



March 1st 2021

PPS Successful School Survey (Deadline Approaching)

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

New Climate Team Newsletter (Please See Attachment)

Please be sure to read the new Climate Team Newsletter for updated information regarding Benson's Climate Team Meetings.

Colleen Johnston

Benson's Climate Coach

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

@BensonTechPride

***Please be sure to go to the
BHS Website at
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](#)

A Message from Benson's Construction Department

Building Construction needs to sell our supply of end grain cutting boards that we were not able to sell due to the Tech Show being cancelled last year. Off of the horseshoe parking lot the door to E110 will be open and we will have end grain cutting boards, little lending libraries, and other student made projects for sale. See attached photos. We will have this 'store' open Wednesdays in March only from 1-3 PM. We can accept cash, check or card through School Pay. Most cutting boards are priced close to either \$25 or \$45, depending on size, the little lending libraries are \$50. Lumber prices have more than doubled in the last year, and we need to convert this inventory into fresh material for our students next year. If you have any questions you can contact Luke or Dave at lhotchkiss@pps.net or dketah@pps.net, or follow our Instagram @bphs_construction for updates. Thank you.

*V/R,
Luke Hotchkiss
Building Construction
Benson Polytechnic HS
Instagram: @bphs_construction*

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 has passed.

*Megan Hill
AP Exam Coordinator
mhill2@pps.net*

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-EA6PcQ6Gllqv4pqZzQju_ppFoZ7XVIYxmuThAo/edit

Sincerely,

Daniel Garcia

dgarcia@pps.net

(503)298-5093

A Message from the BHS Counseling Team

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

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)

A Message from Benson's Athletic Director

Paying for athletics through School Pay. If you are a parent or student, you should already be in the system. You just need to go to the Benson Website (www.bensonhs.net) and click on the link "***School Pay***" on the first webpage and sign in. Parents and students should be looking for "**Benson - Athletic PTP Fees**" which will be listed under their student/parent name.

Scott Archer

Benson Tech AD

PIL Spectator Statement Regarding Athletics (Please See Attachment)

Please be sure to read the attachment from the PIL Athletic Office regarding fans and spectators coming to Fall athletic events.

PIL Athletic Office

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 March 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 31st**, 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

Dear Benson Families,

Here are two new resources in the district for families concerned about their child's substance use:

One -the PPS Substance Use Supports Team is starting drop-in hours for families that will be offered bilingually in Spanish and English. This is a space for parents, families and caregivers K-12 to drop-in and ask questions, get support, find out about resources and brainstorm with staff and other parents ideas for helping their students. The space will always be staffed with a minimum of one Spanish speaking clinician. [English Flyer](#) [Spanish Flyer](#)

Two - [Six Week Family Support Group](#) - Student Success & Health is working with Vital Space Counseling to co-facilitate a group for parents and families who are concerned about their teen's (6th-12th grade) substance use? Families can gain support, understanding, and tools to help them interact with their child in a way that increases connection and encourages change. The Invitation To Change Group is a 6-week mini course using evidence-based approaches, including CRAFT, that teaches parents and guardians how to understand and invite the process of change and communicate better with their child. Currently, this group is only being offered in English, but we are completing training and updating the curriculum so we can offer the same group in Spanish to families after Spring Break.

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.

[Check out the Youth Resource App!](#)

[Warm winter clothing resources](#)

A Message from our Career/Transition Coordinator

Some awesome upcoming events next week for [Your Street Your Voice](#) at [Camp ELSO](#). It's free and open to the public.

[LEVER Vital Voices on 3/2, 4-6pm](#)

[The MPG Vital Voices on 3/4 10:30-12:30 am](#)

[Design Portland Diversity In Design Seat at the Table on March 4th. 5:30-7pm, with Diversity in Design, Gather and Garner, YSYV and Comma](#)

Educators & Families: 2021 Wellness Together Spring Event Series

https://www.wellnesstogether.org/blogs/news/2021-wellness-together-spring-event-series?mc_cid=856f1142b3&mc_eid=5caecd55cb

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 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

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.

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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.

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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.

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PPS TECHNOLOGY CAREER FOCUS EVENT!

Date of the Event: Thursday, March 4, 2021 Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Presenters Include:

Technology Association of Oregon

Software Engineer-New Relic ONE

Director of Engineering, Automated Technology Group-Daimler

Current Technology Student-Portland State University

How to Register?

Pre-Registration is Required.

Go to this link to register NOW!: <http://bit.ly/Reg-TechCFE>

Deadline to Register?

Deadline to submit your Registration is March 2nd, 2021. You will be notified by March 3rd, 2021 of your acceptance into this event.

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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

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

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/EZU4xHB5c1x6FuaY8>

3/11/21 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>

For More information, go to the Career Newsletter: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O0JSqYLZA3kfv50slnE2oWcUH2-TFmFj1XckGGpEdn8/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank you,

Miranda Ryan
Career Coordinator
mryan1@pps.net

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