



January 11th 2021

Parents/Guardians

Please be sure to pass this message onto your students. Please note that the Advisory Class in StudentVue and ParentVue is a place holder in which you all will begin to receive important announcements and information regarding forecasting for the next school year but please note that this is not an actual attendance/graded course for a students transcripts or schedule. Please be on the lookout for a new Canvas course to appear in the student's Canvas Dashboard page in early January.

Thanks,
Sara Callies (she/her/hers)
Vice Principal

A Message from the BHS Math Department

Need help with math? Tutoring is now available M/W/Th/F from 3:15 - 4:15 using the Google Meet code: bhsmathtutoring We look forward to seeing you and answering your questions!
BHS Math Department

AP Information/See Attached AP Introductory Meeting Schedule

AP information sessions will take place on **Wednesday January 13th**. Forecasting will be occurring not long after winter break, so students are **required** to attend the informational session of the class they are interested in taking next year. If the student cannot attend the info session, they should email the teacher of that specific class. Juniors and Seniors are eligible to take AP classes at Benson.

Megan Hill/AP 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

***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 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.

Link for Parent Survey about having a Parent Support Group:
<https://forms.gle/i8mUVysk34e62bp87>

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

Rose Festival Information Session

If you need more information or have questions, please email Miss Melissa at mbrabham@pps.net

Topic: Rose Festival Court Info Session - Join the Court!

- * Thursday, January 28, 6:30pm
- * Saturday, January 30, 1pm
- * Tuesday, February 2, 6:30pm

Parent/Student Court Program Overview - Q&A about judging, and the benefits of the program

- * Tuesday, February 9, 7pm
- * Thursday, February 18, 7pm
- * Saturday, February 20, 1pm

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84089401010?pwd=VTJhL1VoUGxubzEwYlZNTkhFZEZsZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 8940 1010

Passcode: 186284

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,84089401010#,,,,*186284# US (Houston)

Melissa Brabham

VP Secretary

Benson Tech Rose Festival Coordinator

Textbook Distribution

Please note the Librarian Assistant Irma Johnson is hopeful that we'll be able to pass out Textbooks on Wednesday January 13th and Wednesday January 27th 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 the Benson Tech Counseling Team

YOUTH RESOURCE APP NOW AVAILABLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID USERS

Search "youth resource app" on the Apple app and Google Play app stores.

The Youth Resource App is a free resource for all Portland area youth, funded by PPS and created by the PPS mental health advisory team along with 100+ PPS students. PPS does not specifically endorse any of the listed agencies. Each organization has their own independent mission and vision. We know the app is likely missing some information. Consider this the 1.0 version.

If a student does not have a phone, they can access the same information on their chromebook at [this URL](#).

Email us to give feedback. youthresourceapp@pps.net

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Amy Henry (she/her)

Counselor/Supervisor, Social Courtyard

Benson Polytechnic High School

Working with Students with the last name A-Gq

971-378-0457 (phone/text)

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](#)

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Important information for seniors/parents or guardians:

FAFSA Completion Night is scheduled for January 13th 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](#).

COLLEGE INFO:

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.

Important Upcoming College Application Deadlines:

January 15th – University of Oregon, Final Deadline

February 1st – Oregon State University, Priority Application Deadline to be considered for scholarships

Many private application deadlines have passed or are due very soon. Check Maia Learning or college websites for details.

PCC:

If you are interested in attending Portland Community College after graduation, there will be an upcoming PCC Preview Day. Information to follow soon. To ensure that *juniors and seniors* receive information about PCC Preview Day postcard, please **apply to PCC** or **submit an interest form** if you have not already done so.

Apply to PCC: pcc.edu/admissions **PCC interest form:** [PCC Interest form](#)

Seniors applying to PCC, don't forget to apply for the [Oregon Promise](#) scholarship and [Future Connect](#) is a really great scholarship/mentoring program at PCC too. The priority deadline is January 31st.

A Message from our College Counselor/AVID Coordinator Kathleen Reid

FINANCIAL AID:

· See information above about FAFSA Completion Help Night on January 13th.

· 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. Be sure all your schools are listed. You will not receive financial aid from a school that is not listed on your FAFSA/ORSAA.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Find a more extensive list of scholarships on the Benson College Website on the [Scholarship tab](#).

