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

Athletics

Please see the attached Athletic
Calendar for this week's athletic
events.

Flex Schedule This Week

*There will be no flex schedule
happening this week.*

September 16th 2019

A Message from the Benson Tech Boosters

The Benson Tech Coaches and TechBoosters look forward to meeting you at the Sports Kick-Off Fundraiser this Saturday, September 21st 5PM at Tabor Space.

Tailgate-style dinner generously provided by BrunchBox, desert by Portland Style Cheesecake Company, and beverages by Sokol Blosser Vineyards, Natian Brewery, and Lagunitas Brewery. Please go to www.bensontechboosters.org to pre-purchase tickets for \$20, or pay \$25 at the door."

If you want to help us make this event a success please check out the [Kick Off Volunteer Sign Up](#). Go Tech!!

Benson Tech Boosters

Benson's Back to School Night/Open House (6PM-8PM)

Benson's Back to School Night will be happening on Tuesday September 17th. We will be starting sharply at 6pm in the auditorium with a short message from Principal Wilson followed by Parents/Guardians being able to visit their students classes up until 8pm. Hope to see you Tuesday night.

Principal Wilson

A Message from Benson's AP Testing Coordinator Megan Hill

The NEW deadline for AP exam registration is November 1st. Please note that only a deposit of the exam fees will be due at this time. More information about registration will be given before the registration window opens.

Megan Hill

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Free & Reduced lunch applications from last year will expire on Tuesday Oct 8th. Please be sure to complete the 2019-20 lunch application on-line, or complete the paper application which is available in the cafeteria & main office.

Benson Administration

A Message from Benson's Career Coordinator

Please see the attached Career Coordinator newsletter with up to date information regarding career opportunities for our students.

Our goal this year is to send juniors out to Job Shadows. Job Shadowing allows a student to observe a career path of their interest. If you are interested in hosting students for a job shadows, please register using the link.

Hosting a Job Shadow: <https://forms.gle/FH7UiSh1Xoddnmj16>

We are also hosting Career Focused Workshops on **October 16th** for juniors. These sessions may vary from informational to hands-on. Career representatives/speakers can talk about their company and the variety of skilled employers employed in the organization. In addition to speaking with students, feel free to bring samples of projects you have done in the past. It might also be fun to guide students through a project applicable to your line of work. If you are interested in being a career representative, please go to the link to sign up. **Sign for Breakout Sessions below:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B49ABA828A6FA7-beyond1>

Miranda Ryan

Career Coordinator

Cell: 503-312-2774

Office: 503-916-5100 X:77201

Career Website: <http://bit.ly/bensoncareers>

A Message from Benson's Counselor Amy Henry

NTHS Seniors: We have A LOT of seniors who have not completed their volunteer hours for NTHS. Please see Ms. Henry if you need a volunteer form and/or have questions.

Class Schedule Update: Wednesday September 18th is the deadline to add/make changes to schedules. All exemption forms for students taking less than eight classes and TA forms must be in by this date or students will be assigned a class.

Interested in Receiving Credit for World Language? Please see your counselor to register for the STAMP test offered by the school district. Spots fill up quickly so see your counselor as soon as possible.

Amy Henry

Portland Evening Scholars Is Returning

Need to recover credit? Night School starts the week of September 23rd.

Please see your counselor to pre-register.

The Benson Tech Counseling Department

A Message from the Benson Tech Attendance Office

Regular attendance has been proven to contribute to your student's success in school.

Please remember to communicate directly with the attendance office if your student will be absent for any period of time during the school day. The best ways to let us know are, in order of school preference:

Send an email to the attendance office at benson-attendance@pps.net

Call the attendance line directly at 503-916-5109

Call the school main office number at 503-916-5100 - Select option 3

Send a note via your student excusing the absence

Always remember, we need the STUDENT NAME, ID# (if known) and REASON FOR THE ABSENCE. (Saying it is an excused absence does not give us the reason, please be specific)

The Attendance Office will check messages and emails at 9:00am, 12:00pm and 3:00pm.

The attendance phone line is continuously busy throughout the school day. An email provides a written message directly to the attendance office. The attendance office can excuse previous absences at any time during the school year. You can monitor your child's attendance through ParentVUE. Contact the school if you do not know how to access ParentVUE.

If you do not communicate with the school, we cannot properly record your child's absence. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance do not hesitate to email or call the attendance office.

Please help us, help your student have a successful year here at Benson Tech.

Thank you.

