



February 6th 2017
Parents/Guardians,

Benson's PASS Team Meeting

I wanted to let you know that Benson's PASS team will be having its second meeting of the year on Monday February 27th. The Benson PASS team is a small support group of teachers, parents and parents of color working in conjunction with PPS to look at supporting our students of color and our parents of color here at Benson Tech. PASS stands for (Partnership for Academically Successful Students) and through shared collaborative development with Portland Public Schools the Benson PASS team will engage and empower families and communities of color here at Benson Tech assuring that all children--- especially underserved black and brown children can reach their fullest potential. The PASS model will bring together Educators, Benson Administration, Parents, and supporters of students and parents of color from the Benson Tech community in order to engage in a different kind of conversation that recognizes and values the diverse experiences of our students and parents of color while remaining focused on the shared values for a racially equitable and diverse school.

The second Benson Tech PASS meeting is scheduled for Monday February 27th starting at 5:30pm-6:00pm with dinner in the Benson Band Room (Room 125).

The PASS Team Development/Discussion concept of the meeting will go from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Dinner, childcare and Spanish interpretation needs will be provided at this meeting.

I hope to see you at the meeting Monday evening February 27th.

Principal Wilson

The 97th Annual Benson Tech Show Is Coming

Come see all that Benson has to offer at our 97th Annual Tech Show here on the Benson Campus. Visit the shops, talk with teachers, see innovative ideas and projects from current students. This is truly a spectacle for all supporters of Benson Tech. The Tech Show will run Thursday and Friday February 16th and 17th from 6pm-9pm here at the school. Come and enjoy all the festivities that the Tech Show has to offer.

Flex Schedule:

Thursday February 9th Tutorial will be happening from 2:15pm-3:15pm

Friday February 10th Open Flex schedule from 2:15pm-3:15pm

Athletic Schedule

Monday, February 6th

Novice Wrestling Districts @ Benson 4pm

Tuesday, February 7th

Boys Basketball @ Home vs Wilson: Frosh 4:15/JV 5:45/ Varsity 7:30pm

Girls Basketball @ Wilson: JV2 4:15/JV 5:45/Varsity 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 8th

Wrestling @ Grant 4pm

Thursday, February 9th

Basketball @ Madison:

Boys JV 4:15/ Varsity 5:45

Girls Varsity 7:30pm

Basketball @ Benson:

Girls JV 4:15/ JV2 5:45/ Boys

Frosh 7:30pm

Friday, February 10th

Basketball @ Grant: Boys JV 4:15/

Varsity 5:45, Girls Varsity 7:30pm

Basketball @ Benson: Girls JV

4:15/ JV2 5:45/ Boys Frosh

7:30pm

Saturday, February 11th

Dance Team @ Tigard

Competition

8th Grade Benson Tech Shadow Day

Benson's 8th Grade Shadow Day which will be occurring on Tuesday February 7th and Friday February 10th. 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.

Benson Tech Application Window Opens

Benson Parents/Guardians please be sure to help spread the word that the enrollment window for applying to Benson Tech for the 2017-18 school year opened on Wednesday February 1st and will close on Wednesday February 22nd. During this open enrollment process parents can apply to Benson Tech by going to our webpage at www.bensonhs.net (click on the admissions link) and fill out the PPS application and the Benson Tech application in order to be a part of the PPS lottery system for next years incoming freshman class.

Need Help Filling Out The Benson Tech Applications?

Wednesday February 15th from 6pm-7:30pm Benson will have a Computer Lab available for any parents and students who are looking to apply to Benson Tech and need assistance with the application process. Benson Tech Administration and Counselors will be on hand to help assist with the application process.

Please help spread the word that assistance will be available during this time to support our future Techsters.

Benson Tech Site Council Team

What is the role of the Benson Site Council Team? The school Site Council team 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 discuss the 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 will be meeting on Wednesday February 8th from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Library Classroom.

Please come by and support and/or be a part of Benson's Site Council Team.

