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Please be sure to go to the BHS Website at www.bensonhs.net for school information as it becomes relevant.

Parents/Guardians please be sure to download the Trivory App for up to date information regarding Benson Tech. This is a great communication tool for Benson Tech and we highly encourage all parents/guardians to stay connected with the school by downloading the app. <https://trivory.com/>

Principal Wilson

February 28th 2022

Parents/Guardians,

Please note that on **Wednesday March 2nd** all PPS High Schools will be participating in the District's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Day. This is to provide time for students and classrooms to build community, address school climate and culture and get assistance with academic needs. The day will include:

- 1 hour school wide lessons related to climate concerns- Sense of Belonging, Culture of Care
- Warm Welcome and Community Building Activity
- 3 options for plug and play mini lessons:
- Community building exercises and games
- Community reflection circles on FRESH values and climate data
- Creative Projects for hall and classroom wall displays related to Benson's FRESH values
- Academic Planning- What to do during Office Hours today
- Optimistic Closure
- 2 hours of Office hours/Academic tutorials/ drop-in community building activities to provide enrichment or intervention.
- 3 hours for staff to collaborate and learn together.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

8:30am-9:30am All students report to 2nd period class

School Culture, Community Building and Transition to Office Hours Planning. Attendance is taken in this class.

9:30am-10:30am Office Hours 1

Students work with teachers they need assistance from or students can attend a community building session with the teacher of their choice.

10:30am-11:30am Office Hours 2

Students work with teachers they need assistance from or students can attend a community building session with the teacher of their choice.

11:30am-12:00pm Lunch

12:00pm Student Dismissal

Benson Tech Rose Festival Announcement

Please join our **Court Finalists**: Reba Booze and Addie Stiles on their live broadcast for the Rose Festival Princess announcement on **Tuesday, March 1st, at 11:15am.** You can access the live broadcast by clicking the link below.

YOUTUBE LIVE BROADCAST <https://youtu.be/IS3O3uiTG8Y>

A Message from Benson's Athletic Director

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS...Registration for Spring Sports at Benson is currently ongoing right now. Spring Sports includes Track, Baseball, Softball, Golf and Tennis.

Go to bensonathletics.net and click on "registration" at the top of the page so you can get registered, fees paid, and cleared. When doing this you will need to upload a copy of your current physical. Spring sports starts on Monday February 28th!

Go Tech!

Mat Clark

BHS Athletic Director

Attention All Benson Students!

VERSELANDIA IS COMING!

Interested in performing your original poetry?

Compete against other poets from around the district to win recognition and prizes.

Come to our first meeting on March 16 during flex in the Library.

Need more information contact:

Ms. Bruer in Room C-7 or Ibruer@pps.net

Mr. Larson in the Library or clarson2@pps.net

PPS Successful School Survey (Ends Friday March 4th)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a moment and participate in our District wide Successful Schools Family Survey. Your responses will help PPS and the Benson Tech Administration team understand your experiences regarding the climate and culture of the school and we will use this information to set goals and plan for next year. The survey will cover topics on school safety, school climate, barriers to family engagement, and how well Benson Tech fits your student's needs. Please be honest and thoughtful, and take your time to read and respond to the questions. This survey is critical to PPS and Benson Tech as we continue to grow, learn and adapt to make sure Benson Tech is supporting the needs of all students and staff within the building.

Please visit the link below on a computer, tablet, or smartphone and select Benson Tech as the school utilized by the survey. Choose the language that you are most comfortable with in taking the survey from the drop down menu and proceed.

This survey is only available from February 14th to March 4th 2022. If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please contact the school office so that we can provide a way for you to take the survey as we do have hard copies available as well.

Families will go to <http://surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily>

Families will see a drop down list of all PPS schools and will select Benson Tech and complete the survey.

Family members will hit the blue "Submit" button to enter/submit their survey. Please note that if you do not hit the blue "Submit" button your responses will not be saved.

Thank you so much for your time and feedback!

Principal Wilson

Garden Club Meeting

Monday, February 28th, Garden Club resumes! After school at 3:45, please meet in the garden. If it rains, meet in room C-6. Let's Go!

Ms. Willow Weir-Mayorga

A Message from the Benson Tech Boosters

Dear Benson Tech Community,

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Valentine's e-gift card fundraising effort for our Benson teachers and staff! **With your support we raised more than \$2,000 dollars from more than 30 families and were able to provide teachers and staff with \$26 e-gift cards of their choice.** We're so grateful for the efforts of Benson teachers and staff to support our students, and are so happy that we could recognize them with Valentine's day love!

Looking for volunteer opportunities?

You can find current volunteer opportunities on our [Benson TechBoosters website](#). We're gearing up for spring season concessions, so watch for additional opportunities!

Also, stay tuned for the upcoming **Ready, Set, Go Tech!** fundraiser as well as **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Details to follow in the near future.

As always, please reach out with any questions.

Go Tech!

-Benson TechBoosters

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Elizabeth O'Malley

A Message from Benson's Kia Swain 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 Kia Swain Special Education Transition Coordinator

\$5,000 Scholarship for Someone on the Autism Spectrum to Further Their Education

Submissions Now Open! Deadline 3/25/22

<https://johnscrazysocks.com/pages/autism-can-do-scholarship>

The winner of the 2022 Autism Can Do Scholarship will not only receive the \$5,000 grant but John's Crazy Socks will create the winning sock design and sell it in our online store!

Online Social Group? [Autism Society of Oregon](#)

o March 19th @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

o The group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 1:00 - 2:30 pm and is designed to support autistic teens with communication, perspective taking, and social skills in a fun and engaging Zoom environment. The Teen + Parent group is led by Danitza Galvan, who has a master's degree in Early Intervention/Special Education and who is the parent of a teen on the autism spectrum.

Registration link:

<https://autismsocietyoregon.org/event/parent-teen-online-social-group-meeting-online/2022-03-19/>

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCE - Traveling can be difficult. NEW – A SENSORY ROOM @ The Portland International Airport (PDX).

<https://www.flypdx.com/Accessibility>

<https://www.pdxmonthly.com/travel-and-outdoors/2022/01/pdx-airport-sensory-room-autism-anxiety>

Exploring Identity, Culture and Inclusivity - March 1st 9:30am-10:30am [Registration Required](#)

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

March 1st is a BIG deadline day! OSAC, Ford Family Foundation, PSU Diversity Scholarship, Future Connect, Loprinzi, Kaiser Health Equity Scholarship, and other scholarship applications are all due on 3/1. Come to the College/Career Center (B6) for help. For information on scholarships and other college-related news, please see the [College Newsletter](#).

Kathleen Reid (she/her)

College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

[Benson College Info Webpage](#)

Call/Text 971-238-8322

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

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 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

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

She/Her/Hers

Interim Instructional Specialist

Teacher & Testing Coordinator

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Modernization Update

Here is the link to this month's series. Note that old building C is but a wall and about half of building E is left. When that is gone, the destruction phase will be done. The large hole where the auto shop used to be is being prepped to be our drainage field. Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Callies toured the site today and were able to walk below what was the main hall which is being excavated (IMG 8611) and climbed into the large space along Irving Street that was the Media Center and will return as the Music Rooms (basement level - IMG 8553) and the Media Center on the main floor. At present, without the scaffolding throughout and around the building, I think it would all fall down!!!

Till next month,

Dan

[Benson Construction 2-16-22 | Flickr](#)

Dan Malone

he/him

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 were 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.

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/>

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