



November 23rd 2020

Parent/Teacher Conferences: November 23rd & 24th

Parent Teacher Conferences have been pre-scheduled with teachers for Monday Nov. 23rd and Tuesday Nov. 24th. If you would like to schedule an appointment or you have technical difficulties and need assistance follow these links for help:

Conference Overview Page: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dRhjYzmZHQaVzBBJc85jOac9MZ0GH4rDOCLXLdwG0k0/edit?usp=sharing>

Interpretation Help: <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/88029437272>

Scheduling and General Assistance: <https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/84993187068>

BHS Admin Team

ParentVue Talks with Parents/Guardians

During the two conference days Benson Tech will offer talks about ParentVue. ParentVue is an app you can have on your phone that tells you about your student's attendance and grades. You will be able to see the grades for all your students in PPS. Please click on the link to access information regarding this important resource for Parents/Guardians.

Christina Thompson (ELL Instructor)

[ParentVue Link](#)

Canvas Support During Conferences from Virtual Scholars

Open invitation from the Virtual Scholars Program for any PPS high school family to get support for **Canvas and other CDL tech** during conferences. Families can grab one of our many slots during conferences to ask questions and get one-on-one support from the Virtual Scholars team. They can come **any** time between 8:30 and 4:30.

Families: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/virtualscholars/>

*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

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

Parents/Guardians

*Please click on the link
below to read about
updated information
regarding the District's
New Attendance Policies
set to start Thursday
December 3rd.*

*[District's New Attendance
Code Policy](#)*

*Benson Tech Weekly
Athletic Update*

[Please Click Here](#)

Benson Tech Gear Store (Closes December 2nd 2020)

Parent/Guardians,

In working with our Athletic Director Scott Archer we have put together a BHS Team Store where you can order Benson Tech Gear online and have it shipped directly to your place of residence. With COVID restrictions in place we are not able to rely on our own in house supply that we would normally get from our Tech Algebra students. The items from this store are for staff, families and supporters of Benson Tech to be able to purchase Benson Tech gear safely during this pandemic. Let's go ahead and showcase that Benson Tech Pride.

Please note that the BHS store is only open for two weeks (closes Dec. 2nd) and then it will shut down until a later date.

Thanks

Principal Wilson

<https://mandrillapp.com/track/click/30837889/www.bsnteamssports.com?p=eyJzljoidjFZQzkwNExYMjVkmWdNR3RjOVFFb1VRZI9Jliwidil6MSwicCI6IntclnVclj ozMDgzNzg4OSxcInZcljoxLFwidXJsXCI6XCJodHRwczpcXFwvXFxcL3d3dy5ic250ZWFtc3BvcnRzLmNvbVxcXC9zaG9wXFxcLzBmbmFGc1BTWmRclixclmlkXCI6XCiwZWRIzTBkOGYxYWM0ZDk4YmRmMDg5ZmQ3NzJlMDllMlwiLFwidXJsX2lkcl1wiOltcljBjNDk5ODJhMWIzMDUzZDNhOWY5Nzc0ZjMzZTQ1YTE1NzgzMTBkZDZcll19In0>

PPS Lottery Transfer Cycle

Parents/Guardians if you know of anyone, student or family member that is looking to come to Benson Tech for the 2021-2022 school year then please be sure to pass along this information.

The PPS Lottery Transfer Cycle opened up November 12th and closes December 11th. Please click on the links below for more information regarding the Lottery Process for families interested in attending Benson Tech.

[pps.net/schoolchoice](https://www.pps.net/schoolchoice)

<https://www.pps.net/8thgradeinfo>

The BHS Admin Team

A Message from our Wellness Center Coordinator & Social Worker Caroline Bleckmann

Dear Benson Tech families,

If your family is needing holiday help, please feel free to reach out to me, and I can help you find what's out there! Email, call, & text are fine. [Here](#) is a link to organizations offering holiday help. You can also look up holiday help resources on 211.org.

Sincerely,

[Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW](#), She/her

School Social worker, Benson Polytechnic High School

[Benson Wellness Center](#)

Cell/Non-urgent texting: 503-729-3486

Monday-Friday, 8-4:00

[How can the School Social Worker help me?](#)

Outside of office hours, if you or your loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, please call the Multnomah County Crisis line at 503-988-4888.

The Benson Wellness Center is back open!

Students are seen by appointment only; sorry, no walk-ins due to COVID Restrictions.

Need a medical appointment? There are two steps:

Step 1: Register if you are a first time patient at 503-494-8505.

Step 2: Call to schedule an appointment in person or virtually at 503-418-0409

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A Message from the BHS Counseling Department

The counseling team visited all the 9th graders in Fit to Live and Learn this week to discuss skills and strategies for high school success. Students got to meet their school counselor that they will have all four years, heard of the different resources available to them at Benson HS, learned what is required for graduation and what credits look like on a HS transcript. In addition to discussing strategies to manage stress in our distance learning, 9th graders also examined how what they are learning now, connects to post high school and beyond.

The counseling team is so impressed with how well the 9th graders are doing; considering all that they are navigating in this new world of distance learning. Great work 9th graders!

If families would like to see the slides used in the 9th grade presentation, they are located on the counseling website under the 9th grade tab:

<https://sites.google.com/pps.net/bensontechcounseling/grade-level-information/freshmen?authuser=0>

Christy Wheeler

School Counselor

Benson Polytechnic High School

971-378-0461

Students with last name P-Z

She/Her pronouns

<https://sites.google.com/pps.net/bensontechcounseling/home>

College Newsletter: Please click on the link below to access information from our College Coordinator Kathleen Reed

[College Newsletter](#)

A Message from Kia Swain

Grace Christian Fellowship Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Contact Sara Cohoe at graceadministry@gmail.com or call 503-286-2085 to sign up for a Thanksgiving Food Box. More information at this link <http://www.gcfportland.org/bulletin/>

St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Call their request line: 503 235-8431 M-F 9:30am-12pm and 1pm-3pm.

