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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

October 3rd 2022

PSAT Information for Parents/Guardians

Benson Tech will administer the PSAT exam on Wednesday October 12th, 2022 starting promptly at 8:30 AM in the gym for all **Sophomores**. The PSAT is an introductory exam for the SAT, and a good college preparation practice. We have given them a Preparation manual which has pertinent information on the test and its administration as well as a practice test. Please ensure you and your child have made the necessary preparations for their success.

Juniors who wish to take the PSAT are eligible for the National Merit scholarship going towards college tuition. Please come to the Counseling office in order to be added to the testing sign-up by Wednesday October 5th.

PSAT Day information for 9th graders

- Please arrive at school at the normal time.
- **Activities will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.**
- Most 9th graders will be in a different room than their normal 1st period class.
- **Room assignments will be posted** in the main hall and on C-floor outside the English, Physics and Geometry classrooms.
- **Please bring your Chromebooks.** You'll need them for the morning activity.

Tom Ustach
Benson Tech Testing Coordinator
tustach@pps.net

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
jguth1@pps.net

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.

JUNIORS: If you want to take the PSAT, please sign up in the counseling office. **The deadline to register is Wednesday, Oct. 5.**

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, upcoming scholarship deadlines, and information on the Common App & Maia Learning. Additionally, FAFSA & ORSAA just opened on October 1st, and we have set up events to help you complete your financial aid application. 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

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month (Please See Attached Photos)

Escalera and the College Career Center partnered to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with games, music, and treats. Students of all grades were invited to play Lotería on Thursday, September 29 during flex. Students and staff had a wonderful time celebrating together. Next Thursday, October 6 during flex all grades are invited again to play, win fun prizes, and honor Latinx culture. A big thank you to Escalera for partnering and organizing such a fun event.

College & Career Center/Escalera Program

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 10/26/22, 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 5, 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 the Benson Track & Field Coach Jay Miles

Benson Tech Track and Field began it's off-season training on Monday, September 26th. Workouts will be held every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 to 5:15. We will meet on the stairway to the weight room to start each workout. Training is open to all Benson Tech students. No experience necessary.

Jay Miles

Benson Track & Field Coach

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.

Cheers,

Ike Prah

Special Education

English Language Arts

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.

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Go Tech!

Benson TechBoosters

Building Community

bensontechboosters@gmail.com

www.bensontechboosters.org

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

A Message from Benson's Bookkeeper Hazel Knox

Refund of Chromebook Insurance Fees

The District's Office of Technology and Information Services has decided to NOT charge families the \$20 Chromebook Insurance Fee that was being collected at the beginning of this school year. They felt it was just an additional burden for our families. As a result, for those of you who have already paid the \$20 fee, Benson will be refunding those fees that have been paid.

- If you paid with a \$20 check, that original check will be mailed back to you.
- If you paid with a check that included more than just that \$20 fee, your check will be deposited and once the check has cleared the bank, Benson Tech will issue you a school check for the \$20 and it will be mailed to you.
- If you paid the \$20 in cash, we will issue you a school check for \$20 that will be mailed to you.
- If you paid the \$20 fee through SchoolPay with a credit/debit card, we will automatically process a \$20 credit/refund to your card. You should see this \$20 refund on your card statement in a few weeks.
- Since there are quite a few refunds to process, please allow several weeks for this process to go through. Thank you for your patience!!

Hazel Knox, Bookkeeper

Benson Polytechnic High School

3905 SE 91st Ave., (new address & phone ext.)

Portland, OR 97266

503-916-5100 ext. 86205

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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 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

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