



September 6th 2022

S.T.O.P.P.S Bus Information for our Students

Parents/Guardians if you have students who ride the yellow PPS buses to school please be sure and go over the attached information with your students regarding bus safety. The information presented in the attached flyers and video are very important for our students who take the PPS yellow school buses to and from school.

Principal Wilson

Benson Student Behavior Compact

Parents/Guardians of Benson Tech students please note that all Benson Tech students and teachers went over the Benson Student Behavior Compact in their second period classes on Friday September 2nd. Please note that we have attached the Student Behavior Compact so that you can review it with your students and know what was shared with your students as well.

Colleen Johnston (Colleen the Dean)
Dean of Students & School Climate Coach
Office phone: 503-916-5100 ext. 86288

Parent/Student Agreement for use of a Chromebook

Parents/Guardians please be sure to read, sign and have your student return their User Agreement for utilizing a Chromebook for this upcoming school year. Once you have the form filled out your student can return the form to the main office and give it to the Principal's Secretary Roi San Anderson.

Please note that there is no \$20 Insurance Fee associated with utilizing a Chromebook as the District has reversed their stance on charging families the \$20 fee and if you've already paid the \$20 Insurance fee to the BHS Bookkeeper please note that you will be receiving a refund for that \$20 fee.

Benson Tech Administration

A Message from PPS Nutrition Services

Benson Tech qualifies for CEP, (Community Eligibility Provision) which means breakfast and lunch will continue to be at no charge for all students this upcoming school year. Families will not need to apply for meal benefits. Please see the attached flyer for specific details.

PPS Nutrition Services

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 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

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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 Curriculum Vice Principal Sara Callies

Announcements Regarding Schedules:

- Counselors will take appointment requests starting next week, no drop-ins during class time. Students can drop in before school, at lunchtime, and after school. They can also email their counselors or stop by the counseling desk to make an appointment.
- Students with TA in their schedules will need to ask the teacher they want a TA period with and use the form from the counseling office to get the teacher signature before they are added to your schedule. All students with TA periods must have a teacher assigned to their schedule by the end of next week. Students that do not fill out their TA form by September 9th will automatically be placed in another class.
- Schedule changes can only be made through September 16th. Seniors with late arrival and early dismissal must drop by counseling to get their late arrival/early dismissal form and have it completed by the end of next week. All students with early arrival/late dismissal must complete the form by September 9th or they will automatically be placed in a class.
- Advisory Period 9 is not an actual class in the school day. It is a placeholder for school wide communications from our Counselors to our students.
- Please be sure to review the TA/Early Dismissal Flyer as well.

Sara Callies (she/her/hers)
Curriculum Vice Principal
Benson Polytechnic High School
503-916-5100

A Message from Benson's College Counselor/AVID Coordinator Kathleen Reid

It's college application season! For loads of information on college applications, scholarships, and financial aid, check out Benson's College Newsletter! Click [HERE](#)

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](#)



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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Information Regarding Outdoor School

We are excited to share with you our plans for fall Outdoor School. We will be running overnight programming for both 6th grade students and our wonderful high school student leaders, at five beautiful Outdoor School sites, Angelos, Collins, Kuratli, Namanu, and Westwind.

Student Leader online registration is now open.

Here is the link to the online registration: signup.4ods.org

High school student leaders must be **sophomores, juniors or seniors** to participate. When students register, an email is sent to their parent/guardian for approval and another is sent to their school

Attending a workshop is required for students to participate in our fall program. Our First workshop is on Saturday, Sept 24 through Sunday Sept. 25, bus transportation will be provided from the area high schools to one of our five Outdoor School sites. We also plan to do alternative workshops at the MESD and at area schools throughout the fall to accommodate those who cannot make this first workshop.

Dates for the Fall session:

Student Leader workshop-September 24-25

Week 1- Oct 2-7

Week 2- Oct 9-14

Week 3- Oct 16-21

Week 4- Oct 23-28

Week 5- Oct 30-Nov 4

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Student Services

MESD Outdoor School

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<http://www.mesdoutdoorschool.org/>

A Message from Benson's Athletic Director Mat Clark

All are welcome! Come race bikes in the city! [Portland Trophy Cup](#) is a local 6 race cyclocross bike race series for all ages, but Juniors (9-18) race for free! Beginner Women also race for free, so tell your moms, aunts, sisters, and friends! No idea what cyclocross racing is? We have free beginner clinics before every race! Come join a clinic and decide if you want to race or just watch. All bikes are welcome, but there are some that are better suited for racing than others. Metropolis bikes will be on site and can answer bike questions. Your clinic leaders can also offer bike advice. If you don't have a fast race bike, it is still fun to come ride with others on the course and try it out. We are an inclusive race series, all are welcome! The race is conveniently located at Portland International Raceway, so you can ride, drive, or take the train there! Races happen for 6 consecutive Tuesdays, starting September 6th and ending October 11th. An [OBRA](#) (Oregon Bicycle Racing Association) Membership is required, but those are free for Juniors as well. Hope to see you there! Check out the fun on Instagram at [@pdx trophy cup](#)

Fall Sports Media Day

Parents/Guardians please be sure to read the attached flyer that talks about Benson's Fall Sports Media Day which is scheduled for Wednesday September 14th from 5pm-6:15pm on the Benson Tech/Marshall Campus. More specific details are in the flyer.



Mat Clark
Athletic Director
Benson Polytechnic High School--PPS/PIL
503-916-5100

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

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