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Information & Resources for the
2020-21 school year.*

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Student Class Schedules

*Please note that you should be
able to start seeing your
students class schedules in
ParentVue and StudentVue*

September 28th 2020

Benson's Virtual Back to School Night

Tuesday September 29th (6pm-7pm)

Back to School night will look and feel different this year as we reach out to you in the virtual setting. Families can expect communication from their individual teachers that includes a short video of their classroom expectations, class content and other general information about how students can be successful in each of their classes. Look for the email from your student's teacher prior to the 29th that will direct you to their video and follow up question opportunities. On the evening of Tuesday, September 29th, Benson Administration and Student Support Teams will be available to answer questions during and after brief presentations regarding navigating school policies and support programs. The link to the Back to School Night Admin and Support video and associated live chat and video drops-ins will be shared via School Messenger, the school newsletter and our school website at the start of next week.

BHS Administration

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th from 12:30-2:30pm in the Benson Auditorium.

Students will be required to practice the six feet social distance protocols and wear their mask.

This is not a day for you to get an ID card made. It is for pictures only. If you want to be in the yearbook this year, you will have to get your picture taken with LifeTouch.

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Principal Secretary

Benson Polytechnic High School

503-916-5100 ext. 77102

A Message from the BHS Attendance Office

We encourage students to attend on a regular basis. Studies show that missing more than one day per month can actually lead to poorer grades and contributes to dropping out of school.

Naturally, we understand that there are occasions that a student must miss a school day. When this happens it is important for you to contact the school to let us know the reason for the absence. 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 7:30am and throughout the school day. 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 up to three days after the absence occurs. After the three days, corrections cannot be made.

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/Attendance Secretary

Benson Polytechnic High School

A Message from Melissa Brabham (VP Secretary)

Class of 2021!!

Friday October 9th Jostens (graduation supply vendor) will mail home informational packets and order forms. You can purchase graduation accessories and cap & gown.

Monday October 19th: Parents/guardians will receive an email with ordering instructions and a short informational video.

Monday October 19th - Friday 23rd: Check your emails for Jostens reminders Jostens will be giving away a free graduation order to a senior randomly who orders during the week. Students will also be able to mail in an order or call in an order.

Fun senior items like extra tassels and senior gear will be mailed to the senior's home.

Please contact Ms.Melissa Brabham the VP Secretary for any additional questions at mbrabham@pps.net

For Seniors:

We have a new system called Maia for helping with the college application process. More information to come but if you want to see it, your account is already set up. Here is a video which tells about logging in and gives an overview: <https://vimeo.com/user45275187>. We will be updating our college tab on our website with all of the info about Maia and college visits.

If you are planning on applying to a four year PRIVATE university, make sure you have checked in with your counselor. We will also be having a virtual meeting to help students with the private school process. Stay tuned for more details.

Amy Henry

Do you need to recover credit?

Pre-registration for night school has now opened. It is free this term and classes are being offered Monday - Thursday 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Please contact your counselor for more information.

Amy Henry

Seniors: The FAFSA (which is the form to apply for financial aid for college) opens on October 1, 2020. We HIGHLY advise applying as soon as possible after October 1st: For more information about financial aid, see this link: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

Jennifer Satalino, director of The College Place, will be hosting a Benson financial aid night to review the form and general information about the FAFSA on **Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**. Please see the zoom link below for joining our meeting.

Benson Tech Financial Aid Night

Phone one-tap:

US: [+16699006833](tel:+16699006833), [92116313800](tel:+192116313800)
[800#](tel:+18008008000) or [+12532158782](tel:+12532158782), [92116313800#](tel:+192116313800)

Meeting URL:

<https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/92116313800>

Meeting ID:

921 1631 3800

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Career News and Opportunities:

2020-2021 WTS Portland Shelley Holly Transportation YOU High School Scholarship

Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. Through the Transportation YOU program and this scholarship, WTS chapters work to make a difference in the lives of young girls by offering opportunities and activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation and encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry.

