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***@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.***

***Congratulations to the Benson Tech staff and students on Benson Tech receiving an overall Graduation Rate of 93% for the class of 2021. This is fantastic news for the school and shows the resiliency of our staff and students as we've navigated this pandemic for the past two years. Go Tech!! Benson Tech Admin***

**January 31st 2022**

## **Testing Announcements**

For all Juniors please note that SAT testing will be April 13th, 2022. The test will be here at Benson Tech on the Marshall Campus. If you plan on taking the test here at Benson Tech you do not need to do anything. All registration will be handled through the school and is automatic for all Juniors.

If your student would like to know what's on the test they can review the information on the link here [college board What's on the test.](#)

And if they would like to do some prep for the test please note that Khan academy has test prep for the SAT here [Khan Academy SAT test prep](#)

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions about the SAT test.

***Jessica Murchison***

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***Interim Instructional Specialist***

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## **Garden Club Spring Planning**

Come and help choose the seeds to grow our spring garden. New members welcome. We will likely go out and look around the garden too, weather depending.

Please meet in room C6 during flex on Friday, February 4.

***Willow Mayorga***

***Garden Club Advisor***

## **Important Information Regarding Forecasting for Next Year's Classes**

This month, we are sharing information with students so they can begin to plan for forecasting for next year's courses, which will start at the beginning of second semester. Here is a [link to a letter to families](#) regarding the forecasting dates and process. Students that are interested in forecasting for Advanced Placement classes must [go to this link for information videos and to complete AP contracts](#). AP contracts should have been completed by January 26th, prior to counselors visiting students to complete the actual forecasting process.

### **Información Importante Sobre El Pronóstico Para Las Clases Del Próximo Año: Próximamente**

Este mes, estamos compartiendo información con los estudiantes para que puedan comenzar a planificar el pronóstico de los cursos del próximo año, que comenzarán a principios del segundo semestre. Aquí hay un enlace a una carta a las familias sobre las fechas y el proceso de pronóstico. Los estudiantes que estén interesados en hacer un pronóstico para las clases de Colocación Avanzada [deben ir a este enlace para ver videos de información y completar contratos AP](#). Los contratos AP deben completarse antes del 26 de enero, antes de que los consejeros visiten a los estudiantes para completar el proceso de pronóstico final.

***Sara Callies***

***VP of Curriculum***

### **A Message to our Seniors from Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan**

Seniors please be sure to download Benson's new Communication App Trivory. Trivory is Benson's latest communication tool that will have the most recent graduation and school information at your fingertips. Please click on the link and download the app today. Parents can also download the Trivory App as well for up to date information regarding Benson Tech.

<https://trivory.com/>

***Miranda Ryan***

***Career Coordinator***

## A Message Regarding Outdoor School

January 2022

Hello Outdoor School Contacts,

We hope that you had a nice winter break.

This spring we are hoping to run in-person programming at our multiple Outdoor School sites and we will need a lot of high school student leaders.

In order to be a student leader, the high school student will need to register each session and be fully-vaccinated, also most schools require student leaders to be at least a sophomore, junior or senior.

We have just opened the spring Outdoor School registration. If a student has any trouble registering, or has made a mistake, they can email me or call 503-257-1600 and I will fix the mistake on my end.

I have sent an email to students who had registered this fall, but please let other students in your school know that they can register at [signup.4ods.org](https://signup.4ods.org) .

If you are interested in having posters to hang at your school, you can download and print from the link provided or let me know how many and I will mail them to you. We also hope to be able to recruit at the high schools if this is allowed.

Link for printing posters with dates: <https://www.mesdoutdoorschool.org/sl-recruiters.html>

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## A Message Regarding Outdoor School Continued

When the student registers, an email will be sent to their parent and another to you for school approval. Once we have those two approvals, we will email the student with the dates of the online workshops. They must attend a workshop each session. **Students will not be invited to a workshop without approval from you.**

After attending one online workshop, they will be sent an email to sign up for their preferred week and select the team / site that they would like to work with. They will also receive a packet with forms to get signatures from all their teachers, a parent/guardian and their counselor, before they can participate.