Christmas Food Boxes

Sunshine Division Christmas Food Boxes:

<https://sunshinedivision.org/programs/>

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 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

Yearbook Announcement for Students

Each week, yearbook will be asking for photos and stories in different areas of interest. Given the unique situation, we really need support to document this historical year. Please help us represent your students.

This week:

CALL FOR BLACK LIVES MATTER PHOTOS

This year's yearbook must represent our students who have been a part of the Black Lives Matter movement! Have your students been involved with or attended any Black Lives Matter protests? We are looking for photos of demonstrations, marches, street art and events in Portland.

Submit your photos to kmico@gmail.com. Please include your name and the name of any Benson students in the photo so we can contact them for permission. Please include any personal stories.

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Writing Resumes December 10th, 2020 1:00-2:30 Get the latest information on how to effectively write and format job search documents, such as what information to include, how to create a targeted resume, and to illustrate how your qualifications "fit" with a position. Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/aeEf2ei57iwWSvAJ9>

December 2nd Climate Careers Summit.

Together, we'll learn about our region's Climate Action Plan and over a dozen job tracks here and around the world that build a brighter climate future. As our guest, you will meet inspirational speakers who will share their climate-related careers in fields as diverse as architecture, construction, engineering, energy efficiency, health care, justice, renewable power, transportation and more. You will also learn about internships and continuing education opportunities to get a job in these growing fields. Let's build our future!

All students in grades 9-12 will choose two break out sessions dedicated to meet inspirational speakers who will share their climate-related careers in fields as diverse as architecture, construction, engineering, energy efficiency, health care, justice, renewable power, transportation, and more.

10:00am-10:20am-Welcome and Opening - Keynote Speaker

10:30am-11:00am-Workshop Session I

11:10am-11:40am-Workshop Session II

11:50am-11:59am-PSU

11:59am-12:00am-Closing Remarks

To learn more, choose your sessions and pre-register
[go to the Registration page](#)

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HOMA with Spencer Garland / BRENDA ARTS

Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | November 30, December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16

In this workshop, students will learn about museums and power structures within the art world through a survey of contemporary Black artists and exhibitions. We'll create modern art collections in our homes by way of building original work and using digital video to curate and share our HOMA collections. Using online platforms to explore and exchange ideas, images, and information we'll define our own aesthetics and create personal canons outside the constraints of formal institutions.

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

Surviving Isolation: Zine Making in the Time of Remote Learning with Inés Paulina Ramírez

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm | December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17

In an era of remote learning, how do we stay creatively connected to our friends, our school communities, and the experience of being a high schooler in 2020? This workshop offers students the opportunity to use multiple forms of creative expression to document and connect with each other at the intersection of COVID 19, racial justice protests, and a highly polarized election. Students will journal, draw, collage and compile playlists in order to create and share an original zine that encapsulates this moment in time.

[REGISTER HERE.](#)

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Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 12:00pm-12:45pm: Post-Secondary Presentation - -PCC, Exercise Science - Tanya Littrell/Alma Eaton Connected Careers-Sports, Health

[Click to join the session on Wednesday, December 2, at 12:00 PM](#)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Career Presentation -PCC, Computer Inform. Systems/ Comp. Sci. Transfer (Michele Maxwell)

[Click to join the session on Wednesday, December 2 at 1:00 pm](#)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm: Career Presentation-Jay LaValley, Managing Partner-Verizon Connected Careers-Business, Technology

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, December 2 at 3:00 pm](#)

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 from 1:00 pm-1:45 pm: Post-Secondary Presentation- PCC Engineering Technology: Civil, Mechanical, Electronic-Linda Browning, Student Advisor. Connected Careers-Engineering: Civil, Mechanical, Electronic

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, December 9 at 1:00 pm](#)

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 from 3:00pm-3:45pm: Career Presentation - PSU, Anna Weichsel-Architect/PSU Professor Connected Careers-Architecture, Construction, Education, Design and Applied Art [Click to join the session on Wednesday, November 4, at 2:00 PM](#)

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Contact Information:

Miranda Ryan

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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.

Please continue on the next page.....

A Message from the BHS Attendance Office

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.

With the advent of distance learning, there are some questions that have arisen. I am finding that the majority of questions regarding attendance are addressing asynchronous classes. The following is an explanation of how this and other attendance calls could be avoided.

Asynchronous days are not live sessions with the instructor. There are various ways your student can contact the teacher for attendance purposes.

- They log on and just check in with the teacher.

- They contact the teacher by emailing if they have any questions or need assistance with the assignment.

- They complete the posted assignment and turn it in. The assignment cannot be turned in late to count toward attendance. While they may receive credit for turning it in late they would still be counted as absent if they don't contact the teacher in another way.

- Their parent may email the attendance email at benson-attendance@pps.net to leave a valid reason for the absence (illness, appointment, etc.)

If you get a call saying your student has missed a period, I would correspond with the classroom teacher directly. I will always need authorization from the classroom teacher to correct an absence. By contacting the teacher directly, they can send me an email for a quick correction. This is also important because the State of Oregon mandates that I may not make corrections to attendance more than three school days prior to the current school date.

Norma L. Lawson
School/Attendance Secretary
Benson Polytechnic High School