Principal Wilson

A Message from the Benson Wellness Center (Caroline Bleckmann)

Greetings, Benson families!

We hope your kids have had a chance to rest up after finals week. There were plenty of stressed-out students in the building. Whenever we had the chance, the BWC staff tried to cheer them on and encourage them. We keep a hot tea and coloring station stocked in our waiting area, and during finals we like to put out protein bars. We also had a special guest: River, the therapy dog, who belongs to our PSU intern, Emma Patrick!

Some reminders after all of the weather disruptions:

To schedule appointments with our OHSU MDs/Nurse Practitioners, students can walk into the Wellness Center **Mondays-Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm** and make an appointment with our medical assistant, Reva Gomero. We are finding students are most likely to come when they schedule the appointment themselves. Our providers are here Mondays, 1-5 and Tuesday/Thursday 8-noon.

If parents feel students really need an appointment and want to help make this happen, please call 503-916-5151 and choose the "appointments" option on our voicemail. Leave a message with your child's name and date of birth, and we can call your child down to help them with this. Please know that confidentiality laws may prohibit us from confirming whether or not the appointment was made.

We would like to welcome our new mental health provider, Carmen Carerras! She is with the Multnomah County School-Based Mental Health program. We are so excited to have her. She is a native Spanish speaker and can provide services in Spanish.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. On a personal note, your kids amaze me every day--it's such a privilege to work with them!

Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW

A Message from the Benson Art Department (Joe Rozewski)

The Benson Winter Art Show has been moved to the Tech Show, the night of February 16th due to the winter storms. Tech show will be our outlet and we are going to have two viewing areas of student work.

The KBPS radio station lobby will host the 2-D work, paintings and drawings, and the Art room main hall area, near room 124, is hosting the 3-D work. Sculptures, mugs, pottery and other mixed media works will be on display and most are for sale to benefit the art departments costs and fees. Please stop by both areas, pick up an artist worksheet for info and have a great time looking at all Benson has to offer.

Hope to see you there!

Mr. Rozewski

A Message from Skye Firestone: Benson Math Instructor

Students who are struggling in math may take advantage of the math department tutoring hours held by Benson math teachers. The schedule is:

Monday 7:30 - 8:00 am in room 228

Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30 pm in room 212

Wednesday 3:30 - 4:30 pm in room 212

Thursday 7:30 - 8:00 am in room 228 and 3:30 - 4:30 pm in room 206

Please bring your homework or any work you are struggling with!

Thank you, Benson Math Department

Portland Public Schools 5th Annual International Youth Leadership Conference

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Portland State University

8:00 am – 2:30 pm

The conference is an opportunity for students to learn and network with fellow students, educators and language minority leaders in the Portland area.

In the morning, students will partake in a general assembly and presentation by a keynote speaker. Students will then break into groups for three separate workshops focusing on leadership, our multicultural future, and preparation for college/career. The conference concludes with a fashion show and talent show in which students represent their culture through their fashion and talents. Students will also have opportunities to meet with college and business recruiters. PSU will also be providing campus tours and workshops with currently enrolled students who represent the Emergent Bilingual experience.

Permission slips are available in the Main Office.

A Message from the Benson Librarian (Julie Morris)

Verselandia! 2017

The date has been set for Benson's 6th Annual Poetry Slam. It will be held in the Benson Library on Thursday, April 13th during Flex/Tutorial (2:10-3:15). The winners will compete in the Verselandia! Grand Slam to be held on April 27th in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

If your son or daughter is interested in writing and performing their own poetry, please encourage them to come see Ms. Bruer or Ms. Morris for more details. For information on Verselandia! and some resources go to this link [Literary Arts: Verselandia!](#)

A Message from Dave Mylet: English Instructor and Yearbook Advisor

Get your copy of Benson's Centennial Yearbook! Online sales are now available at tinyurl.com/BensonYB. You can also place your order using cash or check through the Benson bookkeeper. Contact Dave Mylet (dmylet@pps.net) with any questions. Senior parents, the yearbook is now accepting your student's senior portraits! You can e-mail high resolution digital copies to bensoneyearbook2017@gmail.com. You can also include your student's senior quote if they have one. Contact Dave Mylet (dmylet@pps.net) with any questions.

