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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.***

***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***

**May 16th 2022**

### **Senior Awards Assembly**

The Class of 2022 Senior Awards Assembly will take place in the school auditorium on Thursday, May 19th at 9:50 a.m. We will be honoring seniors who are receiving department awards and OSAC scholarships. This event is only for senior students, and their family members are welcome to attend as well.

***BHS Administration***

### **Graduation Update**

#### ***An Important Message Regarding Graduation Tickets!***

The process of distributing graduation tickets is about to begin. As the big event on June 8th at 5:00pm at Providence Park nears, please know that we need to use their Seat Geek ticketing system to distribute ALL tickets electronically. Here is what we need from you. Please send the email you want the tickets delivered to and the number of tickets needed to either Dan Malone or Eva Martinez-Mercado starting this week. Use the phone of an adult who will attend the ceremony. We strongly suggest that you do not use your graduate's phone as they will be in a whole different section of the Park than families when it is time for you to enter the Park (starting at 4:30pm on the 8th). Starting on or about the 25th, we will start to send tickets out through the Seat Geek platform. All seats this year are General Admission and unlike last year, there are no restrictions on how many tickets per row we can use. There is an easy way to transfer tickets to other family members from the original batch of tickets you receive. I will send that email in the letter in early June. For those with young children, Providence Park expects everyone 3 and older to have their own seat. Again, we look forward to filling the stadium to celebrate the many accomplishments of the class of '22

Emails: [emartinezmercado@pps.net](mailto:emartinezmercado@pps.net) and [dmalone@pps.net](mailto:dmalone@pps.net)

Thank you ,

Dan Malone

he/him

VP, Modernization

Benson Polytechnic HS at Marshall Campus

### **Seniors 60-Day Rule**

**Seniors 60 DAY RULE** began April 3rd. Seniors shall be disqualified from participation in commencement exercises and related activities if they are found to be in violation of PPS District Alcohol or Drug policy or any violation resulting in three or more days of suspension or more serious disciplinary action up to and including their last day of school. Seniors last day of school is Wednesday June 1st.

***Benson Tech Admin***

### **BHS Senior Letter**

Parents/Guardians please be sure to click on the link to open up the BHS Senior Letter that has important information and dates regarding Seniors last two months of school.

Thanks

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-kT6Uhc4nR2UfNfzZkbbREd2RI-Xm6i2zWpx7xBuQt8/edit?usp=sharing>

***Benson Tech Admin***

### **A Message from Benson's Cheerleading Coach Vasheeta James**

If interested in cheerleading for the 2022-23 season please be sure to read the attached flier.

***Vasheeta James***

***BHS Cheerleading***

## **A Message from the BHS Athletic Director Mat Clark**

*Families,*

*I am writing to you in regards to the 2022-2023 Benson Tech Booster Club. I want to start off by thanking our current parents who have volunteered all year and really brought the Booster Club back into the fold coming out of The COVID Pandemic. Learning about the history of the Booster Club and how COVID really put it in a dormant state just as the momentum got going was clearly a tough situation...and it makes me appreciate all their efforts even more than I already did.*

*Looking ahead to 22-23 we have a real need for parents to be a part of this group. We are having many families graduate out of Benson and we are in significant need of your help. Not all schools have a Booster Club. Benson having a Booster Club is a major help and resources to our programs. In their brief existence they have raised thousands of dollars for our various programs and really allowed them to do things that they might not be able to do otherwise.*

*The big question is always the commitment involved. Having been around booster clubs as a coach, a parent, and now as an athletic director, I can tell you that there is work involved but it is not what most people think that it is. The meetings are once a month and done virtually. In short...the Benson Booster Club has done a great job structuring itself to have a great balance between commitment level and effectiveness in serving our programs. This is a group that I value greatly at Benson and very much want to see continue for years to come.*

*In saying all of this, I am asking for your help. I am asking you to attend our next meeting, check out what it is we do, and see where it is that we need help for the 22-23 school year. The meeting details are listed below:*

*DATE: Thursday May 19th*

*TIME: 7:00PM (approximately 45 minutes)*

*LOCATION: The meeting is virtually and the open link for the meeting is located at [bensontechboosters.org](https://bensontechboosters.org)*

*Thank you so much for reading and considering this. This is a big part of Benson High School and I can't imagine not having this group as part of our support structure. We are lucky to have this group and I look forward to its continued growth and success!*

*Sincerely,*

**Mat Clark**  
**Athletic Director**  
**Benson Tech High School**

### **A Message from the College Counselor/AVID Coordinator**

Please check out Benson's [College Newsletter](#) which is full of information on upcoming events, scholarships, and other information related to college and planning for life after Benson.

***Kathleen Reid (she/her)***

***College Counselor/AVID Coordinator***

***[Benson College Info Webpage](#)***

***Call/Text 971-238-8322***

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

### **Benson Tech Merchandise Sale**

Parents/Guardians please see the attached flyer that talks about the timeline that Tech Enterprises still has to sell Benson Tech merchandise for the remainder of the school year.

