



December 7th 2020

PPS Lottery Transfer Cycle (Date Extended)

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 17th at 5:00pm.** 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 the Benson Tech Yearbook Class

To all BHS Students, Staff and Families,

Welcome to Yearbook Binge Week, where everyday we are going to provide you with unique ways to contribute and participate in this year's extra-special yearbook.

Please see the attached flyer for all the links!

Today we prioritize [Senior Photos, Quotes and Baby Photos!](#)

Many more ways for all Techsters and families to participate today. Check it out!

Thank you and can't wait to see you in the 2020/2021 yearbook!

BHS Yearbook Staff

Ms. Mico

Digital Media Instructor

Leadership Class Announcements

Please note that we have the Leadership Class Announcements for this week. This week's announcements will feature: Honor Roll Spin to Win, Mr. Granville's Attendance Video, Spirit Week Information, Yearbook Binge Flyer and an Introduction to this year's Associated Student Body (ASB) members.

The link is listed below and please be sure to take a few minutes from your 2nd period class to play this video for our students.

Thanks so much for your support Go tech!

<https://youtu.be/DgwoAckZ03E>

Lisa Sweeney

Leadership & Activities Coordinator

***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](https://www.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 Policy***

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

***Benson Tech Weekly
Athletic Update***

[Please Click Here](#)

***BHS Attendance
Engagement Challenge***

***Please see attached flyer
for details.***

A Message from the BHS TAG Department

Hello TAG Families,

The PPS TAG Department has extended the due date for TAG nominations to be completed by December 18th. If you have nominated a student you now have until December 18th to complete the form and send it back to me.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Have a great week.

K. Nicole Kennedy, LPN

Health Science Instructor

Black Student Union Adviser

TAG Facilitator

Benson Alumni

Benson Polytechnic High School

546 NE 12 Ave.

Portland, OR 97232

A Message from Benson's Youth Transition Coordinator

Camp ELSO is distributing Covid relief funds totalling \$9,000 ranging \$100-\$500 to families and community members who have been impacted by Covid. We want to hear directly from you and what you and your households need assistance on. Qualifications are reduced/free lunch or proof of bills are required to apply.

Applications need to be submitted no later than Friday, December 11. Only 1 request per household. Distributions of funds will be before December 24th.

I am seeking referrals for 3 more students/families. Please send me the students and parent name with contact information. I will reach out.

Thank you!

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

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

If you are a family in need of financial help over the holiday break, please complete this [form](#). The Counselors and Social Worker will work to distribute Fred Meyer gift cards to as many families as we can. We will inform you the week before holiday break if we can provide you with one.

If you are a family who can offer help during the holidays to other Tech Families, we are collecting Fred Meyer gift cards. Send gift cards to Benson High School, attn: Caroline Bleckmann: 546 NE 12th Ave, Portland, OR 97232; **deadline is December 11. Gift cards received after December 11 will be reserved for ongoing needs of Benson families.**

Si usted es una familia que necesita ayuda financiera durante las vacaciones este año, complete [este formulario](#). Los consejeros escolares y los trabajadores sociales trabajarán para distribuir tarjetas de regalo a tantas familias como podamos. Le informaremos la semana anterior a las vacaciones si podremos proporcionarle tarjetas de regalo.

Si usted es una familia que puede ofrecer ayuda durante las fiestas a otras familias de Tech, estamos recolectando tarjetas de regalo de Fred Meyer para compartir. Envíe las tarjetas de regalo antes del 11 de diciembre a Benson High School, a la atención de: Caroline Bleckmann: 546 NE 12th, Portland, OR 97232

Textbook Distribution

Please note the Librarian Assistant Irma Johnson is hopeful that we'll be able to pass out Textbooks on Wednesday December 2nd in the Horseshoe Parking Lot area from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. The Horseshoe Parking Lot area is located off of 15th street in the back of the school. Once you pull into the one-way lot you will see a door that will be open to the DMP room where you can walk up and be handed your textbooks. Please be sure that you have your masks on and remain outside in the horseshoe lot area during the transaction.

Irma Johnson

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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BHS Parent Support Group

Parents and Guardians: Are you interested in talking with other parents and guardians in the Benson community? We are interested in starting a Parent Support Group, a confidential area where parents can gather. Take our quick survey so we can see what interest is out there. We've already heard from some parents that they need something like this. Are you interested? Let us know.

Thanks!

<https://forms.gle/6AsD2aCSqPTT2j458>

Colleen Johnston (Colleen the Dean)
Benson Polytechnic High School
Dean of Students & Team Leader of School Climate
Office phone: 503-916-5100 ext. 77106
Work cell with text: 503-610-3450
(pronouns: she/her/hers)

Parentvue Follow Up:

Thank you to Melissa Brabham for helping to make the Benson ParentVue information session possible.

If you were not able to attend:

[Here is the slideshow with information](#)

(https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GcJbeWyTUQtSy83eeydLwqAlbwnf8BMaxbdt60aQSRk/edit?usp=sharing_)

If you have had ParentVue in the past, but it isn't working. You may need to update your information. Please contact Norma Lawson at nlawson@pps.net

If you have never had parentvue and would like to sign up please contact Melissa Brabham at mbrabham@pps.net

Si quiere ayuda en espanol escribes a Christina Thompson at cthompson@pps.net

Warmly,

Christina Thompson (she/her)
ESL Teacher, Benson High School
cthompson@pps.net

A Message from our College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

Kathleen Reid

College Counselor and AVID Coordinator, Kathleen Reid, can be reached at kreid@pps.net or 971-238-8322. You can also visit our college webpage for detailed information about college planning: [Benson College Webpage](#)

AVID INFO:

AVID Parent/Guardian Night will be held on Monday, December 7th from 6-7:30 p.m.