Cesar E. Chavez Leadership Conference

March 3, 2017 8:00 am, all day

Monmouth, Oregon

Western Oregon University

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. Breakfast and lunch are provided and there will be a dance party at the end of the conference. Permission slips available in the Main Office or Lampara Room (122).

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

Upcoming College Visits/Events

****Oregon State University Priority Application deadline – February 1st**

02/09 PCC: Future Connect and Application Workshop (2:00-3:15 Sign up in the Counseling Center today)

02/10 AVID to University of Oregon

03/01 JUNIORS College Fair (sponsored by Portland Public Universities) at Benson 6:00-7:30PM

Common Application Deadlines, Fees, and Requirements for Private Colleges/Universities: <https://apply.commonapp.org/ApplicationRequirements/PublicFile?fn=ReqGrid.pdf>

Testing

PSAT Scores: Paper "score reports" for each tester have been delayed by College Board and will be distributed when delivered. Students may visit the Counseling Center for additional info.

ACT Testing: PPS will provide an ACT exam (free of charge) for all JUNIORS on February 28th.

03/11 SAT (Register by February 10th - visit collegeboard.org)

04/08 ACT (Register by March 3rd - visit act.org)

FAFSA/ORSAA (Financial Aid)/Scholarship Events

Students: If you missed the FAFSA/ORSAA workshop - there's still time and help available. Stop by the Counseling Center to schedule a time for you to get personalized assistance with your FAFSA/ORSAA, Oregon Promise and/or OSAC application.

*****Reminder:** In Oregon, students must complete either the FAFSA or the ORSAA to be considered for state-funded grants, including the Oregon Opportunity Grant and Oregon Promise.

02/09 **OSAC and Oregon Promise Workshop** (2:30-3:15 UniLab) *Don't miss it!* For additional help click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnJfYxbKIZM&feature=youtu.be>

02/08 **Family Financial Literacy Night for Seniors:** Apprenticeships, Grants, Loans, Scholarships, and more... (6:00-7:30PM light dinner provided)

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

SENIORS several scholarship deadlines are approaching. Visit the Counseling Center TODAY!

To name a few...

2017 Benson Al Forthan Scholarship: \$1000 award and Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship: \$10,000 award. Deadline is February 6th. Details and application in Counseling Center or visit: <https://scholarshipsmhs.wordpress.com/2016/10/26/al-forthan-memorial-scholarship-10000-deadline-february-6th-2017/>

Business Bureau Northwest 2017 Students of Integrity Scholarship: \$10,000 total awards. Deadline is February 13th. Details and application online at: http://www.bbb.org/northwest/charities-donors/about-us/bbb-foundation/current-scholarship-campaign/2016-17_Scholarship/

Portland Chinese Scholarship Foundation: \$500-\$1500 awards. Deadline is May 19th. Details and application online at: www.oregonccba.org

Humanists of Greater Portland Scholarship: \$3000 award. Deadline is April 30th. Details at www.portlandhumanists.org

The Association of Computer Professionals in Education (ACPE): up to \$2,500. Deadline is March 1st. Details and application online at: <http://www.acpenw.org/scholarships>

Bezoss Scholars Program: African Leadership Summer Academy. All-expenses-paid scholarship in Aspen, CO for Juniors. Deadline is February 10th. Apply online at: <https://bezosscholars.org/>

Oregon Community Quarterback Scholarship 2017-2018: \$2,500 per year. Deadline is March 31st. Details and application at: <http://harringtonfamilyfoundation.slideroom.com/>

Print and Graphics Scholarship Foundation: \$1000-\$5000 up to four years. Deadline is March 1st. Details and application at: <https://pgsf.org/pgsf-scholarship-application/>