***C-Mo***

***Tech Enterprises***

### **Tutoring Opportunities Available at Benson Tech**

Please see the attached document which has tutoring opportunities available for Science, Math and Social Studies for our Benson Tech students.

### **A Message from the Garden Club Advisor**

Come see the garden and help us dig in the dirt! Monday, May 16th after school, meet in the garden. If it's raining, meet in room C-6.

***Willow Weir-Mayorga***

**A Message from Benson's Youth Transition Program Career/Transition  
Coordinator Mrs. Kia Swain**

Please see the attached opportunity flyer for driving for students who receive Special Education services.

*Kind Regards,*

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

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

Please see the Career Newsletter for Summer work opportunities: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nadDd7P7ri7um3mwRaGFoll2pNf6l6JoFtO6u9TTSwl/edit?usp=sharing>

Miranda Ryan  
Career Coordinator  
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**Miranda Ryan**

Career Coordinator  
Benson Polytechnic High School  
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Schedule a Meeting: [http://bit.ly/BHS\\_careercalendar](http://bit.ly/BHS_careercalendar)  
Personal Learning Instructions: <https://bit.ly/3D9V6r8>  
Career Website: <http://bit.ly/bensoncareers>

## **A Message from Benson Athletic Director Mat Clark**

### **ITEM 1--22/23 Sports Registration**

Students and Families,

Sports Registration on Family ID is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. The Athletic Department is encouraging all students who plan on turning out for sports next year to get registered early as Fall sports begin on Monday August 15th. The Athletic Department has a goal of increasing our turnout in all sports and providing kids with opportunities in Athletics. Our goal with opening registration early is so that kids can get connected to teams as soon as possible...especially with off-season programs starting soon. For 22-23, Benson will be offering the following sports:

FALL: Volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, Cheer, Dance

WINTER: Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming (numbers pending)

SPRING: Track, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf

#### **REGISTRATION CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU GET STARTED:**

--Do you have a current physical exam?

--Did you take AND pass at least 5 classes for Spring 2022

--Are you enrolled in at least 5 classes for the 22-23 school year

--Check all sports that you will turn out for OR you think you will turn out for...makes it easier as you transfer from season to season.

We look forward to a great 22-23 Athletics year and having as many kids participate as possible

***Go Tech!***

***Mat Clark***

## **A Message from Benson Athletic Director Mat Clark**

### **ITEM #2--Attention Swimmers**

Students,

Benson is looking to bring Swimming back for the 22-23 school year. We tried to do this for 21-22 but didn't quite get there. We really think that there is not only an interest in swimming but that we can pull it off for 22-23.

### **WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN**

In short...we have all the components in place to bring swimming back. The only thing that we are missing is the minimum number of students that we are required to have in order to bring the team back.

### **WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO HAVE SWIMMING IN 22-23**

If you are interested in swimming you need to register for it ASAP. Before the end of the school year I will need to give an update to the district on how many student have officially registered for swimming. This is going to be the first big hurdle to overcome. While swimming is a winter sport, Benson has to be able to show that it has a strong interest before hand and that we will be able to field a team for the entire season. Registered students is the benchmark that will be used to determine this.

If you are wanting to have a swim team or have thought about turning out for one...your time is now. We made a good effort on short notice in 21-22. We have much more time to make it happen now.

***Go Tech!***

***Mat Clark***

## **A Message from the Benson Tech Counselors**

Do you need to recover credit? PPS Summer Scholars is an excellent opportunity for students to get back on track. Registration for Summer Scholars will open the week of May 16th. See your counselor to sign up.

Below are links to their newsletter and general information about the program.

PPS Website: <https://www.pps.net/pess>

Summer Scholars Newsletter/Video: [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1g\\_LOPiYvUzWF37ed\\_Q8bNVBpqgnUhO70CP9AFWufrgc/present?slide=id.ga3c11c4a29\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1g_LOPiYvUzWF37ed_Q8bNVBpqgnUhO70CP9AFWufrgc/present?slide=id.ga3c11c4a29_0_0)

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## **A Message from Benson's School Social Worker Caroline Bleckmann**

### **PCC Clear Clinic**

Welcome to the [PCC CLEAR \(Community Legal & Educational Access & Referral\) Clinic!](#) The CLEAR Clinic is a legal clinic at PCC Cascade in North Portland, providing the following free legal services to people in the Portland metro area:

Criminal record and eviction expungements

DACA renewals

Housing and immigration court navigation

Legal name and gender-marker changes

Other legal advice and referrals for legal services, PCC resources, and community based resources.

### **PPS Clothing Closet**

The PPS clothing closet is open until 5/19. Did you know it's right here in the building? It's here for students and families who are struggling to afford clothing only. Talk to your counselor to find out more, or contact Caroline Bleckmann, the School Social Worker: [cbleckmann@pps.net](mailto:cbleckmann@pps.net) or text [503-729-3486](tel:503-729-3486).

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!](#)**