Find out what is happening in AVID this year. Information will be presented by our AVID elective teachers, Ms. Kennybrew and Mr. Guth, and you will meet the new College Counselor/AVID Coordinator, Kathleen Reid. Our meeting will be held on Zoom and can be accessed [here](#). Interpretation will be available. Join the link for instructions.

COLLEGE INFO:

[Link](#) to the presentation for seniors applying to 4-year colleges in case you missed it.

FAFSA Completion Night is scheduled for December 9th from 6-8 p.m. It will be online, and students and parents/guardians can receive one-on-one help in breakout rooms with completing their FAFSAs. Translation services will be available. The link to sign up is [here](#).

A Message from our College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

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College Applications:

- For information on completing college applications, please refer to our [College Website](#) and the [Applying to College](#).
- If you need school documentation sent to colleges, like transcripts or letters of recommendation, you must request documentation through [Maia Learning](#), our college and career platform.
- If applying to colleges that require the Common App, you must link the Common App to Maia Learning. See [Applying to College](#) information.

Financial Aid:

- If you will be applying to colleges (4-year colleges or community colleges), complete the [FAFSA](#) financial aid application or [ORSAA](#) (non-US citizen students) so that you can receive financial aid if you qualify.
- If you have completed a FAFSA, be sure **all** your schools are listed. You will not receive financial aid from a school that is not listed on your FAFSA.

Scholarships:

- Find a list of scholarships on the Benson College Website on the [Scholarship tab](#).
- If you are applying to community college and have at least a 2.5 GPA, you may qualify for the Oregon Promise which will provide a scholarship that pays up to all of your tuition at any Oregon community college. See application for the [Oregon Promise](#).
- The deadline for the [Kaiser Permanente Scholarship](#) is approaching. This is for students planning to pursue a major related to healthcare. Register by December 23rd. One student from Benson will be awarded this scholarship!
- [OSAC](#) scholarship application is open. OSAC is one application that links Oregon students to hundreds of scholarships.
- The [Ford Family Foundation Scholarship](#) is for students who have significant financial need. It covers 90% of Tuition AND Room/Board.

Kathleen Reid (she/her)
College Counselor/AVID Coordinator
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A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

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](#)

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>

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December 11, 2020 Aerospace Career Day for Oregon high school students that will take place next. The goal of the event is to show the diversity of people and careers in the field while providing students with resources as they transition out of high school. RSVP by visiting tinyurl.com/AerospaceCareerDay2020.

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan
Career Learning Opportunities

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.](#)

Shift Fashion Design: We are in the process of searching for student designers interested in collaborating with a professional designer to co-design and create a garment using recycled and found materials for a fashion show fundraiser. The final designs would be modeled in our virtual gala in May by local drag performers. All of the design process planning would happen virtually to be mindful of keeping everyone safe and healthy during this time. Here is a link with more information and a link to the application: <https://mailchi.mp/7e3c0dec8247/calling-all-student-designers>

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Job Openings

KingPins Portland | 503-788-7889 General Manager | www.myKingPins.com

AmazonWarehousePosition (Troutdale, Hillsboro, Tualatin): <https://search.amazondelivers.jobs/search-jobs?alp=6252001-5744337&alt=3&CMPID=prprlc0780h6&AZREF=https://www.amazon.jobs/>

Albertsons/Safeway (Multiple/positions/Locations): <https://recruiting.adp.com/srcar/public/RTI.home?c=1208301&d=Externa>

Target: <https://jobs.target.com/>

DollarTree (Multiple positions/locations):

<https://www.dollartree.com/careers-stores>

FedEx ground

(Troutdale/Package Handler): <https://careers.fedex.com/groundwarehousejobs/jobs?>

[stretch](#)

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Fred Meyer (Multiple positions/locations):

<https://jobs.kroger.com/fred-meyer/go/Fred-Meyer/587600/>

Winco (Multiple positions/locations):

<https://careers-winco.icims.com/jobs/intro?hashed=-435746306>

Instacart [Grocery shopper](#), [Food store delivery](#)

Safeway [Night crew member](#), [retail clerk](#), [courtesy clerk](#), [checker](#), [cashier](#), and [more](#).

UPS [Package handler](#), [dockworker](#), [package center supervisor](#), [warehouse associate](#), [driver](#), and [more](#).

Whole Foods [In-store shopper](#), [team member](#), [picker/packer](#), [dishwasher](#), and [more](#).

McDonald's : <https://careers.mcdonalds.com/main/jobs>

Walmart : <https://careers.walmart.com/>

Taco Bell : <https://www.tacobell.com/careers>

Ace Hardware: <https://www.acehardware.com/careers>

Walgreens: <https://jobs.walgreens.com/>

Lowe's: <https://corporate.lowes.com/careers/career-areas/seasonal-jobs>

The Home Depot: <https://careers.homedepot.com/>

Domino's : <https://jobs.dominos.com/dominos-careers/>

Instawork: <https://www.instawork.com/>

7-Eleven: <https://sites.7-eleven.com/careers/home>

AutoZone: <https://careers.autozone.com/jobs>

Michaels: <https://www.michaels.com/careers--store-positions/Store-Positions.html>

For more information about job openings go to: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/heres-whos-hiring-right-now-andrew-seaman/>

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