Norma L. Lawson

School Secretary

Benson Polytechnic High School

A Message From Benson's TAG (Talented & Gifted) Coordinator

Hello Benson Tech Families,

I am Nicole Kennedy Benson's TAG (Talented and Gifted) Facilitator, this is my 4th year in this role. Please feel free to contact me with any question you may have.

Here is this months TAG News.

Our Benson Parent TAG Meeting will be after the Back To School Night Sept. 17th in room 232 from 8pm to 8:25pm

If you would like to have your student tested for TAG identification please see the link below or grab a form from the counseling office. Nomination forms are available on the TAG website <https://www.pps.net/domain/396>

Nomination forms are due by November 13th and you can turn them into the main office addressed to Ms. Kennedy. Please be sure to fill in all of the students necessary information to ensure efficient processing of the nomination form.

Nicole Kennedy

A Message from Benson's Radio Communications Class

The KBPS Radio sportscasting program provides students in Portland Public Schools the opportunity to broadcast PIL football and basketball games on AM-1450. No previous broadcast experience is necessary. Any PPS High School student is eligible. More information is available by emailing KBPS Operations Manager Scott Young (syoung@pps.net)

Scott Young & Steve Naganuma

A Message from Benson's Dean of Students

Correction/Update re: Benson Climate Team meeting time. Our first meetings will be Tuesday September 17th and Tuesday October 22nd from 8:30-9:30 am in the counseling office.

"Wanted: Parent Members for Benson's Climate Team." Our Climate Team is in search of parents to help serve on our school climate committee, which meets in the morning once a month on a Tuesday for an hour. Our team is made up of students, staff in various positions, and other community members. Your voice and input is both needed and wanted! If interested please contact Robyn Griffiths, Benson Tech Dean of Students/Climate Coach, 503.916.5100 x77106 or rgriffiths@pps.net."

Robyn M. Griffiths

Dean of Students/Instructional & Climate Coach

A Message from Caroline Bleckmann from the Benson Tech Wellness Center

Greetings from the Benson Tech Wellness Center! We are so glad to see your kids back at school.

Here is a link to our [website](#). It has current information about opening hours and providers.

And here are links to more information and resources--I hope to continue sharing information and resources throughout the year:

Oregon laws about **minor's rights to consent to and receive medical** care: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/YOUTH/Documents/minor-rights.pdf>

A possible resource for **affordable units in a new complex** in the Benson area: contact **Tei-Onna Haggard**: Equity and Outreach Navigator

The Louisa Flowers

650 NE Holladay Street, Suite 1600 (Temp office address)

971-985-3821

The Benson Tech Wellness Center also has a small food pantry. Students can take home a backpack of food to share with their families if needed.

A Message from Benson's Athletic Director Scott Archer

Athletic Fees:

A reminder that each athletic season has an attached athletic participation fee (\$210), and/or (\$40) if your family qualifies.

Your student's fee is capped at two sports a year, so if your son or daughter plans to play three sports, PPS athletics only charges for two of those sports.

Payments can be made through school pay, to the book keeper, or to the front office.

Fall Sports Registration Is Closed:

Winter sports will begin Monday, November 18. You may register your student now for any winter or spring sports.

Calendar, Transportation, and Fields:

Please find each week's athletic calendar attached to this weekly newsletter from Principal Wilson.

The calendar includes game time, location, class dismissal, and bus departure time for each level of the program.

Delta Park serves as Benson's auxiliary field, and will be utilized for sub-varsity soccer matches, AND varsity matches when Buckman Field is unavailable to our programs. As a reminder, Portland Parks and Rec owns and oversees the athletic scheduling of Buckman Field. Every effort is made to utilize Buckman Field on the nights we are allowed to extend our use past 6PM.

Please be advised that during district-wide heavy transportation days that bus times, and bus availability, are subject to change.

Every effort is made to provide a team bus for athletic events but all PIL athletic programs have approval to use cabs to get students to their destination, if a bus is unavailable, severely delayed in arriving to Benson Tech, or an unexpected situation arises.

Thanks for everyone's flexibility.

Scott Archer

Athletic Director

Benson High School

503.916.5100 x 77108

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

Upcoming College Visits/Events

09/17 Cornish College of the Arts (11:20 – 12:00 Lunch Time in Cafeteria)

09/17 **AVID Family Information Night** (5:00 - 6:00 PM Room 114) for current AVID students and families

9/25 ACT Six Scholarship Information Session (1:00-2:00 PM Counseling Center)

09/26 Clark College (11:20 – 12:00 Lunch Time in Cafeteria)

9/26 Warner Pacific University (11:20-12:00 Lunch Time in Cafeteria)

Class of 2020

College Prep Tips

Congratulations!!! It's your Senior year! Here are a few tips to help you be successful.

