



**September 19th 2022**

## **Benson Polytechnic Back to School Night**

Benson Polytechnic High School's Back to School Night will be held in person at Marshall Campus on Tuesday, September 20th from 6:00-7:30pm. The evening will begin with the Principal's Welcome presentation in the gym where families will receive a copy of their student's schedules. Families will then be able to drop-in to the classrooms to meet teachers on their own from 6:15-7:30.

There will also be tables set up in the cafeteria where you can meet our counseling team and learn about our many programs including our Wellness Center, Athletics Program, Student leadership and clubs, Athletics, Tech Boosters Parent group), and more.

This evening is not intended to be a conference night where you will engage with the teachers about student concerns, rather it is an introduction to the school building, our staff, and our programs. We hope to see you there!

### **Spanish:**

La Noche de Regreso a la Escuela de Benson se llevará a cabo en persona en Marshall Campus el martes 20 de septiembre de 6:00 pm a 7:30 pm. La noche comenzará con una presentación de bienvenida en el gimnasio donde las familias recibirán una copia de los horarios de sus estudiantes. Luego, las familias podrán visitar los salones de clase para conocer a los maestros por su cuenta de 6:15pm a 7:30pm.

También habrá mesas instaladas en la cafetería donde podrá conocer a nuestro equipo de consejería y aprender sobre nuestros muchos programas, incluido nuestro Centro de Bienestar, Programa de Atletismo, Liderazgo y clubes estudiantiles, Atletismo, Grupo de padres Tech Boosters y más.

Esta noche no pretende ser una noche de conferencias en la que se hablará con los maestros sobre las inquietudes de los estudiantes, sino que es una introducción al edificio de la escuela, nuestro personal y nuestros programas. ¡Esperamos verte ahí!

***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 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 the Benson Track & Field Coach Jay Miles**

Benson Tech track and field will begin our 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](mailto:iprah@pps.net)) if you are interested.

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**Cheers,**

**Ike**

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**Special Education**

**English Language Arts**

**Benson Polytechnic High School**

**Portland Public Schools**

## **A Message from the Benson Tech Counseling Department**

Need to recover credit? Registration for the fall session of Evening Scholars opens on **Monday September 19th**. To register, please see your counselor ASAP. Classes start on Monday, October 3rd.

Just as a reminder: Counselors are always available before school, during lunch or after school for drop-ins. You can also make an appointment by stopping by the counseling office or making a calendly appointment with Ms. McFadden or Ms. Wheeler (see the links below).

Ms. McFadden: <https://calendly.com/missmcfadden-benson>

Ms. Wheeler: <https://calendly.com/cwheeler-12/15min?month=2022-09>

**For more information about Evening Scholars, please visit their website at <https://www.pps.net/pess>.**

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**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**

## 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](http://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](mailto:bensontechboosters@gmail.com)***

***[www.bensontechboosters.org](http://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 College Counselor/AVID Coordinator Kathleen Reid**

For all things related to college admissions, financial aid and scholarships, please 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](#)*



**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](http://www.kbps.am) for more information and reach out to KBPS Instructor Jacob

Patterson [jacpatterson@pps.net](mailto:jacpatterson@pps.net)

*Jacob Patterson (he/him)*

*KBPS Radio CTE Instructor*

*BATS Coordinator*

*Benson Bowling Club Coach*

*Communications Design Academy*

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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

PO Box 301039

Portland OR 97294-9039

<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](#)

**Mat Clark**

**BHS Athletic Director**