



March 8th 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

***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](#)

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 (she/her)

College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

Benson Polytechnic High School

[Benson College Info Webpage](#)

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A Message from our Dean of Students/Climate Coach Ms. Johnston

Benson Parent Support Meet Up

Get together (virtually) with other parents of Benson students. No agenda: meet and talk about what are stressors, how you're dealing with them, supports you need or have tried, and more.

Topic: Benson Parent Support Meeting

Time: Mar 8, 2021 5:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/81109718543?>

[pwd=citTRnEybz0aTBHVmNrNHdkRVRpdz09](https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/81109718543?pwd=citTRnEybz0aTBHVmNrNHdkRVRpdz09)

Meeting ID: 811 0971 8543

Passcode: Benson

p.s. You matter -- you really, really do.

Colleen Johnston (Colleen the Dean)

[Benson Polytechnic High School](#)

Dean of Students & School Climate Coach

Office phone: 503-916-5100 ext. 77106

Work cell with text: 503-610-3450

(pronouns: she/her/hers)

SAT Sign Up for 11th Grade Students

SAT sign-up is open for our 11th grade students. If you are planning on taking the SAT test this year at Benson Tech you MUST sign up through this google form. We will be holding testing on April 13th, with a possible second date of April 27th, but only if we exceed the number of students that we can accommodate based on Covid-19 distancing guidelines in the building.

Sign-up closes Wednesday March 10th, 2021.

You must be logged in to your PPS student account to sign-up.

Once we have received all of the completed official sign ups students will receive an email with their assigned testing date and time.

If you have any questions please contact Benson Test Coordinator, Jessica Murchison, at jmurchis@pps.net.

[SAT sign-up](#)

Jessica Murchison

She/Her/Hers

Teacher & Testing Coordinator

Benson Polytechnic High School

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A Message for our Senior Students (Please See The Attached Flier)

From now until Sunday April 4th Seniors can order a decorative Stole to wear during Graduation. The cost is \$20 for the Stole. Please pay online at School-Payment Center or email Ms. Hazel Knox at hknox1@pps.net

Please be sure to open the attached flier for further information regarding ordering Graduation Stoles.

Melissa Brabham
VP Secretary

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 shotchkiss@pps.net or dketah@pps.net, or follow our Instagram [@bphs_construction](https://www.instagram.com/bphs_construction) for updates. Thank you.

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

A Message from Benson's Leadership Instructor Ms. Sweeney

If being a voice for Benson and building leadership skills for your future sounds exciting to you then please apply to be a part of the 2021/2022 Benson Polytechnic High School Associated Student Body (ASB)! If you have made the decision to run for ASB, that means you are committed to working to improve the community of Benson Polytechnic High School. Please read and complete the registration packet. It is also on Instagram in the bio @btechleadership
Electronic forms go live Monday and are due by March 19th!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftFZEoic_2ehwKpFEggINOY0OnPI04JFa-Y-SJvHw_0-1kIA/viewform

March Madness Virtual Spirit Week is coming soon!

March 15-19 Show your Tech Pride by dressing up each day for class and sharing your pics on the form below.

Since we are still virtual we are encouraging students to change their Google Meet or Zoom profile picture each day to match each day's theme.

Prizes for participation!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2EWEZb_kP_xa2AwD6nR_ZYUSNSUKkqDCucT0l-Lox9l_Aqw/viewform

Ms. Sweeney

Benson Tech Leadership

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Garcia

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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 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 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

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

Benson Tech/Parents/Guardians and Caregivers:

A few resources available right now:

The [Benson Wellness Center](#) now offers COVID-19 testing by appointment. (NOT vaccines: only testing). For more information, check out our website, or our [flyers](#).

Information about COVID-19 [Mortgage Relief](#)

[Free tax help](#)

[Eviction prevention](#)

Here are two culturally specific parenting classes available right now:

[NAYA](#) is offering a parenting class that starts in March called "Parenting in 2 Worlds."

Please see this program for information about a free teen-parent group that will meet weekly on Zoom beginning after spring break. This is not a class at Benson, but it looks like a great program! To learn more, see contact info on the flyer.

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 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