



March 20th 2017

A Message from PPS

Dear PPS Families and Staff,

This message is an update on the 2016-17 school calendar.

PPS schools were closed for nine instructional days due to snowy and icy winter weather in December and January.

March 7th, the PPS Board of Education voted to change the April 7th Teacher Planning Day to an Instructional Day and to extend the school year to June 15.

Please mark your calendars--there will now be school on Friday, April 7th and the last day of school for students is now Thursday, June 15th.

Please also note that the last day for Seniors has not been changed as Benson's last day for Seniors is on Wednesday May 31st and the Graduation date for Benson's Seniors has not been changed as Benson's Seniors will graduate on Monday June 5th at 5pm at the Memorial Coliseum.

[View the calendar here.](#)

Thank You, PPS Department of Communications

60 Day Rule! For the remainder of the school year, it is important for seniors to stay focused on doing the right thing in order 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 District Alcohol or Drug policy or any violation resulting in three or more days of suspension or more serious disciplinary action..." This 60 day period begins Sunday, April 2nd 2017!

Dear Key Club Members,

Thank you for supporting the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program throughout the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis International. The Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program Board extends its sincere thanks for your support to help children with cancer in our district.

A Message from Benson Instructor Mike Ryan

I have a student teacher from Concordia. Luke Griffin will be student teaching in my sophomore Modern World History classes till June.

Flex Schedule:

Wednesday, March 22 is an A flex day. Flex time is 2:15-3:15

Thursday, March 23 is a B day assembly schedule for Rose Festival Assembly.

Athletic Schedule

Monday, March 20th

Baseball @ N. Salem 4:30pm

Softball @ Crescent Valley
4:30pm

Wednesday, March 22nd

Track @ Franklin 4pm

Softball @ Home vs Lake
Oswego 4pm

Friday, March 24th

Baseball @ Home vs Parkrose
4:30pm

Softball @ McKay 4:30pm

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!](#)

There will be an informational meeting about the Benson Poetry Slam on Wed. March 8th during Flex/Tutorial. It will be in Ms. Bruer's room, 106. The poetry slam will be on Friday, April 14th in the Benson Library.

Thank you,

Julie Morris, M.L.S.

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A Message from Dave Mylet

If your student has registered to take an Advanced Placement exam this year, please be sure they turn in a permission slip to Mr. Mylet, as well as payment or signed fee waiver. Online payments can be made using a credit or debit card through School Pay, available on the Benson website. Please e-mail Dave Mylet at dmylet@pps.net with any questions.

A Message from the Benson Tech Counseling Team (Amy, Peg & Steve)

Beginning in March, the Benson Counseling team will begin forecasting for next year's classes. The Counselors will be presenting information in classrooms and will then follow up with individual meetings with all students. This is a time for your student to choose classes and review academic progress with their counselor. Students will be given forecasting materials to bring home and review with their guardian. The schedule is as follows:

March 2nd, 3rd – Junior Presentation in US History classrooms

March 6th, 7th – Individual meetings with Juniors

March 13th, 14th – Freshman Presentation in Biology classrooms

March 15th, 16th – Individual meetings with Freshmen

March 20th-21st – Sophomore Presentations in English classrooms

March 22nd-23rd – Individual meetings with Sophomores

A Message from Benson's Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan:

Please See Attached Flyer

Please be sure to open and read the attached flyer which has many interesting career and employment opportunities for our Benson Tech students.

Hello Benson Families:

The Career Center has some great opportunities for jobs, internships, as well as other wonderful experiences. How do you find out what is going on?

1. Get updates to your phone, by texting @ccinfo to 81010
2. Check out the Career Center's Website <https://sites.google.com/a/apps4pps.net/benson-polytechnic-career-news/home>.
3. Read the Career Center's Newsletter which is posted weekly along with this newsletter or find updates in the Career Center.

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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

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.

Upcoming College Visits/Events

03/22 PSU Celebrates Newly Admitted Seniors at Benson (2:00-3:00PM in Counseling Center)

03/22 AVID Family Night (6:00-7:30PM Small Gym)

04/06 AVID to NIKE Biomechanics Event (10:00-1:00PM)

04/18 UO Visits Newly Admitted Seniors at Benson (10:00-10:30AM in Counseling Center)

04/20 Washington State visits w/interested Juniors (10-11AM Sign up in Counseling Center)

Testing

05/06 SAT (Register by April 07th - visit collegeboard.org)

06/10 ACT (Register by May 5th - visit act.org)

For *free* test prep resources visit 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 website at <http://www.number2.com/>

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, and/or the Oregon Promise application.

04/13 **Open Lab:** Get last minute help with the Oregon Promise, FAFSA/ORSAA, College Applications, and more. (2:15-3:15 Counseling Center)

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

SENIORS it's time to *Spring* into Action! Several scholarship deadlines are approaching. Visit the Counseling Center TODAY!

Tiffany Wang Arts Scholarship: Two \$500 scholarships for 9th, 10th, or 11th graders for summer program. Visit www.cacaportland.org . Deadline April 11th.

2017 First Tech Federal Credit Union: Ten \$5000 scholarships available. Deadline is March 31st. Details and application online at: https://www.firsttechfed.com/discover_first_tech/our_community_commitment

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

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

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