



*Please be sure to follow me
on Twitter*

@BensonTechPride

*Stay up to date with school
wide events by visiting our
School Calendar at
www.bensonhs.net*

Athletics

*Please see the attached
information from Athletic
Director Scott Archer for Benson
Tech Athletics for this coming
week.*

Flex Schedule This Week

*There will be no Flex schedule
this week.*

February 18th 2020

PPS Successful School Survey (10 days left until the survey closes)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please take a moment and participate in our District wide Successful Schools Family Survey. Your responses will help the Benson Tech Administration team understand your experiences regarding the climate and culture of the school and we will use this information to set goals and plan for next year. The survey will cover topics on school safety, school climate, barriers to family engagement, and how well Benson Tech fits your student's needs. Please be honest and thoughtful, and take your time to read and respond to the questions. This survey is critical to PPS and Benson Tech as we continue to grow, learn and adapt to make sure Benson Tech is supporting the needs of all students and staff within the building.

Please visit the link below on a computer, tablet, or smartphone and select Benson Tech as the school utilized by the survey. Choose the language that you are most comfortable with in taking the survey from the drop down menu and proceed. **This survey is only available from January 27th to February 28th 2020.** If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please contact the school office so that we can provide a way for you to take the survey. Thank you so much for your time and feedback!

<http://surveys.panoramaed.com/portlandor/ppsfamily>

Principal Wilson

Benson Tech Site Council

The Benson Tech Site Council Team will be meeting on Thursday February 20th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Library Classroom.

Hope you can join us in supporting the Benson Tech Site Council Team.

Principal Wilson

A Message from the Benson Tech Wellness Center

Here is a link to information about affordable apartments in N/NE Portland:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/74540>

Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW-Wellness Coordinator/Social Worker

A Message from the Benson Tech Pride Volunteers Group & Benson Tech Boosters

Please check our websites for opportunities to volunteer, plan events, or become a corporate sponsor! Techpridevolunteers.org, bensontechboosters.org.

THANK YOU to all who donated time, treats, or \$\$\$ to make our Benson Faculty and Staff pop-up snack bar a HUGE success! They all seemed to enjoy the TLC.

Please see the attachment below for:

March 15 TechBoosters Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, put on by the Sons of Norway, near school.

Save the Date for our **Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser Fiesta**. Details to come. If you can help with procuring small prizes (gift cards, white elephants or a bigger auction item, please contact us at bensontechboosters@gmail.com.

All proceeds from both go to our student athletes!

Please [volunteer here](#) to hand out free Hopscotch Foundation-donated food to our hungry students, available every Friday afternoon, 3-4PM from the concessions stand!

Check out the new online **Tech Pride Spirit Store** at bensontechboosters.org! Submit your order and pay online, then you (or your student) can pick up your order the next Friday 3-4PM at the concession stand. While you're at it, you can [volunteer here](#) to pass out food donated by the **Hopscotch** organization. It's fun, it's fast, and it's every Friday from 3 until the food runs out (less than 1 hour...).

Concession sales are going great, but we need your help to keep up the momentum through the busy winter sports season. Go to bensontechboosters.org to sign up for a shift. If you're new to concessions, email us at bensontechboosters@gmail.com for a quick orientation to our turn-key concession stand.

A Message from Benson's Instructional/Climate Coach & Dean of Students

Parents/Guardians, please join us for our monthly Climate Team Meetings!

Your input, perspective, and voice are needed and wanted.

Location: Benson High School, room 125 (aka, the Band Room)

Upcoming Dates:

February 18, 2020

March 17, 2020

April 21, 2020

May 19, 2020

Time: 8:30 am-9:30 am

School Climate refers to the quality and character of school life. The purpose and function of **Benson's Climate Team** is to get multiple voices and perspectives from the Benson Community (Students, Parents, Staff, Administration, Community Members, Counselors, etc.) in order to create the best possible school culture and climate for our school. What we do collectively, what positive relationships we create, and what opportunities we provide our students, staff, and greater Benson community create positive and effective Climate within the school. We meet once a month for an hour--please join us!

****Please note that this is Climate that has to do with creating and building school culture and is not an environmental group.***

For more information, please contact Robyn Griffiths, Dean of Students, 503.916.5100 x77106
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Robyn M. Griffiths

Dean of Students/Instructional & Climate Coach

(she/hers/her pronouns)

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A Message from Benson Tech's Athletic Director Scott Archer

Spring Sports Are Near:

The first official spring practice is Monday, March 2.

Please register your student BEFORE March if they plan to compete in a spring sport (Track, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, and Golf (TBD)).

Registration is handled through FamilyID: www.familyid.com (search Benson Tech). PLEASE make sure your student has selected the SPRING sport they plan to join, so we have them on our clearance list.

Please have your student stop by the athletic office to confirm they have completed FamilyID, AND have a valid physical on file here at Benson, or uploaded to FamilyID.

Sports Fees:

A reminder to please pay any current or outstanding sports fees from this year, and years previous.

