



**February 15th 2021**

**PPS Successful School Survey**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a moment and participate in our District wide Successful Schools Family Survey. Your responses will help PPS and the Benson Tech Administration team understand your experiences regarding the climate and culture of the school and we will use this information to set goals and plan for next year. The survey will cover topics on school safety, school climate, barriers to family engagement, and how well Benson Tech fits your student's needs. Please be honest and thoughtful, and take your time to read and respond to the questions. This survey is critical to PPS and Benson Tech as we continue to grow, learn and adapt to make sure Benson Tech is supporting the needs of all students and staff within the building.

Please visit the link below on a computer, tablet, or smartphone and select Benson Tech as the school utilized by the survey. Choose the language that you are most comfortable with in taking the survey from the drop down menu and proceed. **This survey is only available from February 8th to March 19th 2021.** If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please contact the school office so that we can provide a way for you to take the survey as we do have hard copies available as well.

Families will go to <http://surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily>

Families will see a drop down list of all PPS schools and will select Benson Tech and complete the survey.

Families members will hit the blue "Submit" button to enter/submit their survey. Please note that if you do not hit the blue "Submit" button your responses will not be saved.

Thank you so much for your time and feedback!

***Principal Wilson***

**School Schedule For This Week**

Please note that there will be no Asynchronous Wednesday schedule because of the four day week. We will have an A Day schedule on Tuesday and Thursday and a B Day schedule on Wednesday and Friday.

***Benson Tech Admin***

***Please be sure to follow me  
on Twitter***

***@BensonTechPride***

***Please be sure to go to the  
BHS Website at  
[www.bensonhs.net](http://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](#)***

## FREE CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM AT BENSON TECH

Hello Benson Tech Students,

I am sure many of you know who I am, but in case you don't my name is Daniel Garcia. I am the Instructional Facilitator and Freshmen Success Team Lead at Benson Tech. Starting on Tuesday February 16th, we will begin a program allowing those students who need to make up previous credits for courses they did not successfully complete. This program is free and is available to all students and grades. Our credit retrieval program process is rather easy. After signing a completion agreement, students will begin working on their course(s) online in CANVAS. A mentor will be assigned to you to support your needs, as well as, any questions you may have as you work through your course material. Once you complete your course(s), a teacher within that subject area will grade the work and determine your final grade. Lastly, a grade change form will be sent to your counselor and your grade will be changed. If you have more than one course to retrieve the credit for, you will continue working until all of your credit retrieval courses are complete. The teachers, administrators, and support staff at Benson want nothing more than for you to succeed and graduate. We will do all we can to support you and your educational and career goals. **Please contact me so we can get you back on track. I'll be waiting to hear from you.**

Video: English/Spanish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63G5wZEmQHw&t=41s>

Newsletter Information:

Spanish Version:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f\\_s-EA6PcQ6Glllyqv4pqZzQju\\_ppFoZ7XVIYxmuThAo/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f_s-EA6PcQ6Glllyqv4pqZzQju_ppFoZ7XVIYxmuThAo/edit)

Sincerely,

Daniel Garcia

[dgarcia@pps.net](mailto:dgarcia@pps.net)

(503)298-5093

## **A Message from Benson's VP of Modernization Dan Malone**

Hi to all,

Here is the latest on the modernization project:

The new CTE Annex which will house the Automotive, Construction and Tech Geo programs for the next three years, will break ground on the Marshall HS campus in the next three weeks. It is due to be completed in time for classes this fall. Other upgrades to the Marshall campus are currently underway as well. Most of those upgrades include electrical improvements needed to host the many machines that are coming as well as "rearranging" a few walls to accommodate the CTE programs/majors.

Teachers are starting to clean up and clear out the building. What many are finding are pieces of equipment that date from the early 20s (that would be the 1920s). Numerous machines that will not have a home either on the Marshall Campus or in the new Benson Tech building have been removed from the classrooms and will be placed on the government auction site. Feel free to check them out at <https://www.govdeals.com/PortlandPublicSchools> . Since the holiday break three 20 yard dumpsters have been filled with recyclable metal!

Soon you will see the map from the district that will show where students will be able to catch the PPS sponsored school bus when the 21-22 academic year begins. Included will also be the map that shows where students will ride Tri Met instead of getting on the PPS bus.

Thanks for your support,

***Dan Malone***

***VP, Modernization***

## **A Message from the BHS Counseling Team**

Need to recover credit? PES (night school) is virtual this year and is free. It begins the week of Feb. 22. Contact your counselor to pre-register.