January 14 [APIA Scholarship](#) (Asian/Pacific Islander)

January 31 [Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Scholarship](#) (Hispanic ancestry, permanently residing in Oregon or Clark County, Washington)

February 1 PSU [Diversity Scholarship](#)

February 1 [Renaissance Scholarship](#) (1st in family to attend college, and no siblings have or are attending)

March 1 [Portland Scholarship Fund](#) (Black/African American students)

March 1 [OSAC](#) (Application database to hundreds scholarships for Oregon residents)

March 1 [Ford Family Scholarship](#) (Must be Pell Grant Eligible and attend college in Oregon. Almost a full-ride!!)

March 1 [Ron Herndon Scholarship](#) (Through Black United Fund for Black students)

March 1 [Ethel Simon-McWilliams Scholarship](#) (Through Black United Fund for Black students)

March 1 [The Multnomah Athletic Club Loprinzi Scholarship](#) (must be good student, participate in community service, athlete & have financial need)

March 1 [Portland Scholarship Fund](#) (Black/African American students, up to \$35,000 per year for four years)

March 1 [PCC Future Connect](#) (First generation college students)

March 1 [Oregon College Savings Plan's Diversity in Leadership Scholarship](#) (Underrepresented and diverse students in pursuing college in Oregon)

March 12 [Greenfield Peach Scholarship](#) (This year's scholarship is for students who identify at BIPOC - Black, Indigenous, People of Color)

March 31 [Hearthstone Housing Scholarship](#) (Must live in Multnomah County and be from a low-income household)

June 1 [Oregon Promise](#) (Free tuition at any Oregon Community College. Must have a 2.5 GPA)

A Message from Benson's Youth Career/Transition Coordinator Kia Swain

I am looking for youth that may be interested in a paid internship opportunity. Information below:

1. Camp ELSO has another great EmpowHER cohort starting in February- beginning of April, for a real project, our home at Alberta Abbey. [EmpowHER application is OPEN](#) and due 1/15. The vision of this project is to *Create and Embody a living garden outdoor space for Black and Brown women/ femme/nb people to engage and HEAL through storytelling, culture and creative forms.* Alberta Abbey is a historically Black church in the Alberta Neighborhood, and we want to capture the histories of community members & descendants of the church.

This cohort will focus on 4 project paths that participants get to choose:

Digital Storytelling of Abbey, Past, Present & Future

Mental Health Event Planning

Design & Build of Outdoor Garden Healing Space- includes art interventions

Gardening & Healing

At the end of the cohort on April 10th, we will have a Build/Plant day that includes a pop up mental health event. This will be figured out in compliance with the latest CDC and OHA guides to keep us all safe.

For more details of the program, see our working Syllabus.

[EmpowHER Abbey Winter Cohort Syllabus](#)

Please share with BIPOC Women/femme/nb folks ages 14-20!

2. Your Street Your Voice winter cohort will be online starting January 12th, Tuesdays 4-6! This studio is with LEVER architecture and will be looking at Dekum neighborhood. Please share the [application](#) due 1/5 with your student networks and BIPOC youth ages 14-20. Here is the [syllabus](#), and the flyer attached.

Students get a \$250 stipend upon completion of either program!

3. OHSU Summer Internship Program- University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

<https://www.ohsu.edu/university-center-excellence-development-disability/summer-internship-program>

Please reach out to Mrs. Kia Swain for any questions-

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 Benson's Youth Career/Transition Coordinator Kia Swain

PPS students, we want to know what you think...

What does race have to do with the design of place and space?

What could racial equity and social justice look like if halls and walls could talk?

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

JOIN US FOR A CRITICAL RACE SPATIAL DISCUSSION.

As part of the development of a [long range facilities plan](#), PPS is hosting a series of [critical race spatial dialogues](#) with students to learn about your experiences and perceptions of PPS space.

We have sessions dedicated to BIPOC students only and sessions that are open to all students. To participate in a dialogue session, please use one of the links below to register.

Event: BIPOC Student Groups

Please select the time that works best for you.

Time zone: Pacific Time - US & Canada [Change](#)

WED	THU	SAT	THU
Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 23	Jan 28
4:00pm	4:00pm	1:00pm	4:00pm

Event: All Student Group

Please select the time that works best for you.

Time zone: Pacific Time - US & Canada [Change](#)

TUE	SAT
Jan 26	Jan 30
4:00pm	1:00pm

MALE LEADER & EMPOWERMENT
VIRTUAL GROUP

Students Support Group for Young Men

Starts: January 8th 2021

Every Friday 3:00 -3:45 pm

What: The program empowers young men academically and socially. Students participating will be provided space to share some obstacles and some of their personal frustrations with school. Topics to be discussed will include peer pressure, self-discipline, schedule planning and dealing with peer pressure.

