



February 1, 2016

8th Grade Benson Shadow Day

Parents if you know of any families with 8th grade students looking to apply to Benson please be sure to remind them of Benson's 8th Grade Shadow Day which will occur on Tuesday February 2nd and Friday February 5th. This will be an opportunity for 8th grade students to spend the morning with Benson Instructors and students in order to get a chance to see first hand all the good things that Benson has to offer our incoming freshman class. Parents of 8th grade students who would like to have their kids participate in this event need to have their students check in with their middle school Counselor to see which of the two days (Feb 2nd or February 5th) will their school be participating in the Benson Morning Shadow Day.

96th Annual Benson Tech Show

Come see all that Benson has to offer at our 96th Annual Tech Show here on the Benson Campus. Visit the shops, talk with teachers, see innovative ideas from current students. This is truly a spectacle for all supporters of Benson Tech. The Tech Show will run February 11th and 12th from 6pm-9pm here at the school. Come and enjoy all the festivities that the Tech Show has to offer.

Benson Application Window Opens

Benson Parents/Guardians please be sure to help spread the word that the enrollment window for applying to Benson for the 2016-17 school year opens on Wednesday February 3rd and will close on Wednesday February 17th. During this open enrollment process parents can apply to Benson by going to our webpage at www.bensonhs.net and filling out the PPS application and the Benson application in order to be a part of the PPS lottery system for next years incoming freshman class.

Benson Site Council Team

What is the role of the Benson Site Council Team? The school site council plays an important role in decision-making at Benson Polytechnic. The school site council is a group of teachers, parents, classified employees, alumni, and students that work with the principal and his/her administration to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs, safety protocols, parent engagement opportunities and overall goals of the school for the current school year and beyond. The school site council also looks at how to best serve the whole school and how to best move policy and guidelines along that affect the school holistically in collaboration with the school principal.

Benson's Site Council team meets the third Tuesday of every month and will be meeting from 3:30pm-5:00pm on Tuesday February 16th in the Library Classroom. Please come by and support and/or be a part of Benson's Site Council Team.

A Message from Tim Hryciw (Benson's Tech Geo & Tech Algebra Instructor)

Tech Geometry finished framing the walls for the first Dignity Village living unit. Please take a look at the attached picture to see the students who are apart of the Tech Geo/Tech Algebra class.

Tim & Kayla

Flex Schedule:

Wednesday February 3rd will be A day Tutorial for all students from 2:11pm-3:15pm

Thursday February 4th will be B Flex Tutorial Day for all classes (Tutorial will go from 2:11pm-3:15pm)

This Week In Athletics:

Monday February 1st

PIL Frosh/Novice Wrestling Districts in the Benson Main Gym 3pm-7:30pm

Wednesday February 3rd

Wrestling @ Jefferson 4pm, Bus 3:15pm

Friday, February 5

4:30 WBX (JV) @ Grant

5:45 WBX (V) @ Grant

7:30 WBX (JV2) vs. Grant @ BHS

4:30 (JV) vs. Grant @ BHS

6:00 (FR) vs. Grant @ BHS

7:30 MBX (V) @ Grant

Saturday February 6th

Dance Team @ Gresham Competition 9am

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.

A Note From The School Nurse:

Dear Families,

This notification is to inform you that exclusion day is coming soon. Individual parent letters with your child's immunization status were sent in November. Another update letter will be sent in the next couple of weeks. If your child's immunization status is not up to date by February 17, s/he will be excluded from attending school until the status is resolved.

Please review the immunization requirements here:

<http://www.mesd.k12.or.us/cms/lib8/OR01915807/Centricity/domain/42/pdfs/immunizations/SchBusEng15.pdf>

Senate Bill 895 requires parents who requested religious exemption for immunization **prior** to March 1, 2014 to complete **new** documentation of immunization, medical exemption, or non medical exemption.

Specific documentation is required for **all** non medical exemptions. Please review how to claim a non-medical exemption here:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Documents/SchNonmedFlyerEng.pdf>

Documentation and questions to:

Benson School Nurse: Laurel Merz, lmerz@mesd.k12.or.us, 503-916-5100 ext 77109

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

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

A Message from the Fit2Live&Learn PE/Health Department

Congratulations to the 'Sweet 16' Freshmen Students of the 2nd Quarter in Fit2Live&Learn. These students earned the highest percentage of the quarter through hard work and excellent study habits. These students were added to the list of 16 highest achievers from the first quarter.

Janus Houchen 104.4
Nessa Nguyen 102.8
Anna Brundage 102.1
Tran Thai 101.6
Abigail Key 101.2
Sara Furness 101.1
Manoj Bhukar 101.0
Duane Johnson 101.0

Sharen Van Boeckel 100.6
Else Knudsen 100.1
Mickey O'Conner 100.1
Angela Hoang 100.1
Sebastian Birnley 100.1
Dominic Wilson-Carr 99.9
Karina Autar 99.6
Tobias Mick 99.5

A Message from JaNae Jamison (Benson's Dental Instructor)

Hello All,

Here is a great opportunity to get free dental sealants for children. Sealants are a protective coating that are put on teeth to prevent cavities. Dr. Agee and his staff at Portland Family Dentistry are doing them for free on Feb. 13th! Here is a link to the online flyer: <http://conta.cc/1XcvW4o>. Here is a link to their blog and you can contact them directly from this page: <http://portlandfamilydentistry.com/2015/11/24/2016-sealant-day>. Dr. Agee is a big supporter of our dental assisting program at Benson high school, and we want to see this day be a huge success so please spread the word!