### ***The BHS Counseling Team***

**Freshman Forecasting:** Counselors will be forecasting freshman on Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb, 17th in PE/Health Classes. It is SUPER important that you attend these classes! All forecasting information will be available in your Freshmen Advisory Class located in Canvas.

### **Study Time Abroad (Please see Attached Flyer)**

Interested in spending a year abroad next year? CIEE is a nonprofit study abroad and intercultural exchange organization that provides opportunities to study abroad. A local private donor has given funding to CIEE for a student from Madison, Grant or Benson High School to study abroad for a year in either Spain or France. The scholarship includes a stipend. Attached is a flyer which explains more about the program. There will be an information session on Wednesday, March 3rd at 3:00 pm. See zoom meeting information below. Deadline to apply is April 1st, 2021.

Wednesday, March 3rd at 3:00 pm: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ciee.zoom.us/j/85409897231>

Meeting ID: 854 0989 7231

***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)***

### **Benson Tech College Newsletter (Please See Attachment)**

Parents/Guardians please be sure to open up the attachment "College Newsletter" for important information regarding resources, important dates and support for college and post secondary education.

Thanks

***Kathleen Reid***  
***College Counselor/AVID Coordinator***

### **AP Exam Registration (Please See Attachment)**

AP exam registration for second semester classes is now open. Please see the AP attachment for specific instructions on how to register. It is important to follow the instructions exactly as written to avoid a \$40 late fee payment. If your student took an AP class in the fall, and you still want to register, you can at this time, you'll just need to pay a \$40 late fee. The registration deadline is March 2. The fee waiver deadline is February 26.

***Megan Hill***

***AP Exam Coordinator***

***mhill2@pps.net***

### **Rose Festival Information Session**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Rose Festival Interest Meeting Dates

NEW DATES: All info and program overview combined for students, their parents, (and/or any school admins who are curious!)

**Thursday, February 18, 7pm**

**Saturday, February 20, 1pm**

Students can [SIGN UP HERE](#) to be sent the meeting link.

Please contact Ms. Melissa Brabham at [mbrabham@pps.net](mailto:mbrabham@pps.net) if you need more information

***Melissa Brabham/VP Secretary***

***Benson Tech Rose Festival Coordinator***

# Celebrating KBOO Black History and Future!

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[Special Programming: Just for You](#)

KBOO Black History and Future!

Join KBOO every Tuesday at 7 p.m. throughout the month of February to hear interviews from some of your favorite KBOO programmers!

We'll be diving into the history of Black KBOO, and Black Portland as a whole. We'll cover subjects ranging from gentrification, religion, Black media and journalism and much more!

Every Tuesday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

***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***

## **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 January.

Thanks,

***Sara Callies (she/her/hers)***  
***Curriculum 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***

## **Textbook Distribution**

Please note the Librarian Assistant Irma Johnson will be able to pass out Textbooks on Wednesday February 24th in the Horseshoe Parking Lot area from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Students can also use this time to return textbooks back to the school as well. 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***

***Librarian Assistant***

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

Benson Tech Families: Here is some information about free tax help through Metropolitan Family Services:

<https://cashoregon.org/get-tax-help/mfs-cash-oregon-vita-site/>

Hello, Benson Tech Community:

Warm Winter clothing (coats, shoes, hats) and headphones are available for Benson students. Please see [this form](#) for more information!

Here are some links for people to search for additional help and resources. Please contact me any time and I'll do whatever I can to help people navigate!

[www.findhelp.org](http://www.findhelp.org)

[www.oregonuniteus.com](http://www.oregonuniteus.com)

as well as [211info.org](http://211info.org)

[Drivers' Licenses for All](#), regardless of immigration status

[Oregon Renter's Rights](#)

[Eviction Moratorium Information](#)

[Rental declaration document](#)

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.**



## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

**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](mailto:ase@saturdayacademy.org)

**How do I apply?**

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

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Are you interested in exploring Forestry and Natural Resources careers? Do you want to learn about a variety of post-secondary options relating to Forestry? Register to attend PPS FORESTRY CAREER FOCUS EVENT!

Date of the Event: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm

How to Register?

Pre-Registration is Required. Go to this [bit.ly](http://bit.ly/CFEForestry) link to register NOW! <http://bit.ly/CFEForestry>

Deadline to Register?

Deadline to submit your Registration is February 10th, 2021. You will receive notification when the event has closed or by 2/12/21.

Register today! Slots are limited.