See information link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZeDNBXgEHK54Ocj1d0ZYNVeWOHKYQ4srGXgwOwVLJT8/edit?usp=sharing>

Student Health Advocates APPLICATION NOW OPEN

9-month leadership opportunity for students ages 14-22 in the Portland Metro area who are interested in school-based health and health equity. Student Health Advocates help plan statewide events, speak publicly about health and wellness issues affecting young people, meet with legislators to advocate for school-based health, and train providers in how to provide youth-friendly care. **We provide a \$700 annual stipend for youth who participate and professional development opportunities.**

Applications are now open and will close **Friday, October 9th.**

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Tuesday, October 6, 2020-Virtual tour and presentation of two construction companies

This day will focus on commercial construction companies. Learn about the work they perform, employment opportunities, and experience a work day. There are four different opportunities, each focusing on a different type of construction company.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Careers in Construction Month Kickoff

9:30 to 10 am: Nate McCoy, Executive Director of National Association of Minority Contractors – Oregon Chapter - NAMC (**Webinar Link:** <https://rb.gy/xnxcvz>)

Company Profiles & Site Visits

10 to 11 am: Raimore Construction, a general contractor performing heavy civil projects, is one of the biggest minority contractors on the West Coast. For over 20 years they have employed and mentored people from the community, with roughly 70% of employees being women and/or people of color. Raimore Construction (**Webinar Link:** <https://rb.gy/xnxcvz>)

10 to 11 am: EC Electric's construction portfolio includes commercial buildings, schools, hospitals, data centers, airports, campuses, and manufacturing and processing plants. EC often collaborates with general contractors and owners early in design to minimize initial cost and maximize operational efficiency for the life of the facility. EC Electric (**Webinar Link:** <https://rb.gy/bkn4mc>)

1 to 2 pm: Power Systems West has been providing backup power solutions since 1955. They specialize in sales, service, and parts distribution of industrial power products, with service centers in five Western states. Power Systems West (**Webinar Link:** <https://rb.gy/hjckb3>)

1 to 2 pm: Todd Construction Inc. was established in Roseburg in 1942 and built dozens of schools, government buildings, and businesses before migrating north to Tualatin in 1987. Todd Construction (**Webinar Link:** <https://rb.gy/rdxbrc>)

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Sign up for Saturday Academy Classes: <https://www.saturdayacademy.org/catalog>

Career Learning Opportunities:

Friday, Oct. 2, 2020-National Manufacturing Day. PPS students can join virtual tour and presentation at:

PPS' Manufacturing Month Kickoff (9:30am-10:00am): Join Deven Paolo (Owner and President of Solid Form Fabrication, Inc) to learn about manufacturing careers, job outlook and more. [Click here to join the Zoom meeting](#)

PPS' Manufacturing Day Tours & More:

Rodda Paint, Company Profiles & Tour - (Friday Oct 2, 10:00am-11:00am) [Zoom Link- Click here](#)

Indow Windows, Company Profiles & Tour- (Friday Oct 2, 1:00pm-2:00pm). [Zoom Link-Click here](#)

See the Career Newsletter for more Opportunities:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b4hREmWWN81NFdw6Y98RN2yFHqCtEdshSBOVkakqV1c/edit?usp=sharing>

Contact Information:

Miranda Ryan

Work Cell: 503-312-2774

mryan1@pps.net

A Message from Kia Swain Regarding Resources for Families

Michelle's Love - Andy McCandless - <https://michelleslove.org/> - Support for single parents in cancer treatment.

Free Geek - Ingrid Santos - Many updated new resources to share. <https://www.freegeek.org/> - Laptops being offered to individuals with disabilities, smaller homes, unhoused, etc. where desktop computers just won't work.

If anyone has questions or needs assistance with applying for these resources, please let me know.

*Mrs. Kia Swain
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Message from the School Nurse

Welcome "Back" to school. Currently, I have been contacting parents about health concerns that may need intervention at school. I am updating school forms (i.e., parent authorizations, provider orders, plan of care, etc.) for this school year, 2020-2021.

It is important to note, with your guidance, to update emergency contact information for planning emergency care during a "virtual class"

Please consider: 1. Will a parent be at home during class time, 2. Who would you want contacted to "check-in" on your student, and 3. How would you want teachers to respond if a sudden severe illness event occurs

Please don't hesitate to email me for any health concerns. (plocke@mesd.k12.or.us)

Patty Locke, RN

A Message from the BHS Wellness Center

Dear Benson Community

Welcome Back. Please check out the Benson Wellness Center link below to gain access to our website and for updated information on services available to your child and please be sure to reach to me with any questions.