The dates for spring session are;

Week 1- April 3-8

Week 2- April 10-15

Week 3- April 17-22

Week 4- April 24-29

Week 5- May 1-6

Week 6- May 8-13

Week 7- May 15-20

Week 8- May 22-27

Please let me know if you are no longer the Outdoor School contact, and it would be great if you could let me know who the new contact will be.

We hope to see you at one of our sites this spring.

Kitty Boryer  
Student Services  
MESD Outdoor School  
PO Box 301039  
Portland OR 97294-9039  
<http://www.mesdoutdoorschool.org/>

## **A Message from Benson's Yearbook Advisor Ike Prah**

Dear Parents and Students,

If you have not yet placed an order for the Yearbook, you may still do so while supplies last. Now that the pre-order window is closed, the Yearbook will be \$50.00. The order form is found here: <https://forms.gle/UwH5K6G7fnmimP5x5>

Please submit your senior photo and quote to: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCLpJNiy\\_hV-h\\_kZMF5Vbz0UQYVSQF0FutPh2KEYD8Byr6HA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCLpJNiy_hV-h_kZMF5Vbz0UQYVSQF0FutPh2KEYD8Byr6HA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0) by January 21st. If you do not want to have a custom senior picture your school portrait will be used, but it is asked that you still submit a quote.

***Ike Prah***

***Yearbook Advisor***

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

Benson Students and Families,

Please click [HERE](#) for a copy of the most recent College Newsletter which includes up-to-date information on college applications, visits, financial aid, and scholarships.

Kathleen Reid (she/her)

College Counselor/AVID Coordinator/School Counselor

**Benson Tech High School/Jefferson High School**

[Benson College Info Webpage](#)

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

971-238-8322

BENSON STUDENTS set up an appointment with me [HERE](#)

## **Modernization Update**

If you would like to see pictures of the Modernization Project happening on the Benson Tech Campus on 12th street please click on the link below.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/41430185@N08/sets/72157720108908045/>

Dan Malone

VP, Modernization

Benson Polytechnic HS at Marshall Campus

## **Math Tutoring Now Available**

Parents/Guardians please note that if your student needs support in Math that Benson Tech will now be offering Math support. Please click on the link below for specific details.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PjOOK-t7JZ-MgGb3ZDNC4g8R0RXfCbX3myGct73PIUI/edit?usp=sharing>

***BHS Math Department***

## **AP Tutor Support**

Here is a support video - a [quick overview of Tutor.Com](#) for students & families. This is a free, personal tutoring 24/7 service in all AP classes with experienced, professional tutors!

***Tara Harding***

***TOSA for AP at PPS***

## A Message from Benson's Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

### **SENIORS-Personal Learning Requirements:**

This is a reminder to get your Personal Learning Requirements in as soon as possible.

- My Plan Response was due by January 28th, 2022 (submit [Here](#))
- Resumes are due February 18th, 2022 (Submit [Here](#))
- Do you need help writing your resume? Sign-up for one of these workshops using the following link: <https://bit.ly/Resume-2022>
- Workshops take place on Apr 13th, 2022,
- Career Learning Reflections 1 and 2 are due by March 18th, 2022
- Check the newsletter for career events or Trivory to fulfill the event requirement. After the event, fill out the CRLE Form (CRLE Form [Here](#))
- Please go [here](#) to learn more about each requirement and how to submit it. If you have any questions, feel free to make an appointment (virtual or in-person) with Mrs. Ryan [here](#) or stop by the career center. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:30.

### **Paid Internship**

PSU Eagles Program and Scholarship: EAGLES Scholarships are open to first-time freshmen students who meet the following criteria: A 3.0 GPA (GPA of 2.75-2.99 may be considered under certain circumstances)

PELL Grant eligible/low income Committed to majoring in one of the STEM studies areas

Aspire for a career in environmental science, management, or engineering

Apply [HERE](#)

### **Contact Information:**

Miranda Ryan

Work Cell: 503-312-2774

[mryan1@pps.net](mailto:mryan1@pps.net)

## A Message from Benson's Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

### **Summer camp job or volunteer opportunity:**

B'nai B'rith Camp is a large Jewish organization with many different camps which means we are looking to fill many different positions. We have day camps across Oregon and an overnight camp in Lincoln City. We are looking for students who have a passion for working with children, creating meaningful relationships, and having fun! Check out the [BB Camp Website](#) for more information and how to apply. Email Abby Evonuk at [aevonuk@bbcamp.org](mailto:aevonuk@bbcamp.org) for more information about day camps and/or Nathan Schloss at [nschloss@bbcamp.org](mailto:nschloss@bbcamp.org) for more information about overnight camp!

