



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.

Athletics

Please be sure to download our Trivory App for up to the minute dates and game times regarding athletics.

September 20th 2021

A Message from PPS

Please Take the PPS COVID-19 Student Vaccine Survey

Friday September 17th families receive a brief survey (5-10 minutes) about your students and the COVID-19 vaccination. In short, the District would like to determine how many of our students (ages 12 and older) are fully vaccinated against the virus and as we anxiously await approval for the COVID-19 vaccine for younger students (age 5 to 11), we'd like to plan for targeted outreach for families to quickly access the vaccine. The information you share will help us prioritize vaccine access and outreach to schools this fall.

Included in this brief survey is a question about your student's home access to a computer and the internet. As we become a district that further integrates the use of technology in our teaching and learning, this information will better prepare us to equip students and families with these tools.

Please take a moment to complete your unique survey for us by September 30th, 2021.

Thank you for your support in taking this survey.

Portland Public Schools

Benson's Virtual Back to School Night

Thursday, September 30th 6:30-8pm

This year our Back to School Night will be held virtually. Please look for an email from your teachers regarding their contact information. Families can check-in about general class information with teachers that night through live virtual meeting links. Teachers will have electronic resources to share about their class content and expectations. Families may also be able to ask questions of counselors, college and career support staff and others. We look forward to seeing you then.

Benson Tech Admin Team

A Message from Benson's Testing Coordinator

Testing Announcement

PSAT is coming up on **October 13th**.

All Sophomores are scheduled to take the PSAT. Registration is done through the school, there is nothing you need to do to register for the test.

Juniors you should have received an email or notification through Trivory to sign up if you were interested in taking the PSAT test this year. If you did not receive that communication and are interested in taking the PSAT please contact the testing coordinator, Jessica Murchison.

Please check emails over the next couple of weeks for additional communication to come out with more specific information if you are testing.

SAT tests will be **April 13th, 2022**. All Juniors will be registered for that test. More information to come soon.

If you have any questions, please email the testing coordinator Jessica Murchison at jmurchis@pps.net

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Jessica Murchison

She/Her/Hers

Teacher & Testing Coordinator

Benson Polytechnic High School

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A Message from the Benson Tech Track and Field Coach

Starting October 4th, the Benson track and field coaching staff will be offering off-season training for any interested athletes. All sports are welcome. Workouts will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:45 to 5:00. Meet on the track and come dressed to workout.

Coach Jay Miles

A Message from Nutrition Services

New for the 2021-22 School Year

All PPS students eat breakfast and lunch for FREE. Students will receive 1 breakfast and 1 lunch per day. Menu information, along with allergy and carbohydrate counts can be found at www.pps.net/nutrition

Benson is a CEP school for the 2021-22 school year and we are not allowed to process lunch applications for CEP sites because all students enrolled at CEP sites automatically qualify for free meals and are eligible for a letter they can use for discounts such as sports fee waivers, bus passes, etc without an application. If a family has students at other schools that are NOT CEP or if your student transfers to a NON-CEP school you can apply here: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/pps>, if you want a copy of a letter for your Benson students you can request one here: mealbenefits@pps.net.

Households financially impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) may be able to qualify for The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP offers food benefits to eligible, low-income individuals and families. Find out if you are eligible and how to apply for food benefits by clicking [here](#). For more information or support, please contact the Nutrition Services department at [503-916-3399](tel:503-916-3399) or nutritionservices@pps.net

PPS Nutrition Services

A Message from the Curriculum Vice Principal

The last day to make any schedule changes for students is Wednesday, September 22nd. If students have an open period, TA, or Late Arrival/Early Dismissal in their schedule and have not yet completed the appropriate form please have your students stop by Counseling office to pick up the paperwork ASAP.

Sara Callies (she/her/hers)

Vice Principal

Benson Polytechnic High School

503-916-5100

A Message from Amy Henry (Benson Tech Counselor)

Parents: The Benson Counseling Department is interested in applying for national recognition (RAMP) status through the American School Counseling Association. Applying for RAMP helps schools evaluate their school counseling program, discover areas for improvement and enhance the program's efforts to contribute to student success. As part of this process, we will be forming an advisory committee of parents, staff and community members. The advisory committee will meet twice in the 2021-22 school year (1-2 hours for each meeting) and assist the counseling department with reviewing their vision/mission statement, guidance curriculum and direct services for students.

If you are interested in being on the committee, please email Amy Henry at amyhenry@pps.net.

Amy Henry (she/her)

Counselor

Benson Polytechnic High School at Marshall Campus

Working with Students with the Last Names A-Gq

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A Message from the Career Coordinator

Career Opportunities:

YSYV Details: [APPLY FOR YSYV Fall 2021- Tuesdays 9/28-11/16](#)

When: Tuesdays 4-6 pm in September- November (9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16)

PUBLIC EVENT: Your Street Your Voice Vital Voices: Leadership in CLIMATE JUSTICE 11/16

Where: ZOOM ROOM

Who: BIPOC and LGBTQ+ centered youth ages 14-20

Compensation: Students receive a stipend of \$250 for 8 virtual sessions

Instructors: Jackie Santa Lucia and Guests

[Updated YSYV Syllabus](#)

EmpowHER Details: [APPLY FOR EMPOWHER Fall 2021- Wednesdays 9/29-11/17](#)

When: Wednesdays 4-6pm in September- November (9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17)

PUBLIC EVENT: Vital Voices: Leadership in CLIMATE JUSTICE 11/17

Where: ZOOM ROOM

Who: Women/femme/nb identifying individuals ages 14-20, BIPOC and LGBTQ+ centered

Compensation: Students receive a stipend of \$250 for 8 virtual sessions

Instructors: Jackie Santa Lucia and Guests

[Updated EmpowHER Syllabus](#)

Student Health Advocates: for youth who are interested in participating in a statewide leadership group that promotes school-based health services by uplifting youth voices. OSBHA is searching for statewide youth (14-22 years old) to become members of the Student Health Advocates team! Student Health Advocates promote the value of school-based health services across the state of Oregon and provide a voice for the health of their peers and community.

