



October 10th 2022

PSAT Day Announcements

Benson Tech Parents, Guardians, and Students, Wednesday, October 12th is Benson's PSAT Day and will be a special schedule for all students. School will run from 8:30 - 1:30 pm, with lunch 12:30-1:00 and tutorials from 1:00-1:30. All students will be engaged in either the PSAT test or the Plant Success And Thrive activities focused on graduation requirements such as career learning, resumes, and post secondary planning. It is important for students to attend this day so they are completing these requirements.

All 10th grade students and any 11th grade students interested in retaking the PSAT for National Merit Scholars qualification will report to the gym by 8:15. Testers should bring number 2 pencils and a non-graphing calculator. They will need to check in their cell phones and backpacks before entering the testing room. Be sure to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast!

9th grade and 11th grade students not testing will be assigned classrooms for morning guest speakers and post secondary planning sessions. Classroom assignments will be posted the day before and the morning of the event in the main hall.

12th grade students will start the day in the auditorium with an assembly to learn about the required Personal Learning Requirements(PLRs) to be completed before graduation. They will then head to their majors to work on their PLRs and meet one on one with their counselors.

BHS Administration

Benson Tech TAG Parent Information Night

When: November 2nd from 6pm-7pm

Who: Jake Guth Benson's TAG Coordinator

Where: Benson Tech Cafeteria

Please note that this event will coincide with Benson's 8th Grade Information Night which will be happening that evening as well.

Jake Guth
BHS TAG Coordinator

Please be sure to follow me on Twitter

@BensonTechPride

Please be sure to go to our PPS/BHS Website at www.pps.net/benson for important school information throughout the school year.

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 and students to stay connected with the school by downloading the app. <https://trivory.com/>

Principal Wilson

A Message from Benson's Health Sciences Instructor Carly Alekel **Please See Attached Photo As Well**

On Thursday, October 6th, the Health Occupations department at Benson Tech hosted a professional student group from the Physician Assistant Program at OHSU. This group represented the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) as part of the PAEA Project Access outreach program, an annual community outreach program that intentionally seeks to encourage students from underrepresented minority groups to consider the PA profession as a career. Benson Tech senior students in our health occupation majors were able to directly interact in our own classrooms with these inspiring individuals and learn about the physician assistant career pathway. Students were guided through hands-on activities including the operation of portable ultrasound machines, evaluating normal and irregular heart and lung sounds, and small group discussions. Thank you to this amazing group of medical professionals and to Oregon Health Sciences University, a valued community partner, for inspiring our students!

Carly Alekel

BHS Health Sciences Instructor

Join the NE PDX Snowboard Team!

Train with riders from Benson Tech, Grant, Central Catholic and McDaniel high schools. Information night is Thurs. Oct 13th at Grant High School. Visit our site for more info and be sure to fill out the contact form northeastsnowboardteam.com

BHS Snowboard Team

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day will be held on **Thursday, October 13th in the Auditorium during lunch**. If your student did not have their picture taken in August, then this is the time to get it done. Students must have their picture taken by Life Touch in order for their photo to be in the yearbook. If you purchased pictures and you did not like them, have your student bring the packet with them to the Auditorium and they will retake their picture at no charge.

BHS Administration

A Message from the Benson Tech Counseling Department

SENIORS: If you are applying to a PRIVATE four year university and need a counselor/teacher recommendation, please **make an appointment with your counselor ASAP**. We need at LEAST a two week notice to write/send recommendations.

FRESHMEN: If you received pre 9th grade credit and you do NOT want this grade/credit OR you want it as a P/NP on your transcript, you must request this before the end of the first semester. Please see your counselor for the paperwork.

Amy Henry (she/her)

Counselor

Benson Polytechnic High School at Marshall Campus

Working with Students with the Last Names A-Gq

503-916-5100 x86434

Check out colleges visiting Benson Tech, upcoming scholarship deadlines, and information on the Common App & Maia Learning. Additionally, FAFSA & ORSAA just opened on October 1st. For all this information plus guidance on college planning, financial aid, and scholarships, check out [Benson's College Newsletter](#).

Kathleen Reid (she/her)

College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

[Benson Tech High School](#)

[Benson College Info Webpage](#)

Call/Text 971-238-8322

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

Parents and Guardians of 11th Grade Students (See Attachment)

Parents/Guardians please be sure to read the attachment from the BHS Biology Teachers Kelly Jones, Jason Hieggelke and Kerry Zambrano which talks about their upcoming field trip on October 18th and 19th to Mt. St. Helens with the 11th grade Science students. There's important information in this memo so please be sure to read it.

BHS Science Department

A Message from the PPS TAG Office

NEW! Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

Ask questions and receive information related to TAG identification, services, processes, etc.

We will meet on Zoom, 6:00-7:00 PM on 11/30/22, 1/25/23, 2/22/23, 3/22/23, 4/26/23, and 5/31/23.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 28 6:00pm-7:00pm

[Zoom Link](#) for Parent Office Hours with the TAG Department

We look forward to seeing you!

