



Athletics:

Please open up the link to the Benson Athletic Calendar for athletic events for this upcoming week.

Flex Days This Week

Wednesday May 2nd
Tutorial—2:23pm-3:15pm

Thursday May 3rd
Flex Schedule
2:23pm-3:15pm

Benson's Website

Please be sure to visit our website at www.bensonhs.net and check out our yearly calendar to stay up to date on all things happening here at Benson Tech.

Career Coordinator Newsletter

Please see the attached Career Newsletter from Ms. Ryan for current events.

Monday April 30th 2018

SENIORS: There is a mandatory senior meeting scheduled for May 1st from 11:00-11:24 in the auditorium. You will receive information regarding caps and gowns, commencement and rehearsal, senior check-out and the senior BBQ. Please be sure to attend this meeting regarding this important senior information.

Tonya Mjelde

Benson Tech Vice Principal

SENIORS: The Benson Webpage has added a "Scholarship Form" link for seniors to submit their awarded scholarships. In order to be recognized in the Graduation Program we must receive this information by May 18th!!

Benson Counseling Dept.

Colegio de Padres:

Please note that Colegio de Padres will be meeting this coming Tuesday May 1st from 6pm-7:30pm in the Band Room (125). Please see attached flyer for more information.

Mónica Falcón

Family Engagement Specialist

Latino Network

A Message from the Digital Media Department

Anthony Nguyen took gold for photography at the Oregon Skills competition last weekend.

Anthony Thomas took silver, also for photography.

Allen Lam took bronze in video. Congratulations to these fantastic students on a job well done.

Steve Curley

Digital Media Production

A Message from Amy Henry (Benson Counseling)

National Technical Honor Society Seniors: Volunteer hour documentation is due by May 1, 2018 to Ms. Henry in Counseling if you want to be recognized at graduation.

Jostens Cap and Gown Delivery

On Wednesday May 2 during lunch, Jostens will be in the auditorium to deliver Cap and Gowns to the seniors who ordered them. If you haven't ordered a Cap and Gown yet, please attend this event or see Ms. Melissa in the Vice Principals office ASAP!

Benson's Prom

Please note that Benson's Prom will be happening on Friday May 4th from 8pm-11pm at Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

Senior's 60-Day Rule

Parents Please Be Sure To Review This Message With Your Seniors

For the remainder of the school year it is important for Seniors to stay focused on doing the right thing if they want 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 the District's Alcohol or Drug policy or any violation resulting in three or more days of suspension or more serious disciplinary action..."which includes major suspensions for vandalism (pranks) and suspension for truancy (skipping). Seniors who repeatedly skip class may be suspended for truancy and this may impact their participation in graduation ceremonies. If you are scheduled to be an aide, mentor, in study hall, etc. you must be present. This 60 day period for seniors begins Monday, April 2nd, 2018.

Benson Administration

A Message from the Benson Counseling Department

Free/Reduced Lunch: If you are on free/reduced lunch and you are requesting a fee waiver for the ACT/SAT or college applications, parents will now be required to give us permission to verify your free/reduced lunch status. Attached is the permission form (we also have hard copies available in the Counseling office). After the form is turned in, we will need 2 business days to verify your status. Please let us know in Counseling if you have any questions.

A Message from Benson's Athletic Director Scott Archer

Fall Sports:

Fall practices start on **August 13, 2018**. It is **EXTREMELY** important that students come out for a Fall sport at this time. Athletics use what's called 'turn-out' numbers to decide how many coaching positions get funded, and how many levels of a sport we can offer. Waiting until school starts to express interest is often too late. Yes, your student can compete, but often games have started and various playing-levels have been determined.

Before one can compete in certain sports, X-amount of practices must be met. This makes it important to have your student connect with a coach now, and on August 13. Many programs have summer workouts already planned.

Before a student can try-out for a team, they must have a current physical on file at Benson, along with a policy form, a blue card (emergency contact info), and must have met OSAA and PIL academic standards.

You can begin the clearance process at: <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/benson-high-school>

Football:

To improve in Football, we need more students coming out early to get involved. It really is that simple. And it's the next step Benson needs to take to improve its Football standing.

New Head Coach Mychal Gann (mychalgann@yahoo.com) is having a team meeting after school on Friday, May 4 at 3:30PM in the Band room. Food and drink will be provided.

We are encouraging **ANYONE** with interest in Football to attend. No experience necessary. Incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend. This is open to any and all students.