Application and more information can be found [here](#) (deadline for application: 10/1).

A Message from the Career Coordinator
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Target at Hayden Island (16 and up): target.com/careers: You will hear back within 24-48 hours. If you pass the review after the initial application, you will be prompted to record a video interview for submission and then we call to complete job offers.

[Target also offers free tuition for employees](#)

Go to the Career Newsletter for more opportunities: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V2NF6qKwimhIELAevOTtCGeNiQH2p7X_wPVn1WCtyoo/edit?usp=sharing

Contact the Career Coordinator for more information:

Miranda Ryan

Career Coordinator

Benson Polytechnic High School

Work Cell: 503-312-2774 or Office: 503-916-5100 X: 86281

Schedule a Meeting: http://bit.ly/BHS_careercalendar

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

A Message from the Benson Tech Boosters

Hello Benson Tech Fans!

Benson TechBoosters needs volunteers for concessions, including this Wednesday 7PM when our girls soccer plays Cleveland.

It's easy and fun, and a great way to give back to the Benson Tech community.

Each hour volunteered earns funds toward your favorite team.

Students and adults are welcome.

If you're at a game, please come by and see what's involved so you can help another time!

Please go to www.bensontechboosters.org and click the "Volunteer" button to sign up,
or follow [this link](#).

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Go Tech!

Benson TechBoosters

bensontechboosters@gmail.com

www.bensontechboosters.org

A tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) Organization

A Message to our Seniors:

If you have signed up for **Early Release/Late Arrival** this semester/year AND you have turned in your parent permission form, please stop by the Counseling Office to pick up your student card(s).

Need a form? Forms are available for pick up in the Counseling Office.

BHS Counseling Team

A Message from Kathleen Reid (College Counselor/AVID Coordinator)

Here is a link to the College Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/fx801>

Kathleen Reid (she/her)

College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

Benson Polytechnic High School

[Benson College Info Webpage](#)

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971-238-8322

Set up an appointment with me [HERE](#)

A Message from the Benson Tech Counselors

1) Student schedules are now available on Student/Parent Vue. If you have a scheduling error (i.e. missing a class, level change, etc.), you can email your counselor. We will also be available before school, during lunch and after school.

Amy Henry, A to Go: amyhenry@pps.net

Peg Schoettle: H to O: pschoettle@pps.net

Christy Wheeler, P to Z: cwheeler@pps.net

2) Seniors: If you have a late arrival/early dismissal in your schedule, you are required to have your parent/guardian sign the attached (Late Arrival/Early Dismissal) paperwork. Please return this form to the counseling department ASAP.

3) Students please be sure to attend classes according to your schedule until official changes are made to that schedule if necessary. Please note that schedules are subject to change as adjustments are made throughout the first few weeks of school.

4) Students if you have a TA (Teacher's Assistant) period listed in your schedule you should stop by the Counseling Office during that period to pick up your TA form for that teachers signature.

Amy Henry (she/her)

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An Updated Message Regarding Outdoor School

Thank you for supporting your high school student in registering for Outdoor School this fall! We are excited to work with them and are ever appreciative of your role in their participation. We want to pass along an update about the fall Outdoor School program, as we have been working hard to plan logistics and programming that align with the most current health & safety guidelines from Multnomah county.

Our Outdoor School plan for this fall had included inviting high school student leaders to spend a full week overnight on one of our ODS sites and have 6th grade students come to sites for day programming. The most recent guidance from the Multnomah County Health department (as of 9/9/21) does not allow overnight Outdoor School or field trips to happen this fall and so we are shifting to meet this guidance. This will mean that both Student Leaders and 6th graders will be participating in day programming only.

The Outdoor School team is working on the details of the day program plans. We anticipate Student Leaders attending a Sunday training (ODS site or MESD) and visiting schools on weekdays with Instructors and Site Supervisors as part of the Education Team. As we fine-tune these plans you and your high school student will receive more details.

We are keeping our registration link open all fall in hopes to get enough student leaders to participate. The link to sign up is signup.4ods.org if you are willing to make announcements in the daily bulletin or hang posters please let me know.

We will be sending a google document link for student leaders to pick a week and other preferences very soon. They will also receive a packet of forms for them to get their teachers, counselor and parent signatures, before they can participate.

The dates for the fall are:

Week 1- Oct. 3-8

Week 2- Oct 10-15

Week 3- Oct. 17-22

Week 4- Oct 24-29

Week 5- Oct. 31-Nov 5

Week 6-Nov 7-12

Week 7 A Nov 14-17

We are currently developing an FAQ for families of Student Leaders and will be sharing that with you soon, and until then please reach out to us with any questions to outdoorschool@mesd.k12.or.us or call 503-257-1600.

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