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### **Summer Internship with ASE Program (application deadline March 4th):**

interested students can learn more about the application process by [visiting our website](#) or watching our virtual info session here: <https://bit.ly/ASEInfoSession2022>

### **Important Dates in 2022 Application Cycle:**

[February 1st - Virtual Info Session #2](#)

[February 2nd - Virtual Cover Letter Workshop #2](#)

[February 12th - Virtual Cover Letter Workshop #3](#)



## **A Message from Benson's Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan**

**2022 NINTH CIRCUIT CIVICS CONTEST-The First Amendment and the Schoolhouse Gate: Students' Free Speech Rights.** The contest is open to high school students in states and territories within the Ninth Circuit's jurisdiction (Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the United States Territory of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). District courts within each state and territory will select local contest winners who will then be entered in the circuit-wide contest. GO to the website for more information: <https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest/> Deadline for entries is **March 18, 2022**

### **Enterprise Academy: They will present at Benson on February 10, 22 at 9:52 in B-6**

This is a program where students can network with local CEOs and business leaders, learn leadership and team collaboration skills, as well as add to their resumes.

#### **When and Where?**

This weekend-long event starts ON FRIDAY MARCH 4TH, 2022, AND ENDS ON SUNDAY MARCH 6TH, 2022 at CAMP KURATLI (24751 OR-224, BORING, OR 97009). Transportation to and from Camp Kuratli will be provided.

#### **WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?**

Over the course of one weekend, you will work in a team with other local high school students to:

- Create a product
- Get advice from local business leaders
- Write a business plan
- Learn how to pitch your plan and product

#### **HOW TO REGISTER?**

**Go to this link to register NOW!** <https://bit.ly/EnterpriseAc-2022> OR with this QR Code:

**Internship Opportunity:** NWF Strategies is a political consulting firm that utilizes technology and traditional political outreach techniques to help candidates win elections across the country. Nick Hess is a dynamic, tech savvy, pragmatic business owner who has a common sense vision to improve Oregon to cut taxes, reduce regulation, and make Oregon safer for everyone.

Nick is looking for politically-minded and passionate students to join his grassroots internship program to support his campaign. The internship program provides a valuable opportunity for students to learn about local politics and government mixing learning, with practical experience, and networking opportunities.

Interns will be exposed to:

- canvassing
- phone banking
- social media outreach,
- policy research
- opposition research

Interns will receive full training for all campaign activities, and the program itself is very flexible with a minimum of 5 hours a week that can be fulfilled at any time throughout the week. Interested students can learn more about our internship program or meet with Nick or a representative of the campaign by emailing [info@nwfstrategies.com](mailto:info@nwfstrategies.com).

## **A Message from Benson's Special Education Transition Coordinator**

Hello Seniors!

Wow! the time is flying by. Soon you'll be graduating and heading off to college and adult life. The YTP program is offering 2 final sessions to complete your Future Connect and PCC applications.

On February 9th and 17th, 6-7:30pm, YTP will be hosting another round of PCC application support for Seniors that receive sped services.

We'll have 3 PCC representative available to help students complete their future connect applications. Also, If you haven't finished your PCC application, you can get support for that as well.

Please register to receive a google link.

English: <https://forms.gle/eJUbbhHLCA67C5f8A>

Spanish: <https://forms.gle/hgX6ttbHroXTZvum8>

***Mrs. Kia Swain  
Youth Transition Program  
Career/Transition Coordinator  
Benson & Roosevelt High School  
Work Cell- 971-413-9588***

## **A Message from Benson's Special Education Transition Coordinator**

Each below opportunity can support HS students with disabilities. You do not need to be on an IEP or 504 plan to participate.

Also, each below opportunity is a paid.