<https://www.facebook.com/BensonTechFootball/>

Swimming and Golf:

Benson Athletics is working to add Swimming and Golf back to our athletic programming next year. However, for that to happen, students need to express their sincere interest now, so that we can present a case for re-introducing these respective sports.

Currently, we have a sign-up sheet hanging outside the athletic office. We ask those who have sincere interest, to please sign the sheet indicating their interest.

Congrats!

Benson Athletics extends a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Benson's girls' basketball coach Eric Knox, who was named the 2017-18 6A girls' Coach of The Year!

Scott Archer

Athletic Director

Benson High School

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A Message From Michael Raffaele Senior AVID Teacher

This year will be the first that Benson graduates an AVID cohort. Please join me in congratulating these 20 amazing seniors for their accomplishments. They have all been accepted to at least one college. They have also been offered over 2 million dollars in combined scholarships. Some of our students are still waiting to hear back from multiple sources, so we are hoping to add to this total.

Thank you and Go Tech!!!!

Abdoulaye, Mariamou

Borders, Aniyah S.

Diaz-Miranda, Karla Y

Flores, David E.

Grisby, Kayla F.

Hussein, Abdi A.

Ibrahim, Amirah A.

Ic-Lopez, Lizzie J.

Kemer, Yasmin M.

Lopez Zarate, Ivan

Lopez-Diaz, Diana J.

May, Lesliett R.

Nguyen, Baonhi

Phoukeo, Anastasia M.

Revels, Avalyn V.

Rojas-Sanchez, Jennifer

Russell, Kionna R.

Teeter, Douglas L.

Turner, Jelisa A.

Tus, Mong

Michael Raffaele
Benson Polytechnic High School
Sophomore Language Arts
Avid 11/12

A Message From Sherree Thomas-Coleman

Upcoming College Visits/Events

05/01 National Decision Day Celebration (Counseling Center during Lunch)

05/03 Pacific NW University (Counseling Center during Lunch)

05/17 Senior Awards Assembly (11AM-Noon Auditorium)

2017-2018 Smarter Balanced Assessments for Juniors

Science: May 29th

Financial Aid

For help with the Oregon Promise and/or FAFSA/ORSAA, visit the Counseling Center. Remember you will need your 2016 Tax documents.

Testing

06/09 Official ACT Test (Registration Deadline May 4th) Visit <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

06/02 Official SAT Test (Registration Deadline May 3rd) Visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

For *free* test prep resources visit **Benson's Library**, 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

Need Practice for Important Tests? Go to Learning Express...

Is your student taking the ACT, PSAT, or SAT this year? The Benson Library has **Learning Express**, courtesy of the Oregon State Library, that gives students access to online practice tests and strategies on how to solve test problems. Please see the instructions on how to access **Learning Express** from home. If you are using PPS internet, no login or password is needed, but from home networks, please use

Login: port, Password: oslis

[Learning Express Instructions](#)---Please start on step 3. (Julie Morris)

More Information From Sherree Thomas-Coleman

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines

**Seniors don't miss the opportunity to get money for college. Apply for a scholarship TODAY!*

OSAC/Oregon Promise Scholarship online application **Now Open!** <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships-instructions.aspx>

The Seneca Scholarship (Seniors) visit www.senecasawmill.com

Fastweb: For cultural, merit, and need-based scholarships visit: <https://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>

Sallie Mae Scholarship search too includes a variety of scholarship opportunities. Visit <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/scholarship-search/>

Athletes: *BigSun Scholarship* \$500 any sport! Deadline June 19th. Visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>

Oregon SW Washington Chapter Scholarship: Deadline May 15th. Visit https://www.a4le.org/A4LE/Regions/Pacific_Northwest/Oregon_SW_Washington/Scholarships/Pacific_Northwest/Oregon/Scholarships.aspx?hkey=66512a86-d343-4bbe-bff2-3b8709fe9791 for details.

Seniors: Help finding additional scholarships is simple. Use your CIS account (found in your Google classroom) and/or visit the Counseling Center TODAY!

Juniors: Oregon State School of Business may have a scholarship just for you! Visit https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9FAD6zZT9Eb26JT for details.

Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum Scholarships: Two scholarship awards available. Visit <http://www.evergreenmuseum.org/scholarships> for application and deadline information.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship: Deadline June 14th. Visit <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php> for more information.

Summer Opportunities:

Young Leaders in Action. Visit <https://www.worldoregon.org>

PSU Summer Business Institute. Visit <https://www.pdx.edu/sba/summer-business-institute>

UO Summer Academy to Inspire Learning. Visit <https://sail.uoregon.edu/about/>

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