- Prepare to take/retake the official SAT/ACT
- Start narrowing your college choices (research admissions requirements and tuition costs)
- Create your academic resume (i.e., high school awards, honors, clubs, athletics, activities, community service, work experience)
- Begin framing your essay for possible scholarship requirements
- Start applying for scholarships now (visit your College Counselor today)

Testing

10/26 Official ACT Test (Deadline to register Sept. 20th) <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

10/05 Official SAT Test (Deadline to register late is Sept. 17th) <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

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](http://www.number2.com/)

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Additional Information from the AVID/College Coordinator Sherree Thomas-Coleman

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

The Gates Scholarship - Deadline September 15, 2019. Visit their website at <https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship> for more details about this scholarship.

AES Scholarship - Deadline October 15, 2019. Visit their website at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php> for more details about this scholarship.

For more information on college visits, scholarships and more, visit our website: BPHS College News at <https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphsco>

Sherree Thomas-Coleman, PhD

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Benson's Motor Vehicles Policy and Expectations

The privilege of students driving vehicles to school has been granted to licensed drivers of Benson Polytechnic High School by the administration. This privilege will continue as long as student drivers accept the responsibility of safe driving habits. Additionally, any violation of the following rules and regulations may result in suspension from school, vehicles towed away, and/or loss of parking privileges on school property. The school is not responsible for any damage to vehicles parked in our parking lots; bus transportation is available to ALL students.

1. All students utilizing the school parking lot are required to register their vehicle in the main office which alerts our staff who is parking in our lot with or without permission, registered, etc.
2. To register a vehicle, students report to the main office and the Principal Secretary can provide students a clear parking map demonstrating exactly where student can and cannot park to avoid receiving warning stickers, loss or parking privileges, or be towed.
3. Vehicles are not to be moved during the school day unless the licensed driver has an early dismissal pass or has administrative approval.
4. Because of possible theft, vandalism and other undesirable behaviors, all parking lots are off limits to students (no loitering) during the school day.
5. Student vehicles must be parked in the designated areas for student body parking. The faculty parking lots and spots are closed to student vehicles. NOTE: Parking violation stickers are green and orange and are progressively serious. NOTE: The make, model, color, license number are recorded and reported to our District office for each violation.
6. Drivers must assist in keeping the parking lot area clean at all times and all drivers must obey all traffic regulations. The parking lot speed limit is five (5) miles per hour.
8. Traffic infractions by students driving on the school grounds will result in disciplinary action by the school administration. Serious offenses, such as driving while intoxicated, hit and run, reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer or school official, and driving while driver's license is suspended or revoked will be reported to the police. Such a violation will result in a loss of parking privileges, and/or a fine, loss of license, and possibly a misdemeanor or felony charge.
9. Vehicles must be parked in areas designated for student parking only. Vehicles in violation may be towed away at the family's expense, and/or the student will lose their parking privileges.

PARENT/STUDENT COMMUNICATION & BENSON TECH'S CELL PHONE/ ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

If parents need to reach students during the school day please call the main office at (503)916-5100. Our offices will send an assistant to:

- a. Deliver a private message; or b. bring the student down to the office speak with the parent/guardian, or call. Students who answer their phone in class will have consequences.
- b. Please help us and your student follow these important expectations to keep the classroom an optimal learning environment with minimal disruption.
- c. Students may not use electronic devices in the classroom without teacher consent for classroom assignment learning purposes. All electronic devices should be out of sight and turned off in the classroom. Classrooms include shops, computer labs, the library and other instructional areas. Electronic devices include cell phones, headphones and ear buds, Air Pods, iPod, CD players, hand held games, and any other electronic distractions that have no place in the classroom.
- d. Students may use electronic devices outside of the classroom during breaks and lunchtime. Teachers may confiscate any electronic device during their class period. Failure to turn over an electronic device when requested is insubordination and can result in detention and/or suspension. Teachers may turn electronic devices over to an administrator with a referral for further action.
- e. The administrator will: 1. First time –have the student recite the rule, assign the student three days detention (*for the first couple of weeks of school the office will review the electronic policy and warn student violators the first offense) 2. Second-third time- return the electronic device to the parent (the parent/guardian must come to the school and pick up. 3. More than three incidents then the student must turn in their cell phone daily to the V.P. office.

Benson Tech Administration