

# Benson Polytechnic High School

## *“The School that Works”*

Dear Benson Families:

The semester ends on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students are finishing up projects and beginning to prepare for exams. Please check EdBox and communicate with teachers regarding questions about grades. Contact the counseling office, [503-916-5100 ext 77127](tel:503-916-5100) if you need your username and password. You will find an up-to-date list of assignments and grades. Please review with your student prior to final exams.

It is important for students to get plenty of sleep and to eat well during exam week. There are also tutoring opportunities during the day and after school in room 116. Have a good week,

Carol

### **Tips for students leading into finals**

1. be in class everyday
2. complete all classwork, including homework
3. ask clarifying questions, talk 1 to 1 with your teacher after school
4. use your planner everyday to stay organized
5. make a set of flash cards to practice vocabulary words
6. study with a friend or group of friends
7. use your study hall period to STUDY
8. stay afterschool and study in the library, it's open until 4pm daily
9. use the Upgrade tutoring lab (rm116) for academic support
10. work with a tutor

**Options for tutoring:** Upgrade tutoring lab (rm 116), all day during regular school, after school M-Th until 5pm, SEI tutors T & Th 3:30-4:30pm in rm 125 (all students are welcome), Benson library M-Th 5-6pm prior to Portland Evening Scholars (all students are welcome).

All tutoring options listed are **FREE**.

### **Welcome New Staff Members**

Please welcome new staff members Sarah Piazza and Kianne Noakes. Sarah is substituting for Marisel Gonzalez until she returns. Kianne will be finishing out the year in Bruce Alton's health classes. Bruce is retiring at the end of this month but will continue in the athletic director position to the end of this school year.

### **Health Corps Update**

Amy will be out of the building this week. She will return on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Last week students learned about the importance of eating breakfast and stress strategies. This should be helpful during finals week.

**Seniors**

Reminder that you (and a parent) must first apply for your PIN (electronic signature) [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and then file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Also complete your OSAC scholarship application, [www.getcollegefunds.org](http://www.getcollegefunds.org). All Benson scholarships are listed in OSAC.

Use a reputable search engine like fastweb [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or zinch [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com) to build your profile and search for other scholarships throughout the spring.

You can find direct links to these web sites on the home page of your Naviance page.

Remember, scholarships are FREE \$\$\$! You don't have to pay it back!

**State Report Cards for Schools**

The Oregon Department of Education rates schools each year. The criteria used includes overall academic performance, attendance, state test participation and achievement of minority students on state tests. Last year Benson was rated outstanding and met the Adequate Yearly Progress goal.

The entire state report card is available to view on the PPS website at [www.pps.net](http://www.pps.net).

**Semester One Final Exam Schedule**

Students will be dismissed at 1:40 on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>, and at 11:20 on February 2<sup>nd</sup> – unless they are taking a make-up exam.

Students are expected to attend all classes even if they have taken their exam early.

	January 31, 2012 - A	February 1, 2012 - B	February 2, 2012 - A
8:15-9:45	1 – Final Exam	2 – Final Exam	7 – Final Exam
9:50-11:20	3 – Final Exam	4 – Final Exam	8 – Final Exam
12:10-1:40	5 – Final Exam	6 – Final Exam	Grading or Make-up Exam
1:45-3:15	Grading or Make-up Exam	Grading or Make-up Exam	Grading

**Scholarship Information**

Al Forthan Memorial  
 Portland State University Diversity Enrichment  
 Scholarship February 1

**Due**

Apr 09

Oregon Collectors Association Memorial Scholarship 1	March
Venture Scholarship is here. Come to the Career Center for your application 23	March
Education First \$5000.00. Come to the Career Center for more information. Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association scholarship 11 <sup>th</sup> .	May
Big Sun Scholarship for an athlete 22	June

### **Tutoring Opportunities**

***Upgrade***-this program is available during the school day in room 116. Two licensed teachers (Patty Matteri and Kerry Zambrano) staff the room and work with classroom teachers to assist students in credit recovery and provide tutoring support for math, science and language arts.

***After School Tutoring***-a licensed teacher (Morgan McFadden) is available in room 116 from 3-5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Morgan can assist students with English/Language Arts and Reading/Writing. Students are also welcome to use this room for studying after school.

### **Benson Tech Pride Scarfs**

The PTSA is selling scarves. The scarves have arrived and are available in the bookkeeping office for \$20.00.

### **PTSA**

Here is the link for the PTSA website:

<http://bensopts.org/>

### **Seniors-Important Dates**

January 1 and ongoing – Submit FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

March 1 – OSAC applications due

### **Enrollment and Family Information Nights**

Benson Polytechnic H.S. Enrollment and Family Information Nights are Thursday Feb. 9th and Wednesday Feb 22, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Benson Auditorium.

### **Shadow Days**

We will host two Shadow Days on Tuesday & Wednesday February 7th & 8th, 2011 from 8-11 AM (pre-arranged via field trip form from sending school only; info coming soon).

### **Tech Show**

Our Annual Tech Show is 6:00-9:00 PM Thursday and Friday Feb. 16th & 17th, 2011.

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