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#### Athletics

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

#### Flex Schedule This Week

Flex "A" Tutorial will be  
happening on Wednesday  
October 23rd from 2:23pm to  
3:15pm

Flex "B" Tutorial will be  
happening on Thursday October  
24th from 2:23pm-3:15pm

**October 21st 2019**

### **A Message from Benson's AP Testing Coordinator Megan Hill**

AP registration for AP tests has begun and the deadline for registration is November 1. Fee waivers may still be turned in this week. AP teachers will explain to students how to register for their exams. Attached is a flow chart on how the process will work this year. Please note that only a deposit of exam fees will be due at this time.

Also attached is an updated chart showing how much credit students will receive for a passing AP score at Oregon State, University of Oregon, and Portland State University.

***The exam fee for students not requiring assistance is being reduced. The exam fee was \$94/exam. It is now going to be reduced to \$67/exam. The fee waiver process remains the same.***

***Megan Hill***

***AP Testing Coordinator***

### **A Message from Benson's Dean of Students**

**Benson's Climate Team meeting time. Our second meeting will be 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](mailto:rgriffiths@pps.net)."

***Robyn M. Griffiths***

***Dean of Students/Instructional & Climate Coach***

### **Foreign Exchange Opportunities for Benson Tech (See Attached Flyer)**

Benson High School has welcomed seven foreign exchange students this year. One of our students is currently with a "welcome family" but needs placement (Please see the attached flyer) with a supportive, permanent family for the remainder of the school year. Our student who's name is Makram is a wonderful young man and strong student from Israel who is especially interested in a family with teenagers. If you are interested or need more information, contact: **Ann L. Schneider, PAX Community Coordinator at 503-890-6644** [annleeschneider.pax@gmail.com](mailto:annleeschneider.pax@gmail.com)

***Benson Counseling Team***

## **A Message from Benson's Athletic Director Scott Archer**

### **Sports Registration and Fees:**

Please be sure to pay your student's Fall Athletic fee, if your student participated in fall athletics at Benson. These fees must be paid each sport season and will be on your student's account balance until paid.

Please contact Benson Book Keeper Hazel Knox ([hknox1@pps.net](mailto:hknox1@pps.net)) with any questions.

Winter registration is open for Winter Sports (Basketball, Wrestling, Cheer, and Dance).

All students must be cleared with the following prior to try-outs/practice:

FamilyID.com (search Benson Tech) completed online

Current physical on file at Benson (or uploaded through FamilyID). Physicals must be within the last two years.

### **Benson Welcomes New Track and Field Head Coach Jay Miles:**

Coach Jay Miles comes to Benson from Aloha High School where coach had previously served as Head Track and Field coach.

Coach Miles is a graduate of Benson Tech High School and ran under retired Head Coach Leon McKenzie.

We will welcome coach Miles back to Benson High School.

### **Benson is looking for a head golf coach:**

The link to the position can be found here: [https://careers.pps.net/psp/career/SELFsrv/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM.HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS\\_APP\\_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1](https://careers.pps.net/psp/career/SELFsrv/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SCHJOB.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_SCHJOB&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1)

Please forward this opening to anyone who may be a good fit to lead the Benson Golf program.

### **Message from new Benson Dance Head Coach BeverLee Tuyub:**

Benson's 2019-2020 Dance Team is looking for members.

Practice will begin this coming Wednesday 10/23 in the auditorium at 3:30 pm.

Students must be cleared with a current physical and Family ID. See AD Archer for clearance information.

Practice/tryouts will be

Wednesday 10/22 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 6:30-8:30pm

Friday 3:30- 5:30pm

You must attend all 3 days unless arrangements are made with the coach. Prior dance experience is not required.

Where comfortable clothing to dance, bring a water bottle, and have fun!

Questions? Contact [bensondanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:bensondanceteam@gmail.com)

## **Drivers Education at Benson High School**

The program 1<sup>st</sup> Learn to Drive, ODOT and DMV certified driving school offering program including 30 hours of comprehensive classroom learning, 6 hours drive lessons and 6 hours observation. Drive lessons scheduled upon registration. Class meets on Tuesdays, 6pm-9pm starting November 12<sup>th</sup>.

DMV will waive the license exam for students who complete this course. Additional auto insurance discounts may apply.

Cost is \$360, students who receive free/ reduced lunch rate qualify for \$75 scholarship applied to tuition.

Call 503-509-0870 to sign up or with questions, or register at: [1stlearntodrive.com](http://1stlearntodrive.com)

## **A Message from Benson's Art Instructor/Yearbook Advisor Joe Rozewski**

Yearbook news...

All personal or privately done Senior pictures must have the following..

1. All in by December 15th 2019 at 3:30PM.
2. Large files in Jpeg or PNG format.

Send via email to [bensonyearbook2020@gmail.com](mailto:bensonyearbook2020@gmail.com)

1. Or...Bring in a thumb drive or other portable device and drop it in my mail box in main office.
2. Keep pictures "PG-13". ( No drug imagery, etc.)
3. Attach proper name to the file or device, no alias names.
4. Personal professional FREE senior pictures can be taken in house, in room e105. Just make arrangements before December for a "shoot" with DMP or Yearbook staff.

Anyone who does not submit a private photo will have the Life touch photo used instead automatically.\* \*Any other sports or action pictures you want to share with Yearbook would be greatly appreciated and possibly used in the 2019-2020 Yearbook. Send these in via email as well to: [bensonyearbook2020@gmail.com](mailto:bensonyearbook2020@gmail.com)

Thanks for your consideration and time.

***Joe Rozewski***

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

### Upcoming College Visits/Events

10/21-10/25 **Benson's College Application Week** (University Admissions Counselor(s) will be in the Counseling Center 1:30-3:15pm)

- \* 10/21 Oregon State University
- \* 10/22 Pacific University and Warner Pacific University
- \* 10/23 Portland State University and Clark College
- \* 10/24 Air Force ROTC
- \* 10/25 Western Oregon University

### Class of 2020

#### *College Prep Tips*

It's your Senior year! *Congratulations!!!* 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 the "College News" website <https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphscollegenews/home>)

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

### **Testing**

12/14 Official ACT Test (Deadline to register November 8th)

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

- **PPS will be administering the SAT examination to all juniors on March 4th free of charge. Students will complete registration at Benson.**

### **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**

***Women in Transportation Scholarship***. Deadline **October 25, 2019**. For more details visit <http://www.wtsinternational.org/portland/scholarships/applications/>

**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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## **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](mailto: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***