<https://www.pps.net/Page/5953>

Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

503-916-5151 x77981

Breakfast and Lunch

I am happy to announce that every enrolled student at Benson Tech will get a free breakfast and lunch this school year. There will be no need to fill out applications and no need to collect money for lunches.

Please click on the link below to obtain information regarding meal service for students of Benson Tech.

<https://www.pps.net/Domain/59>

Principal Wilson

AP Testing Registration

AP test registration is now open, although testing won't take place until May. Please see the attached information sheet from the district about how to register and access the financial assistance form. Your student's AP teachers will be talking about registration over the next week or two to help clarify the process, but I wanted to send this out since the registration deadline is October 13th

If your student is not scheduled for their AP class until next semester, do not worry about the registration process now. There will be a second round of registration, including access to financial assistance, for 2nd semester classes

Megan Hill

AP Testing Coordinator

Fall Social Service Fair (Please see attached message)

Parents/Guardians please see the attached message from Kia Swain regarding the CSN Fall Mini Fair for our families. Thanks

Mrs. Kia Swain

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A Message from the Tech Pride Boosters of Benson Tech

Welcome to, or back to, Benson, from the *Tech Pride Volunteers* and **Benson TechBoosters!**

The Tech Pride Volunteers and Benson Tech Boosters are a group of parents, guardians, family members, friends and alumni who come together to help support the Benson Tech community! You can get involved by joining our email list at TechPrideVolunteers@gmail.com, where we'll share occasional updates and volunteer opportunities. Our goal is to make it possible for EVERYONE to support Benson in a way that works for them.

The three pillars of our community of volunteers are supporting:

- **Student Life:** we (usually) help with dances/student activities, partner with a local non-profit to supply free food to students week, and staff tables during school events. We would love ideas about how we can build community remotely for the things that make high school FUN.
- **Faculty and Staff,** we provide treats and meals during conferences, teacher appreciation week, and other activities. We would love ideas about how to support these essential workers as they navigate a whole new way to practice their craft.

Student Athletes through Benson TechBoosters (A tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) Organization). In our first year, Benson TechBoosters raised over \$6,000 through fundraising events, concessions, and spirit gear sales. Proceeds are distributed to teams for extra training gear and other support.

Even if we can't get together, we can still raise money for our Benson student athletes for when they return just by taking a few minutes to register for:

- [Amazon Smiles](#) (remember to log in under Amazon Smiles each time you shop), and
- [Fred Meyer Community Reward](#) points,

select "**Benson TechBoosters**" and do your usual shopping. These reward programs will send 0.5% of your purchases straight to the TechBoosters account, which are disbursed to our teams quarterly. Please to sign up for these awards programs to raise funds without spending an extra penny!

In this year of innovation it's important to keep our community strong to maintain the Benson Tech legacy. To that end, we welcome your time, energy, and ideas!

Please feel free to reach out to us at TechPrideVolunteers@gmail.com with any questions, ideas, or new ways you'd like to get involved. We especially need help with website development.

If your student has graduated, or for other reason you no longer want to receive an occasional email with opportunities to support the Benson Tech community, please respond to this email and we will remove you from the list.

Elizabeth O'Malley
Karen Peters
Lisa Yanase
Amber Johnson
Wendy Farber

Tech Pride Volunteers
Building Community
techpridevolunteers.org

Benson TechBoosters
bensontechboosters@gmail.com
www.bensontechboosters.org

Fall Outdoor School Updates

This Fall we will be able to offer a two college credit course from PCC this fall for students who would like to register and attend this online ED 208 Outdoor School Leadership course. This class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm-5pm starting in late September and ending in December. PCC is offering this course for only \$25 per student, but we are hoping to get funding to make the course free or at least provide funds for those who can not afford the \$25 fee.

We would like to open the online registration very soon for those high school leaders who want to stay involved with our program and for those who are new and want to learn more about Outdoor School. We hope to keep them engaged with our program and give them new opportunities to be involved virtually in hopes that they would be able to participate in person when we are able to have students back at the ODS sites.

This year there will not be a traditional workshop and everything is online. Student's parents' would be getting an approval email as soon as the student registers.

Here is some information from a study done by OSU extension regarding high school leaders in Oregon Outdoor Schools <https://mailchi.mp/d36d567ff998/high-school-leaders-in-oregon-outdoor-schools?e=b74dbe8f92> I have also attached a sample of some of the activities we provided to Student Leaders in the spring.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

Kitty Boryer

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