Fees will follow your student around, and it is our hope that the fees are paid each sport season to avoid one large bill awaiting your student at graduation.

Sports fees are capped at two sports per year. Pro-rated pricing for anyone who qualifies for Free-and-Reduced programming.

Benson Golf:

Benson is still looking for a golf coach for the 2020 season.

The position is posted at PPS.net under jobs, and can be found by clicking 'athletics' on the job page. Email sarcher1@pps.net with any questions, or any leads on a coach.

Go Tech!

Scott Archer

Athletic Director

Benson High School

503.916.5100 x 77108

A Message from the AVID/College Coordinator Sherree Thomas-Coleman

Upcoming College Visits/Events

02/18 Extended Deadline for OSAC "Early Bird" scholarship monies (extra \$1000)

Financial Aid Workshops

If you have not applied for financial aid (grants) for college yet and need assistance, please stop by the Counseling Center to schedule an appointment TODAY. Get help with FAFSA/ORSAA, the Oregon Promise, OSAC, and more.

OSAC/Oregon Promise

To learn more about Oregon's grants and scholarships visit: <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships-timeline-deadlines.aspx>

FREE Test Prep Online for All

For *free* test prep resources visit the *Khan Academy* website at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>,

Multnomah County Library website at <https://multcolib.org/resource/learningexpress-library> and/or

EBSCO Test Prep (visit Benson's library to learn more)

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/ProductEngine/LELIndex.html#/learningexpresslibrary/libraryhome?AuthToken=F109CAE7-E67D-4E42-BEB8-A7CABFB3930F>

You may also purchase **2020 SAT Test Prep Books** at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, etc.

Official ACT/SAT Testing

04/04 Official ACT Test (Deadline to register February 28th)

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

03/14 Official SAT Test (Deadline to register is February 14th)

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

Note:

PPS will be administering the SAT examination to all *juniors* on **March 4th** free of charge. Students will complete registration at Benson.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Schedule

ELPA: Starting mid-February

English Language Arts: April 9th

Math: May 6th

Science: May 26th - 27th

Get College and Scholarship Information on Your Phone!

Parents and students don't miss out on important scholarship deadlines and college information. Subscribe to "**Remind**" today! Simply send a text from your mobile device today to start receiving up-to-date information.

Text the following:

To: 81010

Message: @urcollege

Scholarships

Seniors don't miss the opportunity to get money for college. Apply for a scholarship TODAY!

OSAC Scholarship- <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships-timeline-deadlines.aspx> - February 15 @5pm (Early Bird Deadline) March 1st @5pm (Final deadline).

For information on college visits, scholarships and more, visit our website: BPHS College News at <https://sites.google.com/apps4pps.net/bphsco>

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[College Access Programs and Testing](#)

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A Message from Benson's Beyond Benson Program

Attention Class of 2021 Juniors

Are you planning to go to college? Do you need help with applications and scholarships? The Beyond Benson program applications are available in the Counseling Office and during your forecasting meeting with your counselor. Applications are due February 26.

Beyond Benson matches Benson Tech juniors with a community mentor who helps students with post high school preparation. Typically, the mentors work privately with each student to provide individual assistance such as: applying for scholarships, researching colleges and completing college applications, and preparing for interviews.

If you are interested in being in the Beyond Benson program, please read the following expectations very carefully:

Qualifications: Have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and at least a C in core classes.

Meetings:

Meet with your mentor at least twice a month through the end of your senior year.

Contact your mentor in advance if you have to miss a meeting.

Attend small group meetings on post-high school topics.

NOTE: if you have three unexcused absences, you will be dropped from the program.

For more information contact Beth Burczak at BeyondBenson2021@gmail.com

Drivers Education at Benson Tech

January 2020 Drivers Education at Benson High School is now open for registration!

1st Learn to Drive, ODOT and DMV certified driving school offering program including 30 hours of comprehensive classroom learning, 6 hours drive lessons and 6 hours observation. Drive lessons scheduled upon registration. Parent & Student orientation on January 30th, 6pm-8pm. Class meets on Thursdays, 6pm-9pm, starting February 6th.

DMV will waive the license exam for students who complete this course. Additional auto insurance discounts may apply.

Cost is \$360, students who receive free/reduced lunch rate qualify for \$75 scholarship applied to tuition.

Call 503-509-0870 to sign up or with questions, or register at: 1stlearntodrive.com

Thank you again, and feel free to reach me at 503-509-0870.

Best Regards,

Liz

OUTDOOR SCHOOL SPRING 2020 LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Outdoor School Student Leader online registration will open on January 17th. Students are encouraged to sign up online and registration cards are also available in the Counseling office. The online link to register is <https://ods.apps.mesd.k12.or.us/>

Student Leader workshop will be April 3-4, 2020.

There will be six Outdoor School sites this spring – Angelos, Arrah Wanna, Canby Grove, Kuratli and Namanu starting April 5th.

For more information:

Email: outdoorschool@mesd.12.or.us

Phone: (503) 257-1600

Thanks!

Jamie Strohecker