



*Please be sure to follow me
on Twitter*

@BensonTechPride

*PPS Website For Up To Date
Information & Resources for the
2020-21 school year.*

Pps.net/fall2020

Student Class Schedules

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

Start Spreading The News

*Benson Tech Application Lottery
Dates will be November 12th to
December 11th 2020.*

Urgent Dental Care

*Please see the attached flyer
regarding Free Urgent Dental
Care for Students.*

*Please be sure to go to the BHS
Website as www.bensonhs.net
for school information as it
becomes relevant.*

October 12th 2020

Parents/Guardians,

Please note that I have added the link to the school schedule as I know that for some of us we need to have a constant visual platform in order to stay on top of our schedule during this pandemic. Please click on the link below to access our school schedule.

Thanks

Principal

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sxe0Bo3zZQ-8F45ajUPnN0ypS6TUL2flsjkYSm-y2oE/edit?usp=sharing>

Information Regarding 9th Grade Career Tech (CTE) Class Rotations

Parents/Guardians,

Ninth (9th) grade students at Benson Tech rotate through a series of 4.5 week classes that are intended to give them time to experience our Career Pathway options and to begin to plan for their future as a high school student and beyond. Their first class rotation date will be this coming Thursday Oct. 15th.

Wednesday Oct. 14th will be the last class period for their first CTE rotation. Please look for information in your student's email about where to go for their CTE period in their class schedule on Oct. 15th, which is the first day of their new CTE rotation class.

Thanks

Sara Callies

Curriculum Vice Principal

A Message to our Juniors & Seniors (College Virtual Visits)

Please click on the link below to access the virtual meetings for college visits for the week of October 12th –16th.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i-lxrmfpNXMqTt_HLvFsNhdUyRA9u3uKPT8oda1kHPw/edit?usp=sharing

Benson Tech Counseling/Amy Henry

A Message from our Dean of Students/Climate Coach

Parents/Guardians please be sure to read this very important information regarding DISCORD which is a new online platform that allows students to talk to each other online and could pose some safety concerns regarding our students.

<https://docs.google.com/document/>

[d/1kXndimFi8QdNIfcoJ35LA7W4N8khnSNd5TASkOGE0ko/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kXndimFi8QdNIfcoJ35LA7W4N8khnSNd5TASkOGE0ko/edit?usp=sharing)

Colleen Johnston

BHS Dean of Students/Climate Coach

A Message from the Yearbook Committee Class at Benson Tech

The Yearbook committee is super excited to bring to you Benson's 2020 yearbook! To properly capture what 2020-21 is all about, we'll need your help!

We will be asking for student and parent photo submissions for various yearbook sections as well as story tips. There are so many students that are rising above the challenges of 2020.

Together with Leadership we will be giving you updates through their official IG page @btechleadership. If you have any other questions or suggestions please feel free to contact us:

Got a story to share?

Got a story you want to share? Tips? Shoot us a pitch!

bhsyearbookinfor2020@gmail.com

Senior Photos needed!

*Senior Photos are optional but if you have them, send them here! *deadline has yet to be determined**

BHSSeniorPhotos2020@gmail.com

BHS Yearbook Committee

A Message from Melissa Brabham (VP Secretary)

Class of 2021!!

On **Friday October 9th** Jostens (graduation supply vendor) mailed 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

Climate Team Invite

Parents/Guardians please see the link below for a special invite to the BHS Climate Team. Information regarding the BHS Climate Team is within the link.

Your Voice Matters!!

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1KX7DrEoH9Yvz8OXA56dfeW5s7HGoVr-hOeqP-jiApg4/edit?usp=sharing>

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

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

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

A Message from Kia Swain Regarding Resources for Families

Hello Benson Students and Families!

If your son or daughter receives special education services and they're a Junior or Senior, their respective case manager has identified them to attend Benson's first Transition/Career focused small group instruction. This small group will be facilitated by Benson's Youth Transition Program coordinator, Mrs. Kia Swain and supported by Benson's career coordinator, Mrs. Miranda Ryan. We will work together to provide your student information to develop their post-secondary plans. As well as, locate employment, internship, volunteer or other career based opportunities

Purpose: To support Junior and Senior students to identify your skills/strengths, support you to identify specific, achievable career goals and then design and implement strategies to reach your goals. Also, we will discuss self-advocacy in the area of disability disclosure and accommodations with workplace employers or school staff.

When: Every other Monday, 1- 2:15 pm (asynchronous time)

First session: Monday, October 12th, 2020. Then, 10/26, 11/9, 11/23, 12/7, 12/14 (special session before Winter break).

Where: Go to **meet.google.com**. Click use a **meeting code**. Enter the **code** and click Continue. Click ask to join: Here's our Google meets code: vmq-jbhq-mwt

Each student has received a personal email from Mrs. Kia Swain. Please encourage your student to check their PPS gmail account for their personal invitation.

Mrs. Ryan and I are excited to meet all of the attendees. We look forward to learning more about your student and how to support them in reaching their individual goals.

Mrs. Kia Swain

Youth Transition Program

Career/Transition Coordinator

Benson HS (Monday/Tuesday)

503-916-5100 x 77262

Roosevelt HS (Wednesday-Friday)

503-916-5100 x 82385

Work Cell- 971-413-9588

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.

4TH ANNUAL MY HAIR MY HEALTH

MY HAIR MY HEALTH PDX

ZOOM

START DATE: 10/10/2020 11:00AM

END DATE: 10/10/2020 1:30PM

Our theme this year is Centering Black Women and Their Families' Healing and Wellness. We have exceptional speakers lined up and a dynamic program prepared just for you.

Keynote: Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty.

Topics include Generational Healing, Clean Living, Movement and Nutrition.

*The first 50 people who register will receive a FREE hair care sample package in the mail!

Registration details: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_St9Ao8pGTLKhpryufx10FA

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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>

Friday, October 16, 2020-Community College Programs

- PCC Microelectronics Technology (1:00pm-2:00pm) [Zoom Link-Click here](#)

Friday, Oct. 23, 2020

OMIC, Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (1:00pm-2:00pm) [Zoom Link-Click here](#)

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

October 13th 2020

This day will focus on registered apprenticeship. In the morning, participants will learn about apprenticeship, training details, and learn how to apply. The afternoon session will highlight apprentices in the construction industry.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 to 11 am: What is Apprenticeship & How to Apply? At this session, hear from apprenticeship coordinators in the construction trades. They will discuss details of their training program, how to apply, and tips for a successful application. **(Webinar Link: <https://rb.gy/nqh3wa>)**

1 to 2 pm: A Day-in-a-Life of an Apprentice. Are you interested in what it is like to work on a construction site, or curious es? Hear from current apprentices as they share their experiences on the job site and about exactly what an apprentice does. **(Webinar Link: <https://rb.gy/i3ahxn>)**

Wednesday Oct 21st- "Tools to Build Your Future"-

Sessions will include:

- Career awareness interactive presentations delivered by industry speakers representing a broad range of career pathways
- Information about advanced training and job readiness options
- Financial aid and scholarship options
- Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs
- 2 and 4 year colleges (including supports for first generation college students)
- College sessions for Black, Latinx and Native students
- College test preparation and updates
- Gap year programs

All students in grades 9-12 will choose two break out sessions dedicated to career exploration in the morning and in the afternoon, students in grades 11 and 12 will choose three postsecondary action planning sessions.

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

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

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Pre-registration will start on October 12th, 2020

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

mrvan1@pps.net

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.

A Message from the Tech Pride Boosters of Benson Tech

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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

Student Services

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<http://www.mesdoutdoorschool.org/>