We will bring in professional guest speakers who will offer guidance and discuss career option opportunities.

For more information, you can reach Montreal Granville at 971-413-3134. Email address: Mgranville@pps.net

A Message from our Wellness Center Coordinator & Social Worker

Caroline Bleckmann

Dear Benson Tech Families,

If your family is needing 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 our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Career Opportunities

Career Talks(Future U To GO)

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm: Post-Secondary Presentation- PCC Swan Island Trades Center (Salvador Castaneda) **Connected Careers-Trades/Apprenticeships**

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, January 13 at 1:00 pm](#)

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 2:00pm-2:45pm: Career Presentation-Victor Villegas, Technology & Media Support Coordinator-OSU Extension Service.

Meet Victor, who is a Technology & Media Support Coordinator for OSU Extension Service. Learn about how his career grew through commercial printing, digital media production of technology support. **Connected Careers: Computer Science, Technology, Graphic Arts and Digital Media**

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, January 13 at 2:00 pm](#)

Public Health Student Organization (PHSO) is excited to announce their first event geared towards Portland high school students!

This event is called “Paths to Public Health” and will take place via a zoom meeting (link below) next Wednesday, January 13th from 2:30-3:30 pm, PST.

Will offer a panel of undergraduate and graduate school students from the School of Public Health (Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and Portland State University (PSU)).

Will provide a brief intro into the many different education paths within public health, an opportunity for SPH undergraduate and graduate students to share about their personal experiences. We hope by exposing high school students to some of the future education opportunities will enable them to think about their future and interests, and explore the many careers and opportunities within public health.

Time: Jan 13, 2021 02:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://pdx.zoom.us/j/84840445141>

Meeting ID: 848 4044 5141

Password: 029867

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

The FBI Careers Virtual Academy Starts February 4th, 2021 Registration deadline: January 15th, 2021. Some of the interesting and exciting topics that will be covered in our sessions are: Digital Evidence, Gathering & Analysis-Regional Forensics Lab, Identifying and Pursuing Today's Threats, Cyber Security and more!

Requirements: This is a group that meets Mondays and Thursdays from February 8 to March 29th. Pre-Registration is required to participate in the FBI Virtual Academy. This experience is for students in grades 10-12.

Applicants are committing to all (Academy, Explore and Prepare) sessions described above.

How to apply? Application link: <https://bit.ly/FBI-Academy-Reg>. Apply TODAY!

Deadline to submit your Registration is **January 15th, 2021.**

Bank of America Student Leader Program- Summer 2021

8-week paid internship + All-Expense Paid trip to Washington DC*

The 2021 Bank of America Student Leaders applications are open for community-minded juniors and seniors until 1/29/21! This is a fabulous paid internship opportunity with an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC.

Apply here: www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders

Saturday Academy's ASE Program offers 9-11th grade students the opportunity to work with scientists and engineers for eight-weeks, full time during the summer

Spend Your Summer with ASE:

- Learn about scientific & engineering careers
- Enhance your college application
- Gain hands-on, professional experience
- Meet other students who love science & engineering
- Receive a \$1,000 stipend

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH!

Contact ASE for more information: Call 503.200.5861 Email ase@saturdayacademy.org

How do I apply?

To apply, add internships to your locker at www.saturdayacademy.org/internships - from here you can start your application and create an ASE internship account. This allows you to save your progress.

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Professional Skills Development Workshop Series Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/EZU4xHB5c1x6FuaY8>

2/4/21 How to land a Job 1:00-2:30

Learn about how to search, apply and prepare for a job. These tips and tricks will help you safely look for a position.

2/11/21 LinkedIn/ Build your Brand 1:00-2:30

This workshop is all about building an online brand and presenting yourself in a professional manner. Your online brand will help to build a network of professional connections

3/4/21 Resume Building 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.

3/18/21 Interview Tips 1:00-2:30

Come learn the basics of interviewing and strategies to develop and improve your interview skills. We will discuss how to prepare for an interview, what employers expect, and how to handle the most common interview questions.

April 2021 Mock Interviews 1:00-3:00

Practice your interview skills with a professional. Get valuable advice to improve your chances of getting the job. Interview slots are limited. Interview times will occur between 1:00 and 3:00. Please register for a time as soon as possible.

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/2021interviews>

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Job Openings

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

Amazon Warehouse Position (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/srccar/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