



**April 5th 2021**

**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** begins April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 Pick Up** will be the afternoon of April 23rd at Benson HS.

**Fees** need to be paid in full in order to receive your diploma at graduation.

Please contact Hazel Knox at

[hknox1@pps.net](mailto: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.

**GRADUATION** is Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (*Time and location TBD*)

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

**Hybrid Cohort Information**

All students have been assigned to their Hybrid/CDL cohort based on survey responses. You can see your cohort assignment in ParentVue/StudentVue by looking under the student info tab. Students that indicated they would like to remain in CDL are also tagged as such. You will receive an email indicating your cohort assignment and the corresponding schedule early this week.

***All morning live virtual (synchronous) classes remain the same for all classes.***

There have been adjustments to the start and end time for classes to accommodate for lunch time travel. See the **new bell schedule that begins on April 19th** [here](#) or on our website.

**Cohort A** will attend in person classes on the Monday and Tuesday afternoons and do async work on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

**Cohort B** will attend in person classes on Thursday and Friday afternoons and do async work on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

**The CDL cohort** will remain virtual and async in the afternoon all week.

**Wednesday will remain asynchronous** class time and virtual teacher office hours for all.

Please look for upcoming information regarding the safe return to school. We will be sharing a slideshow with videos on our website, through email, and via school messenger by the end of this week to help you understand the safety guidelines, schedule changes, instructional expectations and how to be successful in this next phase of the school year.

**BHS Admin Team**

*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.*

*Benson Tech Weekly  
Athletic Update*

*[Please Click Here](#)*

## **Senior Graduation**

There has been some requests from families for information regarding Graduation. Please note that at this time decisions are still being worked out regarding graduation but I can tell you that the Graduation Ceremony for Benson Tech is scheduled for Wednesday June 9th. The venue of the graduation site will more than likely change from the Memorial Coliseum because of COVID restrictions/guidelines. The District will hopefully be sending out information regarding the graduation site and time hopefully within the next couple of weeks.

Please also note that Seniors last day is scheduled for Thursday June 3rd.

***Principal Wilson***

## **Senior Stoles (Please see Attached Flier)**

Seniors! Graduates! The date to purchase a stole for graduation (see attached flyer) has been extended to **Wednesday, April 7** . The cost is \$20 and can be paid through SchoolPay (see link on the flyer and below).

Please contact me ([hknox1@pps.net](mailto:hknox1@pps.net)) if you have any questions!!

<https://pps.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Benson--Graduation-Stoles/MdCf>

***Hazel Knox***

***BHS Bookkeeper***

*Hybrid Instruction is coming to Benson Tech. More information will be forthcoming this week to Benson Tech families.*



## **WHAT IS HYBRID INSTRUCTION?**

### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- You will have to wear a mask (that covers your nose and mouth) the entire time you are in Benson.
- You will have to stay 6 feet away from others at all times.
- Once you are in the classroom, you will not be able to leave as freely as you used to.
- In person classes will **ONLY** be in the afternoon, from 1:05 to 3:45, and **ONLY** 2x/week.
- No new or direct instruction will be delivered during in-person instruction.
- You will be expected to engage in CDL in the mornings.

Need more info?

Contact Dean of Students, Colleen Johnston:

[cojohnston@pps.net](mailto:cojohnston@pps.net) or cell/text: 503-610-3450

## **Benson Tech College Newsletter**

Parents/Guardians please be sure to open up the link

<https://www.smore.com/aqbvy> 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](#)***

***[kreid@pps.net](mailto:kreid@pps.net)***

***971-238-8322***

## **American Medical Response Diversity Scholarship (Please See Attached Items)**

Please review the attached items to learn more about the American Medical Emergency Response Scholarship Program.

***Irynne Padua***

***Health Science Instructor***

***Asian Cultural Club Advisor***

***HOSA Advisor***

***Benson Polytechnic High School***

***546 NE 12th Ave***

***Portland, OR 97232***

***503-916-5100 x 77179***

## **A Message from our Dean of Students/Climate Coach Colleen Johnston**

The next Virtual Parent Support Group will meet on Monday, April 5 at 5 p.m.

If you're interested in attending, but this time doesn't work for you, let Dean Johnston know at [cojohnston@pps.net](mailto:cojohnston@pps.net).

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/88699377354?  
pwd=N2V2SXE1c2ROV0FacGE4YWRmMm9rZz09](https://pps-net.zoom.us/j/88699377354?pwd=N2V2SXE1c2ROV0FacGE4YWRmMm9rZz09)

Meeting ID: 886 9937 7354

Passcode: Benson21

## **A Message from Benson's Construction Department (Please see attached photos)**

"Wednesday April 7th from 1-3PM is the last day of sales. Building Construction is selling our supply of end grain cutting boards that we weren't 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 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. We also have convertible picnic table/benches for \$100. 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 [lhochkiss@pps.net](mailto:lhochkiss@pps.net) or [dketah@pps.net](mailto: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**

## **A Message from Benson's Leadership Instructor Ms. Sweeney**

### ***Benson Has Talent! (Please See Attached Flyer)***

This year Benson's talent show is virtual, which means you can film your sweet dunk, your awesome song, a skateboard trick, or anything else (school appropriate) and send it in! Get your talent filmed in three minutes or less! Fill out a form, attach your video, and you're done! Videos need to be submitted by April 7. Show goes live on YouTube April 16 at 6 pm!

Benson Talent Show! Let's go!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaqHuwsivMm\\_kPwohWEaT4184-9jZ9n2e6QmsQnuQ3l7juwQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaqHuwsivMm_kPwohWEaT4184-9jZ9n2e6QmsQnuQ3l7juwQ/viewform)

### **Senior Sticker Contest (Please See Attached Flyer)**

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding the Senior Sticker Contest.

***Bethany Brundage***

## 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

## **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 April 7th** 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](http://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 Youth Transition Program Career/Transition Coordinator**

Benson Tech Parents/Guardians and Caregivers:

Do you need help paying your energy bill? If so then please read the attached flier from Mrs. Kia Swain

***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

**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)**

### **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>

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*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 our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

### **Portland Parks & Recreation-Virtual Career Fair**

Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 3:00-4:30 Register now through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/portland-parks-recreation-virtual-career-fair-tickets-146841985331>

Hiring ages 14 & up

Learn about upcoming opportunities and expansion of Portland Parks & Recreation, thanks to the passing of the levy fund.

Find out how to successfully apply for City of Portland jobs.

Meet with PP&R employees and learn about upcoming seasonal, summer, and full time positions.

### **Future You 2 Go - Upcoming Sessions**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 from 12:00pm-12:45pm: Post-Secondary Presentation-PCC Child & Family Studies. *Click to Join the session:* <https://meet.google.com/qsr-mzmi-uma>

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm: Career Presentation-Alex Chiu, Portland Street Art Alliance Connected Careers: Art, Murals, Art Education, Business

*Click to Join the session:* <https://meet.google.com/mhr-hhmq-zns>

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 from 2:00pm-2:45pm: Career Presentation-Eric Etherington, vCISO Lead-The Cadence Group-

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 from 3:00pm-3:45pm: Career Presentation- Hunter Shobe, Portland Street Art Alliance. *Click to Join the session:* <https://meet.google.com/rmi-hvtd-jke>

To learn about other upcoming events, go to the Career Newsletter Link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KixgHggqBUZbOrS7A7xK4AsPyfDxzRG73OzD9MUYZN4/edit?usp=sharing>

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## **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***