PPS TAG Department

Bicycle Repair Club Seeking Donations

Benson's new Bicycle Repair Club is seeking donations of portable bicycle repair stands, bike repair tools, and bike parts. Sorry, we are unable to accept complete bicycles at this time. Please contact club advisor Jackie Musick with any donations or related questions: jmusick@pps.net

Benson's Makerspace Coordinator

A Message from the VP of Modernization Dan Malone

Hello to the Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2023

As you get set to navigate the year ahead, I wanted to give you a few dates for your calendars. Jostens, the company who provides us with caps, gowns and all senior memorabilia, will hand out order packets to your senior on Nov 1st. Jostens will return to take cap and gown orders on Nov 15th during lunchtime. The only item each senior must have is a cap and gown. The color of the items has not changed in several years so if you have a cap and gown from another Benson grad in a closet somewhere, your '23 grad could certainly reuse it.

The BIG date to plan for is Monday June 5th, 2023, our graduation date. The ceremony begins at 5:00 and takes place again this year at Providence Park. Certainly more details will be forthcoming but just wanted you to have the date for planning purposes.

Modernization Update:

The new building is on time. Look at the amazing work our partners at Andersen Construction have done on site. The second floor framing is up on the Irving street side and one can start to see the outline of where the administrative offices are going. The new roof on the auxiliary gym is nearly completed as well. Only 685 day until we are back !!! More to see at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/portlandpublicschools/albums/72177720301163137>

Dan Malone

he/him

VP, Modernization

Benson Polytechnic HS at Marshall Campus

A Message from Benson's Social Worker Caroline Bleckmann

Don't forget that the [Benson Wellness Center](#) in Room A-30 (next to the gym and cafeteria) is here to help keep you healthy!

You can find us by following the signs to the Wellness center across the hall from the gym.

The medical providers have appointments Monday to Thursday from 1-5 pm and you can drop in to speak with the school nurse or social worker anytime.

We offer general health check-ups, sports physicals, sick visits, sexual health counseling, mental health counseling, vaccines, and COVID-19 testing.

We are also here to answer any questions you may have about your body, health, and mind. You schedule your own appointments and come during school hours. Services are confidential, and we see all students regardless of ability to pay: this means if you're uninsured, it's free; OHP and private insurance are billed just like at any other primary care clinic.

Tell your student to stop by the clinic and register as a patient and to pick up some school swag!

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 Benson's Athletic Director Mat Clark (See Attachment)

Parents/Guardians please be sure to read the attached weekly update as it pertains to Benson Tech Athletics.

Thanks

Mat Clark

BHS Athletics

A Message from Benson's Yearbook Advisor Ike Prah

Hello Parents, Guardians, Friends, and Families!

It is time to order your yearbook!

You can do this through [SchoolPay](#) or by bringing cash, check, or card to Hazel Knox, our bookkeeper in room B-5. The yearbook is being sold at \$45.

For local businesses that would like to sponsor the yearbook to offset the cost for additional copies, advertisement and sponsorship placement is available. Contact Ike Prah (iprah@pps.net) if you are interested.

Dear Senior Parents and Guardians,

Some people choose to remember their senior year by taking a custom portrait. If you have had a portrait taken by a professional or a friend and would like it in our yearbook, please submit the photo of your senior to our [Google Form](#): tinyurl.com/3ue2fakp . If you struggle to access the form, try accessing it with your senior from their student.pps account.

Cheers,

Ike Prah

Special Education

English Language Arts

A Message from Benson's Attendance Coach Montreal Granville

Parents/Guardians please click on the link below to view directions in ParentVUE on how to enter/report future excused absences for your child.

<https://support.pps.net/support/solutions/articles/8000090120>

Montreal Granville

Student Attendance Coach

Benson Polytechnic High School

971-413-3134

A Message from the Benson Tech Boosters

Hello Benson Tech fans!

With the start of school comes the start of fall sports, and we have **two ways for YOU to help out** our athletes and other Benson Tech clubs!

Go to www.bensontechboosters.org to either sign up to *volunteer in concessions* during one of our home games, and money/funds will go to your favorite Benson Tech team or organization. It's easy and it's fun, and orientation is provided at your first shift. Students are encouraged to volunteer, but an adult should always be present. It's a great team bonding opportunity for off-season teams!

Donate to our *Ready, Set, Go Tech!* fundraiser to help outfit our JV teams with matching uniforms and replace gear lost or broken with the move last year. This will run through the end of September, and raised funds go to each team proportionally to the number of participants last year.

Go Tech!

Benson TechBoosters

Building Community

bensontechboosters@gmail.com

www.bensontechboosters.org

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

A Message from Benson's Radio Broadcasting Instructor Jacob Patterson

The Portland Public School radio station AM 1450 KBPS located at Benson Tech is looking for student sportscasters to join our team! No experience necessary, any PPS high school student can join. Opportunities include live broadcasting, play-by-play and color commentary announcing, audio engineering and setting up gear at the games, control board operation at the station, and soon video streaming. We broadcast games weekly with fall football and winter basketball. Please visit the website www.kbps.am for more information and reach out to KBPS Instructor Jacob

Patterson jacpatterson@pps.net

Jacob Patterson (he/him)

KBPS Radio CTE Instructor

BATS Coordinator

Benson Bowling Club Coach

Communications Design Academy

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