Come to meet and learn about a variety of careers and post-secondary options relating to Forestry career

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Future You 2 GO Career Talks:

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45:** Post-Secondary Presentation-PCC Music & Sonic Arts Program and Multi-Media Connected Careers-Music, Sonic Art, Multi- Media, Business. [Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 17th at 1:00 pm](#)

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 2:00pm-2:45:** Post-Secondary Presentation-Engineers Without Borders-Boston University Connected Careers-Engineering, STEM [Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 17th at 2:00 pm](#)

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 3:00pm-3:45:** Post-Secondary Presentation-Engineers Without Borders-Boston University. Connected Careers-Engineering, STEM [Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 17th at 3:00 pm](#)

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### **PPS ENGINEERING CAREER FOCUS EVENT!**

Learn about the role Engineers play in various industries

Explore skills that will help you prepare yourself for a successful future

Receive guidance from professionals as you discover the right path to a great career!

\$\$ - Additionally, attendees will be automatically entered to a Drawing for a \$200

Scholarship from the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) - \$\$

#### **When?**

Date of the Event: Thursday, February 25

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

#### **How to Register?**

Pre-Registration is Required. Click on this link to register NOW! <https://bit.ly/CFEEng>

Deadline to Register?

Deadline to submit your Registration is February 20th, 2021. You will be notified by February 22, 2021 of your acceptance into this event

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

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

### **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

Oregon MESA is recruiting students for the 2021 Invention Bootcamp at Portland State University!

Invention Bootcamp is a four-week, intensive educational experience for high school students from historically underserved and underrepresented populations led by PSU faculty, Dr. Gerald Recktenwald, and a group of engineering undergraduate mentors. hosted at the PSU College of Engineering.

- This year's camp will be held virtually from June 21st - July 16th, 2021
- Monday through Friday 10:00 am- 3:30 pm
- No prior experience in STEM is necessary
- The program is offered at no cost to students.
- Students must be currently enrolled in 9-12th grade in the 2020-2021 school year and be an Oregon resident to be eligible to participate.
- Students of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

### How Do Students Apply?

Students must complete the application in [English](#) or in [Spanish](#) by Sunday, March 7th, 2021 at 11:59pm

### Want to Learn more?

Check out our network flyer [here](#) and visit the [Invention Bootcamp website](#) for more information.

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

### Providence Ready Program- Connecting to Health Care Careers

Providence Ready (formerly known as Providence School Outreach) connects career seekers of all ages to health care careers through experiential learning.

Virtual Career Pathways:

[Watch these short vieseos to learn about Medical Assistant Career Pathways](#)

Virtual Career Highlights:

Health care careers are expected to be the No. 2 area of career growth in Oregon between 2012 and 2022. In fact, career opportunities for health care workers are expected to rise 20.2 percent.

Attending Providence Virtual Career Higlights will help studnts to explore the many career opportunities that exist within health care!

Visit their website to Register!

Feb. 24, 2021 | Virtual Finance Career Highlight | 10-11 a.m.

[REGISTER NOW>](#)

March 3, 2021 | Simulation Lab for Nursing Career Highlight | 2-3 p.m.

[REGISTRATION](#)

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

### Job Openings: The nature of some of these jobs make it difficult to follow health protocols.

Kingpin is hiring- Below is the information.

KingPins Portland | 503-788-7889 General Manager | [www.myKingPins.com](http://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/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->

## A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

**The Bodecker Foundation** is pleased to announce their Winter 2021 schedule of FREE Virtual Workshops and Work Based Learning Academies for Portland-area high school students!

Led by professional artists, writers, musicians, designers and educators, these multidisciplinary creative workshops meet via Zoom on weekdays from 4-5:30pm. Workshops include a mix of online group activities and offline individual and/or collaborative project work. Class size is generally limited to 12 students. REGISTER NOW! Online registration is now open at [www.bodeckerfound.org/workshop](http://www.bodeckerfound.org/workshop)

Below is a list of Bodecker Foundation Winter Term workshops for easy understanding and sharing:

Lyric Writing with Chris Funk-Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17

Truth and Dare: Back by Popular Demand with Laura Moulton Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

Socially Engaged Art with Patricia Vázquez Gómez Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm | February 9th, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

Intermediate Songwriting with Chris Funk Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 22, 24, March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17

Time Capsule: Found Art Archives with May Maylisa Cat 03/01/2021 04:00 PM - 03/17/2021 05:30 PM PT

Audio Engineering: Mixing LIVE from Halfling Studio with Adam Lee Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm | March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

*Miranda Ryan*

Career Coordinator

Benson Polytechnic High School

Cell: 503-312-2774

Office: 503-916-5100 X:77201

Career Website: <http://bit.ly/bensoncareers>

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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***