



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday August 27th

*Freshmen report to the New
Gym at 8:00 am*

**10th—12th Grade Students
arrive at 10:15am**

**All 8 class periods will happen
from 10:15am to 3:15pm
(Lunch will be at 12:29pm) as
we will be on a "Skinny 8
Period" class schedule with
classes being 28 minutes long
on this day.**

**Please be sure to follow me
on Twitter**

@BensonTechPride

**Stay up to date with school
wide events by visiting our
School Calendar at
www.bensonhs.net**

2018-19 Administrative Team

Curtis Wilson Jr., Principal

Tonya Mjelde, Vice Principal

Barry Phillips, Vice Principal

August 20th 2018

Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all the supporters that were able to make it out to our annual PPS Community Care Day clean-up. We had a strong support of Benson Staff, Alumni, Students, Administration, Community Members and Imagio Dei Church who all pitched in to help beautify the school for opening day on Monday August 27th. I have attached some pictures showcasing our work. For the most part we landscaped the school by pulling weeds, laying barkdust, trimmed overgrown bushes, edge the front lawn and picked up garbage and debris from around the school. Afterwards we had hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the Benson Alumni Association. All in all it was a great day to spruce up the school and get it ready for opening day on August 27th.

Please remember that the purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed on some of the major events that will be happening here at Benson Tech throughout the school year. You will always be able to get up to date information regarding Benson Tech by going to our website at www.bensonhs.net and looking through the website and also by viewing our school calendar that's located on the webpage as well. I will also be sending some information out throughout the school year through my Twitter page for Benson Tech. My Twitter handle is @BensonTechPride. Please be sure to follow me throughout the school year to get relevant information on events and happenings involving Benson Tech.

Go Tech

Principal Wilson

If You Missed Registration

Make-Up Registration will be taking place on Friday August 24th from 9am-12pm in the main gym.

ParentVUE and StudentVUE;

An On-line Parent & Student Tracking Tool

ParentVUE is an EdBox tool that helps families stay informed about their student's progress. ParentVUE gives families the ability to: a. View their student's current course grades; b. Send e-mail to teachers; c. Set up alerts for student progress changes. As a result, grading and attendance information entered by teachers will now be available to our families through Synergy ParentVUE. ParentVUE will be available in multiple languages and also as a free mobile app. Families will receive log-in instructions to Synergy ParentVUE and StudentVUE and links to online support materials.

ID Cards and Bus Pass Info

Tri-Met Bus Pass: Student ID cards will be provided to students during registration on Aug. 16th, 17th, make-up day August 24th and picture re-take day October 3rd. Students are required to carry their Student ID card at all times during school hours and events. This card is required to check out books, attend dances, receive athletic event discounts, etc.

Student Yearbook and Individual Pictures may be purchased during registration, payable to **Lifetouch Studios**. Picture re-takes will take place Wednesday, **October 3rd** during lunch in the Auditorium.

Counseling and Guidance Reminders

Questions about student schedules can be directed to the counselors here at Benson Tech. Any course changes must be in writing and submitted to the counseling office prior to the first day of school. Schedules will be handed out during registration and again on the first day of school. The last day to change classes will be September 20th.

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PPS Nutrition Services-Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Apply online for free or reduced-price school meals www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/nutrition

It's convenient, secure and better for the environment. Meal applications are also available from your school. Your application may also give you access to low-cost internet and other benefits. Meal benefits for new applications cannot start until an application is approved. Please provide a lunch or money for a paid lunch until you receive notice that the application is approved. Breakfast and Lunch Prices have increased this year. Breakfast: \$1.50 Lunch: \$3.40 Reduced Prices : Free (\$0.00) for both Breakfast and Lunch. Funding provided by the Oregon Legislature to eliminate the reduced price payment for school meals.

Questions or comments about the 2018-19 meal application procedures may be directed to Nutrition Services at 503-916-3247.

Important Upcoming Dates

August:

- * 24th Make-up Registration All Grades 9:00AM-12:00PM (Main Gym)
- * 27th First Day of School

September:

- * 3rd Labor Day Holiday—No School
- * 18th Back to School Open House 6pm-8pm

October:

- * 3rd Picture Retake Day
- * 12th In-service Day—No School
- * 19th Homecoming Events (Assembly, Football Game & Dance)