was \$94/exam. It is now going to be reduced to \$67/exam. The fee waiver process remains the same.

Megan Hill

AP Testing Coordinator

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Free & Reduced lunch applications from last year will expire on Tuesday Oct 8th. Please be sure to complete the 2019-20 lunch application on-line, or complete the paper application which is available in the cafeteria & main office.

Benson Administration

Attention Seniors Parents: A representative from Jostens will be here on Wednesday, October 9th during lunch in the main hall to collect order forms for cap & gown and graduation packages. They will need to bring payment/down payment at the same time in order to receive some products right away. Your student should have already received a Graduation packet. If not, they can pick one up in the Main Office.

Benson Tech Main Office

A Message from Benson's Science Instructor Kerry Zambrano

Come Join Us!!

Earth/Space Science Astronomy Evening

Moon and planet viewing with telescopes

Tuesday 10/8 at 7pm-9pm

Buckman Field Park by apartment building

We will confirm with all Earth/Space Science students on Tuesday before the end of school if weather will postpone this event (again...)

Hope to see you there!!

Kerry Zambrano

A Message from Benson's Dean of Students

Benson's Climate Team meeting time. Our second meeting will be Tuesday October 22nd from 8:30-9:30 am in the counseling office.

"Wanted: Parent Members for Benson's Climate Team." Our Climate Team is in search of parents to help serve on our school climate committee, which meets in the morning once a month on a Tuesday for an hour. Our team is made up of students, staff in various positions, and other community members. Your voice and input is both needed and wanted! If interested please contact Robyn Griffiths, Benson Tech Dean of Students/Climate Coach, 503.916.5100 x77106 or rgriffiths@pps.net."

Robyn M. Griffiths

Dean of Students/Instructional & Climate Coach

A Message from Benson's Career Coordinator

Please see the attached Career Coordinator newsletter with up to date information regarding career opportunities for our students.

Our goal this year is to send juniors out to Job Shadows. Job Shadowing allows a student to observe a career path of their interest. If you are interested in hosting students for a job shadows, please register using the link.

Hosting a Job Shadow: <https://forms.gle/FH7UiSh1Xoddmj16>

We are also hosting Career Focused Workshops on **October 16th** for juniors. These sessions may vary from informational to hands-on. Career representatives/speakers can talk about their company and the variety of skilled employers employed in the organization. In addition to speaking with students, feel free to bring samples of projects you have done in the past. It might also be fun to guide students through a project applicable to your line of work. If you are interested in being a career representative, please go to the link to sign up. **Sign for Breakout Sessions below:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49ABA828A6FA7-beyond1>

Miranda Ryan

Career Coordinator

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Career Website: <http://bit.ly/bensoncareers>

A Message from Benson's Athletic Director Scott Archer

ATTENTION ALPINE SKIERS! The *East Side High Schools Ski Team* is now forming for 2019/20 season. **Introductory & information meeting will be held at Benson on Thursday, October 10th 7:00PM, in the Library Classroom.** Meet the coach and get your questions answered. Students from Benson, Grant, Cleveland, Madison, Franklin & Jefferson are all welcome. You train, race & have fun with the whole team but on race day...you ski for Benson. Think snow & think fun. More information? Benson parent team liaison: Joseph Hagedorn at 503-660-8299.

East Side High School Ski Team

Fall Sports Registration Is Closed:

Winter sports will begin Monday, November 18. You may register your student now for any winter or spring sports.

Calendar, Transportation, and Fields:

Please find each week's athletic calendar attached to this weekly newsletter from Principal Wilson.

The calendar includes game time, location, class dismissal, and bus departure time for each level of the program.

Delta Park serves as Benson's auxiliary field, and will be utilized for sub-varsity soccer matches, AND varsity matches when Buckman Field is unavailable to our programs. As a reminder, Portland Parks and Rec owns and oversees the athletic scheduling of Buckman Field. Every effort is made to utilize Buckman Field on the nights we are allowed to extend our use past 6PM.

Please be advised that during district-wide heavy transportation days that bus times, and bus availability, are subject to change.

Every effort is made to provide a team bus for athletic events but all PIL athletic programs have approval to use cabs to get students to their destination, if a bus is unavailable, severely delayed in arriving to Benson Tech, or an unexpected situation arises.

Thanks for everyone's flexibility.

Scott Archer

Athletic Director

Benson High School

503.916.5100 x 77108

A Message from the Benson Tech Attendance Office

Regular attendance has been proven to contribute to your student's success in school.

Please remember to communicate directly with the attendance office if your student will be absent for any period of time during the school day. The best ways to let us know are, in order of school preference:

Send an email to the attendance office at benson-attendance@pps.net

Call the attendance line directly at 503-916-5109

Call the school main office number at 503-916-5100 - Select option 3

Send a note via your student excusing the absence

Always remember, we need the STUDENT NAME, ID# (if known) and REASON FOR THE ABSENCE. (Saying it is an excused absence does not give us the reason, please be specific)

The Attendance Office will check messages and emails at 9:00am, 12:00pm and 3:00pm.

The attendance phone line is continuously busy throughout the school day. An email provides a written message directly to the attendance office. The attendance office can excuse previous absences at any time during the school year. You can monitor your child's attendance through ParentVUE. Contact the school if you do not know how to access ParentVUE.

If you do not communicate with the school, we cannot properly record your child's absence. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance do not hesitate to email or call the attendance office.

Please help us, help your student have a successful year here at Benson Tech.

Thank you.

Norma L. Lawson

School Secretary

Benson Polytechnic High School

A Message from the AVID/College Coordinator Sherree Thomas-Coleman

Upcoming College Visits/Events

10/10 **Benson Financial Aid Night** (Hands-on workshop - you will need your **2018** tax documents)

Class of 2020

College Prep Tips

It's your Senior year! *Congratulations!!! Here are a few tips to help you be successful.*

- Prepare to take/retake the official SAT/ACT
- Start narrowing your college choices (research admissions requirements and tuition costs)
- Create your academic resume (i.e., high school awards, honors, clubs, athletics, activities, community service, work experience)
- Begin framing your essay for possible scholarship requirements

Start applying for scholarships now (visit the "College News" website <https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphscollegenews/home>)

Testing

10/16 PSAT Day

12/14 Official ACT Test (Deadline to register November 8th)

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

11/02 Official SAT Test (Deadline to register is Oct. 3rd)

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

Note:

The PSAT will be administered to all *sophomores* on October 16th free of charge. Interested *juniors* must **sign up** and pay \$16 (some juniors may be eligible for a fee waiver - please visit the counseling center).

PPS will be administering the SAT examination to all *juniors* on March 4th free of charge. Students will complete registration at Benson.

Additional Information from the AVID/College Coordinator Sherree Thomas-Coleman

Get College and Scholarship Information on Your Phone!

Parents and students don't miss out on important scholarship deadlines and college information. Subscribe to "**Remind**" today! Simply send a text from your mobile device today to start receiving up-to-date information.

Text the following:

To: 81010

Message: @urcollege

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

Dell Scholarship Program - Application opens **October 1, 2019**. Visit <https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/> to learn more.

US Senate Youth Program - Deadline to apply **October 11, 2019**. For more details visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/Documents/2019-20%20Application%20Process%20and%20Requirements.pdf>

AES Scholarship - Deadline October 15, 2019. Visit their website at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php> for more details about this scholarship.

For more information on college visits, scholarships and more, visit our website: BPHS College News at <https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphsco>

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