



May 15, 2017

Benson Polytechnic's 2017 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 5th at 5:00 PM at the Coliseum. The doors to the Coliseum will open approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of Commencement. Anyone that is planning to attend the Commencement Ceremony must present a ticket at the door otherwise admittance will be denied. Lastly, there are several key points to keep in mind before arriving at the Coliseum

- No helium balloons allowed inside the Memorial Coliseum
- No noise makers, horns or confetti of any kind
- Video cameras are allowed, but no tri-pods
- No outside food or beverages
- Students: No bags of any kind are to be brought into the Memorial Coliseum
- Concession stand will close at the start of each graduation
- Metal detectors may be in place at every entrance

If you have any questions regarding Commencement please call the Vice Principal's Office at (503) 916-5100 Extension 77105.

Thanks,
Benson Administration

A Message from the Benson Alumni

Please note that the Benson Alumni is planning an All-Class Grand Reunion event from June 9th-11th. For more information please go to www.bensontechalumni.org

Thanks,
Benson Alumni Association

Si Se Puede Recognition Event

Portland Public Schools is proud to announce that Benson's own Diana Tuz-Bojorquez will be one of the 16 students honored at the 6th annual ¡Sí Se Puede! ("Yes, we can!") PPS Latino Student Recognition Event. This event recognizes the accomplishments of PPS's Latino(a) students and is scheduled for Wednesday May 24th from 5:30pm-8pm the BESC/PPS Headquarters 501 N. Dixon St.

A Message from Joe Rozewski (Benson's Art Instructor)

Benson is once again being represented in an art show. The work of Citlaly Vazquez is being displayed at 911 NE 11th Ave. at the request of Rep. Earl Blumenauer. This fantastic collection of art is filled with young artist's work from several PPS schools, and we are honored to have it shown. Try to make it down there to see all the great work from PPS students.

Thanks, Mr. Rozewski

Flex Schedule:

Thursday, May 18 is an A Day Tutorial schedule. Tutorial is 2:15-3:15.

Friday, May 19 is a B Day Flex schedule. Flex time is 2:15-3:15.

Athletics for the Week:

A Message from PPS

Student meal accounts with positive or negative balances will carry over into next school year.

Families can pay off negative account balances by cash or check in the cafeteria, or online at www.myschoolbucks.com by June 15, 2017.

- Families with positive account balances have the following options:
 - Do nothing -- leave the funds in the account to pay for future school meals
 - Request the balance be transferred to a sibling meal account
 - Request a refund via the Cafeteria Lead (check will be sent within 4-6 weeks)
 - Request the funds be donated to help cover money owed on other student meal accounts

For more information, go to www.pps.net/nutrition, or call 503-916-3399.

Gitta Grether-Sweeney, Sr. Director, Nutrition Services
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SUMMER SCHOLARS NOTICE to STUDENTS: Pre-registration for the district's Summer Scholars program is now occurring for students who have failed a course and need to retake it. If you have not received a pre-registration form, make sure you check in with your counselor as soon as possible.

Senior Prom 2017 is fast approaching! Be our guest for "A Tale As Old As Time" on Friday, May 19th at Columbia Edgewater Country Club from 8-11pm. Tickets go on sale Monday, May 8th at lunch in the bookkeepers office. Tickets are \$20 a single and \$35 a duo. If you are inviting a guest from outside of Benson, you must pick up the guest form the in VPs office, fill it out and return it by Wednesday, May 17th. Guest forms must be completed to purchase tickets. Guests must be 20 or younger and be pre-approved by Benson and home school administration.

Sara Callies
Instructional Specialist
503-916-5100 x 77132

Benson's 60 day Rule for Seniors

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's Alcohol or Drug policy or any other violation resulting in three or more days of suspension or more serious disciplinary action..."

The 60 day period began Sunday, April 2nd 2017!

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

Upcoming College Visits/Events

05/18 **FINAL VISIT:** Portland Community College (2:15-3:15PM Counseling Center)

05/18 PCC: Future Connect (10AM-11AM Counseling Center)

05/26 AVID End-of-Year Field Trip

For information about UO Summer Architecture Academy visit <http://architecture.uoregon.edu/SAA>

Testing

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.

05/23 **FINAL FAFSA** Workshop (9AM-11AM Counseling Center - *Sign up today* in the Counseling Center)

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

B.Davis Scholarship - \$1000; deadline May 22, 2017

Please visit their website at <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> for more details about this scholarship.

Sherree Thomas-Coleman, PhD

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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.

Miranda Ryan
Career Center Coordinator
Benson Polytechnic High School
503-913-5100 ext: 77201

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 bensonyearbook2017@gmail.com. You can also include your student's senior quote if they have one. Contact Dave Mylet (dmylet@pps.net) with any questions.

A Message from Dave Mylet (Yearbook Advisor)

Parents, you can now order a yearbook for your student online. Simply log onto Benson's School Pay link found on our website (www.bensonhs.net) and you can pay online for the 2016-17 yearbook using a credit or debit card.