### **Climate Justice Digital StoryTelling- Full Virtual Cohort on Tuesdays 1/25- 3/15**

This cohort will focus on Developing Stories through Digital media: Stories about Us, Our Communities, Our love of the environment, and Our love of Justice. We use [ALL WE CAN SAVE](#), [Design as Protest](#), [Trauma Informed Care](#), [Black Space Manifesto](#) and Critical Race Theory as our foundations. Projects are youth determined, and youth developed, focusing on multimedia storytelling. Participants will learn about Audio, Video and Graphics as tools to share climate justice stories.

#### Digital StoryTelling Details:

When: Tuesdays 4-6pm in January - February 1/25 , 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8 & 3/15

Where: ZOOM Room

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

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

**[APPLY For Digital Storytelling BY 1/15/2022](#)**

***Mrs. Kia Swain***

***Youth Transition Program***

***Career/Transition Coordinator***

***Benson & Roosevelt High School***

***Work Cell- 971-413-9588***

## A Message from Benson's Special Education Transition Coordinator

### Urbanism NEXT COLLABORATION. Flying Taxis, Robots, and Cities of the Future

New technologies like sidewalk robots and self-driving cars are coming that will shape the cities of the future. What's exciting about these technologies and what's potentially concerning? In this 3 part studio, we will introduce these technologies and talk about the ways that you can shape outcomes to maximize their benefits.

Cities of The Future Details:

**When:** Wednesdays 4-6pm in January - February 1/19 (at White Stag) 1/26 (Virtual), 2/2 (Virtual),

**Where:** 1/19 In Person at White Stag Building 70 NW Couch St, Portland, OR 97209 1/26 & 2/2 ZOOM Room

**Who:** BIPoC and LGBTQ+ centered youth ages 14-20

**Compensation:** Students receive a stipend of \$90 for 3 sessions

[APPLY for Future Cities By 1/15/2022](#)

### Your Library Your Voice: People Over Collections

Want to Imagine Teen Spaces in your Library? Join us for 4 sessions in designing Holgate and Midland Library teen Spaces. This cohort will focus on The Multnomah County Libraries of Holgate and Midland, Using Design Justice as our foundation. Projects are youth determined, and youth developed, focusing on teen spaces.

Library Cohort Details:

**When:** Thursdays 4-6pm in January - February 1/20 ( at Midland Library) 1/27( At Midland Library), 2 /3(Virtual), 2/10 (Virtual)

**PUBLIC EVENT: Your Street Your Voice Vital Voices in the Built Environment: 2/10**

**Where: 1/20 & 1/27**In Person at Midland Library 805 SE 122nd Avenue Portland, OR 97233: **2 /3 & 2/10** ZOOM Room

**Who:** BIPoC and LGBTQ+ centered youth ages 14-20

**Compensation:** Students receive a stipend of \$120 for 4 sessions

[APPLY For Library Teen Spaces By 1/15/2022](#)

## A Message from the Benson Tech Counselors

Hey Benson Techsters: Do you speak, read, and write fluently in another language and need world language credit? The STAMP test is a world language assessment in which native speakers can earn up to four (4) world language credits. STAMP test registration is now open. Please come down to the counseling department to register.

Dates and times are on the PPS STAMP website <https://www.pps.net/Page/2338>

***Christy Wheeler***

***School Counselor***

***Students with last name P-Z***

***She/Her***

***503-916-5100***

***<https://bensonhs.net/>***

***<https://sites.google.com/pps.net/bensontechcounseling/home>***

**A Message from Caroline Bleckmann/Benson's Social Worker & Wellness Center  
Coordinator**

**Wellness Center resources to help with COVID-19**

[COVID relief for youth in Foster Care](#)

[PGE Bill help](#)

[NW Natural Bill help](#)

[Pacific Power](#)

[Benson Drug and Alcohol counselor Ashley Cohen](#)

[Culturally specific \(Latinx/& Black\) Drug and Alcohol services/support](#)

Sincerely,

[Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW](#), She/her

School Social worker, Benson Polytechnic High School

**For all meeting requests [click here](#) or use google calendar for PPS employees**

[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!](#)

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:nutritionservices@pps.net)

### ***PPS Nutrition Services***