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

For More Information Regarding Job Opportunities Please Click On The Attachment From The Career Center

Office Assistant Position If you get this job, you will answer high volume phones and transfer to the appropriate staff member; take and distribute accurate messages; greet public and clients and direct them to the correct staff member. Apply in person with a resume. Office Assistant 626 SE Alder Portland, Or 97214

Providence Career Days

Nurse practitioner Feb. 6

Diagnostic Imaging Feb. 11

Respiratory Therapy Feb. 17

Physician Feb. 24

Diagnostics Imaging March 1

Register at: www.providenceoregon.org/schooloutreach

Engineering Day February 22

Applications coming soon

GOALS: Teen Leadership Council Girls in your community might be especially interested in this chance to help design this year's Summit, collaborate with other teen girls and add to their leadership experience/resume.

Update Coming Career Days

Applications are in the Career Center

- February 2017 Nike
- February 15, 2017 Elemental Technology
- February 22, 2017 Swift Advertising
- February 2017 Ziba Design
- February 2017 Instrumental
- March 2017 Career Expo
- March 2017 Microsoft

Manufacturing Showcase Day Friday February 10th, 2017 19600 Molalla Ave., Oregon City, Oregon 97045. APPLICATIONS are in the Career Center Due February 7th, 2017

Eagle Program 2017

The EAGLE Program educates students to all aspects of golf course operation. Qualified students are paid an hourly wage, and have a mentor who monitors their progress. Only sophomores are eligible to apply for this two-year program. Students who are selected for the program work in the clubhouse or on the golf course at minimum wage. All participants are required to work full time during the summer.

When you and your counselor complete the application, please follow these directions: Please TYPE the information in this fillable pdf. DO NOT handwrite the application, as it will not be accepted.

EAGLE ELEGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Only sophomores attending public high schools within the city of Portland* are eligible to apply for this two-year program;
- Must have good attendance in school;
- Must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5;
- Must come from a financially disadvantaged family;
- Must go into the EAGLE Program with the expectation of completion; and
- Must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a school counselor and/or teacher.

A history of interest in the game of golf is not required. EAGLE students successfully completing the program become eligible to apply and compete for an Evans Scholarships in their senior year. This scholarship provides college tuition and housing at the University of Oregon and may be renewed for up to four years, valued at more than \$80,000.

The deadline for applications is April 7, 2017. *Interested parties in the EAGLE Program, should contact*

Carolyn Lee at carolyn.lee@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-5076.

Now Hiring: Marquis Companies is hiring for Personal Care Aids (no training required)
Certified Nursing Assistant (Certification required) call 972-206-2307 to apply

E-Week: Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center, in Portland. E-Week Schedule Consists of Two Parts: Afternoon Program (Main Event – All Invited) and Morning Program (Special Event – Targeted Audience & Limited Space) Each Student/ Representative MUST Register and Receive Confirmation for the Afternoon Program to attend, and you must ALSO Register and Receive Confirmation if you choose to attend the Morning Program! To Register: Visit www.oregonengineersweek.org

Momentum Alliance has two paid internships. Youth Education Advocates (YEA!) focuses on education and social justice. Reproductive Justice Youth Advocates (RJYA) focuses on issues the intersection of gender, sexuality, and sexual health. Ages 14-30 may apply. Applications are due by February 3rd noon. To apply, go to the link below:
<https://www.momentumalliance.org/ma-cohorts/>

GRUNT: we are now accepting applications for the GRUNT program! GRUNT (Greenpaces Restoration & Urban Naturalist Team) is a volunteer environmental science and job skills program that connects youth to nature and environmental careers. During our 10 Saturday sessions, participants go on exciting environmental adventures, conduct real scientific research and try out 5 different environmental jobs. All successful GRUNT graduates are guaranteed paid summer work with the Youth Conservation Crew or Nature Day Camp. Application is due by February 17, 2017. Applications are in the Career Center

Let's Make It A Great Week!