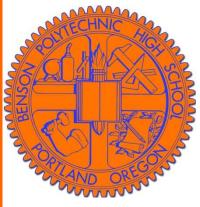
Benson Counseling Newsletter

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Counseling News

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITING

This month we have been visiting all of the PPS K-8/Middle Schools to talk to 8th graders about applying to Benson. As we have mentioned before, parents listen to other parents so please tell others about Benson. Encourage them to attend our Enrollment night on Feb. 14th and/or the Tech Show on Feb. 21/22nd. Also, remind others that the on-line application for Benson can be found on our website from Feb.1-22nd.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT DURING MIDDLE **SCHOOL**

Our Chief Academic Officer, Sue Ann Higgins, asked us to pass along the following information regarding high school credits taken during the 8th grade year. Please note that the end of the semester is January 31.

Administrative Directive #6.10.110 states that families must decide prior to the end of the student's first semester in high school Classes are filling up very quickly

whether any eligible high school credits earned in middle school should be included on the high school transcript. To clarify, this means that the decision may not be made after grades from first semester have already been received. This is a PPS directive, and is not open to interpretation by an individual high school.

We wanted to ensure that you have this information. If you have questions, or want to follow up regarding transcription of a class taken during middle school, please contact your student's counselor. Thank you.

CAREER DAYS

We have a lot of Career Days coming up...Encourage your student to take advantage of these great opportunities!

PORTLAND EVENING SCHOLARS

If you need to make up classes, please see your counselor to register for night school.

Dear Parents

PPS/PTA PARENT MEETING

The High School Parent Meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 29th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Madison High School is an event that is co-sponsored by PPS and PTA, in response to interest expressed by PTA leadership. Supt. Carole Smith will present a brief overview of the HS report and next steps, bond next steps, budget forecast and potentially game-changing revenue measures that are part of our legislative agenda. PTA chapters will share brief updates of their work. The rest of the time will be spent in informal Q/A.

SEXUAL CYBERBULLYING

A Benson parent sent this link to us and we thought other parents would be interested as well.

Radio Rookies Hosts Live Chat For Teens on Sexual Cyberbullying - Radio Rookies hosted an in-class live chat to coincide with

a new story about sexual cyberbullying.

Rookie Reporter Temitavo Fagbenle hosted a facilitated online conversation for high school students to discuss the issues her story brings to light.

Listen to this 9-minute radio clip at: http://www.wnyc.org/shows/rookies/blo gs/rookies-blog/2012/dec/19/radiorookies-hosts-live-chat-teens-sexualcvberbullying/

LOW-COST INTERNET

An elementary program passed this information along to us for families with free/reduced students on lunch. http://www.internetessentials.com/defaul t.aspx



COLLEGE VISITS

2/5 Mt. Hood CC 2/6 Clackamas CC 2/7 Portland CC 2/8 Linfield

Sign up in the College & Career Center!

CAREER DAYS

2/12-Second Story Studio Career Day 2/13-Cambria Technology Career Day: Technology within the Health Field 2/14-Port of Portland: **Emergency Operations Drill-**Simulation 2/20-National Engineer Week Event (10th & 11thgrades) 2/22-OHSU Annual Multicultural Health Science & Engineering (Register by 2/8) 2/22-DigiGurlz (Microsoft) Career Day Register at www.digigirlz.com 3/6-WOU Criminal Justice Career Day

INTERNSHIPS &

JOBS

Portland Parks and Rec is looking to hire people for summer employment. See Ms. Ryan in the Career Center for more information.

OHSU Cure is an 8-10 week paid internship. Applications are due April 5, 2013. www.ohsu.edu/diversity



College and Career Center

COMMUNITY COLLEGE WEEK

Benson is hosting the local community colleges the week of Feb. 5. See the schedule below. Sign up in the Counseling Center for these visits.

Want to go to a Community College?

• PSU Diversity Scholarship Due 2/1

• Abby's Closet for 1,000. Due 2/18.

Administrators for 1,000. Due 2/21

Confederation of Oregon School

• Links Incorporated Academic

Scholarship. Due 2/22

• Al Forthan Memorial Recovery Scholarship

• Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship for

7,500. Due 2/1

for 4,000. Due 2/11

24,000. Due 2/15

- Sydney Eustrom will be visiting from Mt. Hood Community College on February 5th at 10:00. See you in the Career Center.
- If you are planning to go to Portland Community College Next Fall, come and

meet PCC's Representative, Roberto Suarez. He will go over scholarships, programs, help you plan a day to take the student placement test, and help register for classes. Thursday February 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Career Center.

• Clackamas Community College will be here Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 10:00 AM.

Scholarships Due

• ESA Foundation Scholarship for 500-• Links Incorporated Arts Scholarship. Due 2/22

SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN MARCH

- OSAC due 3/1
- Schweiger Memorial Scholarship Due-3/1
- Young Women in Public Affairs for 1,000. Due- 3/5
- Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship for 3,000. Due-3/15
- Jiffy Lube Teen Driver Scholarship for 2,500. Due- 3/25
- Future Connect Scholarship Due- 3/31

Opportunity Shout-Outs!

Abby's Closet (with TJ Maxx) is again sponsoring a \$1,000.00 scholarship for one well-deserving, college bound girl, graduating in 2013. All applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5; intend to attend a trade school, community college, university, etc. and plan to attend the Abby's Closet Prom Dress Giveaway to get a free gown to wear to their prom or senior formal event. Complete details are available at www.abbyscloset.org. Apply by 2/18.

OSAC SCHOLARSHIP

Many scholarships offered by Oregon businesses & organizations are gathered into one application called the OSAC. Early bird deadline to be eligible for a \$500 drawing: February 15. Final deadline: March 1. To get more information visit their website at: <u>http://oregonstudentaid.gov/</u>

SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIP

The Eagle Program is a paid Internship program where you are also eligible to apply for a full ride scholarship to any Oregon university your senior year. Only sophomores are eligible to apply for this 2-

year program. Find applications in the career center.

FUTURE TEACHERS

Interested in majoring in education? Scholarship applications for The Portland Teacher's Program are now available in the Career Center.

REED YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Explore, experience, question and grow in the Reed Young Scholars Program! This program is for next year's seniors (current juniors) with an academic background in the following areas: art, biology, chemistry, Chinese, computing, dance, economics, French, German, Greek, Latin, mathematics, music, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, religion, Russian, Spanish, or theatre. Application deadlines are April 1, 2013. See your counselor for more information.

COLLEGE ACCESS NIGHT

College Access Night sponsored by the Black United Fund and the Hispanic Metro Chamber will be at Grant High School: 2/12 at 6:00 pm.