



May 10th 2021

Senior Graduation

Parents/Guardians please note that Benson's Senior Graduation will be happening on Monday June 7th at 4pm at Providence Park. At this time we have been told that Senior students will be receiving 4 tickets per household for the graduation event. This number may change as we continue to gather more information from PPS and Providence Park officials regarding the ceremony.

Benson Tech Administration

A Message from Benson's Climate Coach/Dean of Students Colleen Johnston

The next Benson Climate Team meeting for parents and students is on Wednesday, May 19th, from 1-2 p.m. Join on Google

Meets: meet.google.com/owf-xwjb-zsa

Let us know how you feel Benson Tech is doing now and what we can do to make tomorrow, next month, and next year better.

Colleen Johnston

A Message from Building Construction: Building Construction is selling our supply of end grain cutting boards and little libraries 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 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM Wednesday May 12th and 19th. 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. 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 for updates. Thank you.

***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

Free Urgent Dental Care Clinic

***Please be sure to see our
attached flier for Free
Urgent Dental Care
Clinics for the Benson
Tech Community.***

Important Announcement for Families Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations

Please note that students 16 years of age and older are now eligible for COVID-19 Vaccination shots on Wednesday May 12th 2021 at the Oregon Convention Center. Families and kids can also go to the convention center without an appointment or sign up on their own online (<https://all4oregon.org/>)

You can also visit the website: <https://sites.google.com/pps.net/studentandfamilyvac/home> with shuttle times.

Please also note that you can also read our latest message to families with information about COVID-19 vaccinations for students 16+ starting TODAY: <https://bit.ly/3b2GLBk>

Portland Public Schools

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FAMILIES OF SENIORS

Sticker Voting:

We have submissions from some of your classmates for a class sticker. They have submitted their artwork and now it's your turn to vote! Which one is your favorite?

[Sticker voting](#)

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 Friday April 23rd. If you were not able to pick up your Cap and Gown/Senior 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. 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 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've broken ground on the Marshall Campus 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 the Benson Tech Boosters

"Hello Benson Tech Sports Fan!

Please help support our student athletes during our two week Ready, Set, Go Tech! fundraiser, through the link on our website bensontechboosters.org

Receive great Tech gear and have your donation doubled by a generous pledge from Benson alum Ken Bakke.

Please go to the website bensontechboosters.org and make your donation by May 15th.

Ready, Set, Gooooo Tech!"

Thank you!

Lisa Y

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Go Tech!

Benson TechBoosters

bensontechboosters@gmail.com

www.bensontechboosters.org

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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

Benson Tech College Newsletter

Parents/Guardians please be sure to open up the link <https://www.smores.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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971-238-8322

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

Summer Opportunities:

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](#)

Summer Transportation Camp for Oregon High Schoolers: [Apply Here](#)

Summer Day Camp Job Opportunity: [Job descriptions and an online application can be found here.](#)

Food Justice Volunteers: [Information Flyer](#)

Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Future You 2 Go:

**12:00pm-12:45pm: [Career Presentation-Letty Alvarez, ESL Specialist K-5/
Admin Intern-Cesar Chavez K-8](#)**

Meet Ms. Alvarez, an ESL Specialist K-5/Admin Intern at Cesar Chavez K-8. Learn about why Letty has a passion for education and students and follow her individual career pathway. "My own experience as a student of color in Oregon was riddled with hardships and key teachers had a significant impact on the direction of my life. These teachers considered the whole child, worked on earning my trust and that of my teen mother but most importantly they recognized my potential." **Connected Careers: Education** **Google Visit:** <http://meet.google.com/kbx-jutv-our>

**1:00pm-1:45pm: [Career Presentation-James Duckwell, Teacher, CTE
Construction Technologies-Roosevelt High School-](#)**

Meet Mr. Duckwell, the Construction Technologies Teacher at Roosevelt High School. When James was in high school, he was interested in pursuing many different careers, including a mechanic, an architect, a comic book illustrator and a carpenter. While serving in the US Army Reserves (for nine years) James attended and graduated from Linfield University. Follow his interesting career pathway as shares his story of how he became a teacher at Roosevelt. **Connected Careers:** Education, Construction Technologies, Auto Technology, Military **Google Visit:** <http://meet.google.com/qcj-qjsx-fjg>

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan Continued

2:00pm-2:45pm: Career Presentation-Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent of PPS

Meet Superintendent Guerrero and learn about his individual career story. With over 25 years of experience in several large urban school districts, including San Francisco and Boston, Superintendent Guerrero leads with a proven commitment to a bold racial equity agenda, reimagining systems to be more responsive and supportive of student needs. In addition to his visionary leadership in Portland, Superintendent Guerrero serves on the Executive Committee of the Council of Great City Schools, the nation's voice for urban public education. **Connected Careers: Education, Education Leadership Google Visit:** <http://meet.google.com/cru-xhjt-kdj>

3:00pm-3:20pm: Your Next Steps Towards a Career in Education - Rising Educator Symposium-

Now that you have learned about some of our PPS educators, take the next step towards becoming an educator; learn about the Rising Educator Symposium! Giselle Naranjo-Nelson and Emily Walsh from PPS Professional Learning and Leadership will share with us all the details! Join us! **Google Link:** <http://meet.google.com/thv-yetp-gcy>

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

Miranda Ryan

Career Coordinator
Benson Polytechnic High School
Cell: 503-312-2774
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Schedule a Meeting: http://bit.ly/BHS_careercalendar

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

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-EA6PcQ6Glllyqv4pqZzQju_ppFoZ7XVIYxmuThAo/edit

Sincerely,

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