JaNae Jamison, C.D.A., R.D.H., B.S., M.Ed.

Message from the Benson Librarian:

Teen Writing Club at Benson

As the librarian, I see many of the students at Benson and I help them log in, print, and otherwise navigate the technology required for their school work. While I see a great many essays and reports, it is always a thrill to see a student working on their personal poetry or creative writing. Often, these students are the ones that you least expect to be writers and they write in secret, not knowing that there are others like them.

So, when a student approached me with the idea to start a writing club and asked if I would be the adviser, I readily agreed. The Pens to Paper Writing Club currently has about a dozen members, who meet every Thursday during the tutorial/flex time and continue after school. If there is no flex/ tutorial time, then the club meets at 3:15 until 4:00. The group meets in the library and I supply Chromebooks for them to work on.

I would like to encourage any student who is a writer to come and work with the group, whether they are a budding poet or novelist. It is a great way to meet other teen writers, get feedback, solve plot problems, and otherwise share a love of writing.

Recently, an article on the importance of supporting teen writers, came to my attention. It is by Matt de la Peña, the 2016 Newbery Award winning author.

<http://www.dailygood.org/more.php?n=6605>

Messages from Counseling:

A Message from Amy Henry

PPS Evening Scholars: Need to recover credit? PPS Evening Scholars offers night school classes during the week second semester if you did not pass your classes. You must see your counselor to pre-register before registration on Feb. 4 and Feb. 8th! For more information regarding the Evening Scholar semester schedule, classes that will be offered, etc. please visit their website at <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/portland-evening-scholars/>.

A Message from Adam Kennybrew (AVID Coordinator and College Counselor)

Dear Parents and Students,

Community partner Future Connect will be on our campus February 17th from 1:00pm until 3:00pm to support and assist students in filling out their scholarship. This scholarship is targeting first generation college attenders, low income, and planning to attend PCC in the fall of 2016 or has PCC as a backup plan for the fall. Please come show your support and position yourself to have your community college paid for. Thank you and I'll see you all there.

Additional announcement

Calling all college bound Juniors. Beyond Benson, a wonderful group of adult mentors are interested in working with you. They are an amazing group of individuals who have come together and attend trainings and college session so that they may be most equipped with the most recent knowledge and data on how to get to college but also aiding in the skills that will ensure you through college. This Thursday, February 4th, come see me, Adam Kennybrew in the counseling center. See you soon!

A Message from Miranda Ryan (Benson's Career Coordinator)

Career Day Opportunities

Nike Career Day: Marketing + Retail Display February 4th, 2016 from 8:30-12:00

- Get a behind-the-scenes look inside the Nike headquarters
- See new products and learn how they are displayed
- Find out how retail stores are planned and designed
- Meet the retail marketing team and ask how they got to Nike

PACE (Plumbing, Air, Carpentry, and Electrical) Mentorship Program:

PACE is a FREE after-school mentorship program that gives you the opportunity to work with plumbers, sheet metal workers, carpenters and electricians to learn about well-paying jobs in the trades.

Engineer Day Event February 25th, 2016 8:30-3:30

Students will be exposed to a variety of engineering disciplines through hands-on learning workshops, a tour of an active construction site and a mini-job fair staffed by local engineering firms and colleges (Lunch will be provided). Contact Mrs. Ryan if your student is interested.

Microsoft Career Day March 9th, 2016 8:30-3:00/ Didi Girlz Career Day March 10th, 2016 from 8:30-4:00

A day full of hands on activities, creative presentations, experiencing great products, engaging with employees, and interacting with experts in STEM. Learn to code, create a sales pitch, and have fun with technology. To sign up for this event, go to www.hillsborochamberor.com/stw.

24th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference

Friday - May 13, 2016 (8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

Concordia University

2811 NE Holman Street

Portland, Oregon 97211

The 24th Annual Asian American Youth Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016 at Concordia University. The goal of the conference is to help our youth achieve their potential by promoting education, fostering leadership development, cultivating self-confidence, providing resources, and encouraging civic engagement. This year's theme is Have A Voice. The Planning Committee consists of members from the Asian American communities as well as representatives from schools, community-based organizations, Concordia University, and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. We plan this conference as a community event and anticipate 400+ students representing many diverse backgrounds in attendance. We look forward to having students from your school represented at the conference. Please mark your calendar with the deadlines as noted for the applications and forms associated with the conference. All application forms for our programs and competitions can be downloaded at AAYLC.org.

Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference

March 4, 2016 8:00 am

Monmouth, Oregon

Western Oregon University

Mission: "To instill in our Latino(a) youth the value of education, which nurtures mind, body and spirit in order to develop a social consciousness that empowers them as leaders for social justice and civic responsibility in the greater community."

"Today, the CECLC is the largest high school student event for Latino high school students in Oregon. Each year, nearly 1800 students and staff attend leadership workshops, visit college/career exhibitor fair and listen to distinguished keynote speakers. Students from participating schools are eligible to compete in an art, essay, poetry, video, Outstanding Leader, and college scholarship competition."

Ask for a permission slip in the Main Office or room 122!

Portland Public Schools 4th Annual International Youth Leadership Conference

Friday, February 19, 2016

8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Portland State University

This conference is an opportunity for students to learn and network with fellow students, educators and language minority leaders in the Portland area. Ask for a permission slip in the Main Office or room 122!

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)

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.

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