



April 26th 2021

Senior Graduation (A Message from Portland Public Schools)

We are currently planning an outdoor ceremony to allow you and your family to come together with your class and celebrate this amazing accomplishment hopefully on either June 8th or 9th for Benson Tech (Time to be Determined). We will be hosting high school graduation ceremonies at Providence Park this year, allowing us to gather outside, maintain social distancing, and have a true graduation ceremony. We are still finalizing many of the details, and will be following all state and local guidelines in terms of capacity, seating, and social distancing.

As COVID-19 keeps reminding us, things may change between now and your graduation. We want to remind all families to wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance so our communities stay as healthy as possible. Should we have significant changes in metrics with the health department we may have to pivot our current plan.

PPS/Benson Tech Administration

A Message from Benson's Tech Pride Volunteer Group **Teacher Appreciation Week Support!**

Teacher appreciation week is May 3rd-7th this year, and we're so excited that Benson teachers will be back on campus and we can provide them some in-person appreciation for everything they've done for Benson students over the past year. To say thank you, TPV will be providing a pop-up snack bar for teachers and staff in the front office all week long! If you'd like to support the effort you are welcome to Venmo Karen Peters at @KarenPetersNM – all funds will be used to directly benefit teachers and staff with pre-packaged snacks for safe enjoyment.

We also want to encourage you to send a note of appreciation to Benson Teachers. You can send regular mail to BHS at 546 NE 12th Ave, Portland OR 97232, or email any of the teachers at their BHS address (directory here <https://www.pps.net/domain/1912>) You can also email TPV techpridevolunteers@gmail.com to join the Tech Pride Volunteer email list and receive information on other Benson support opportunities.

Tech Pride Volunteer (TPV) Group

*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.*

Important Hybrid/In- Person Expectations

*If you are remaining in
Comprehensive
Distance Learning
(CDL) the following
expectations do not
apply to you. **10
Hybrid Reminders for
Families.** Please click
the link [here](#) for the 10
reminders.*

Benson Tech Admin

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FAMILIES OF SENIORS

Congratulations, your student has made it to their senior year! The purpose of this announcement is to keep you updated on important dates and events to end out the school year.

60 DAY RULE began April 6th. Seniors shall be disqualified from participation in commencement exercises and related activities if they are found to be in violation of District Alcohol or Drug policy or any violation resulting in three or more days of suspension or more serious disciplinary action.

Cap and Gown/Yard Sign Pick Up happened this past Friday. If you were not able to pick up your Cap and Gown/Yard Sign please note that you can pick up those items from the Vice Principals office here at Benson Tech

Fees need to be paid in full in order to receive your diploma at graduation. Please contact Hazel Knox at hknox1@pps.net.

SENIORS LAST DAY is June 3rd.

Senior Awards Assembly in which we award OSAAC scholarships and recognize our senior students' achievements will be held virtually towards the end of May. Please be on the lookout for more information.

Yearbooks are still available through the SchoolPay system. The cost is \$50.

A Message from the Benson Tech Boosters

Hi Benson Tech Sports Fans!

Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 7PM, to.....

- Hear an update on Benson Tech sports from Scott Archer
- Help finalize plans for our Ready, Set, Go Tech! May Fund Drive (we have a matching pledge for up to \$3000!!)
- Help plan for pop-up and online Tech Gear stores to show our Tech Pride--great gifts for graduating Seniors
- etc.

<https://psjhealth.zoom.us/j/7756839385>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Go Tech!!

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 Benson's VP of Modernization Dan Malone

Modernization Updates:

The new CTE Annex building that will house Manufacturing, Automotive and Tech Geometry is underway on the Marshall campus. They broke ground last week and the prefab pieces that will make up the building are already onsite. Once the concrete is poured for the floor, the rest would go up fairly quickly. The move on campus is ramping up as pieces of equipment that will not follow programs to the Marshall campus are being disconnected and in many cases auctioned on the auction.gov site. Much of the classroom equipment currently on our campus will be used to fill the old Kenton school in North Portland which will serve as the home to the Multiple Pathways to Graduation Program for the next three years. When they return, they will have a building of their own in what is now the teacher's parking lot near Buckman Field.

Dan Malone

VP, Modernization

Benson Polytechnic HS

A Message from the BHS Counseling Department

Summer School information based on what we know at this time.

Credit Recovery Dates: June 28-July 15 and July 19-Aug. 4.

Summer Scholars will have in-person classes at five PPS campuses that will act as hubs: Franklin, Grant, Meek, Roosevelt, and Wells-Barnett.

In-person class offerings will be hub dependent; based on need and staff availability. Regular class offerings will all be available as online options.

Registration will open mid-May. Please contact your counselor in mid-May for pre-registration.

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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 Benson's Youth Transition Program Career/Transition Coordinator

Attention! Benson High School students and families that receive special education services. The PPS Youth Transition Program is pleased to announce that after many weeks of planning, we will launch a very important virtual transition resource fair. On April 27th & 28th, 6-8pm, you will be able to sign up for various session to hear from a variety of local PDX community agencies that provide support and services for your student while in High School and beyond. This virtual fair is designed for students and their families that support them on the neurodiverse spectrum or multiple/complex needs. Please see attached flyer for further details~

*Mrs. Kia Swain
Youth Transition Program
Career/Transition Coordinator
Benson HS (Monday/Tuesday)
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503-916-5100 x 82385
Work Cell- 971-413-9588*

A Message from our Testing Coordinator Jessica Murchison

AP

If you signed up to take an AP test the district is providing transportation to the Expo center for students who need it. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to arrange transportation. Many tests have check-in times of 7:30am, if you are taking the Max to the Expo, that could be a long and early ride for you.

Jessica Murchison
jmurchis@pps.net

Benson Tech College Newsletter

Parents/Guardians please be sure to open up the link <https://www.smore.com/nyxd6> in order to access this week's College Newsletter in order to obtain 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 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

Benson Tech Weekly Athletic Update

[Please Click Here](#)

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Career Opportunity Information:

April 2021 Mock Interviews April 29th from 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>

Math in the professions April 28th, 2021 Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/mcx-onnw-kbt>

Professionals from Residential Seismic Consulting, Architect, Commercial Construction

Summer Opportunities:

NW Youth Job Fair (11:00-2:00 May 7th, 2021) [registration link](#) Go to the [event website](#), for more information.

Conservation Crew (14 & Up): [Application](#)

Lifeguard: [Aquatics Training Information](#)

Recreation Summer Employment (15 & up): [Job Description](#)

Northwest Youth Corp Work (15 & up): [Information Link](#)

Summer Works (16 & up): [Application Link](#)

Summer Nature Day Camp Educator (16 & Up) [Application Link](#)

Check out the Career Newsletter for more opportunities: [Career Newsletter Link](#)

Miranda Ryan
Career Coordinator
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Miranda Ryan

Career Coordinator
Benson Polytechnic High School
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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](#)

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,

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