





School Volunteers:

- a) **8th Grade Information Night:** Benson's 8th Grade night is **Wednesday, Nov.2 at 6:00PM**. We STRONGLY encourage families to attend this night. We will **NOT** be having shadow days this year so this is the **ONLY** time that students will be able to see the building, meet the teachers, etc. during the application period.
- b) **8th Grade Presentation/Flier:** If possible, we would like ALL 8th Graders to see our [presentation linked here](#), in which we have embedded a video about our school and CTE.
- c) **Benson Rebuild:** In case anyone asks, we will be back to our location by Lloyd Center in **Fall 2024**. Only one year at the Marshall site for this current 8th Grade class!

**Benson Polytechnic is also inviting families to apply for their lottery, if interested.**

### Safety Updates

#### **Bus behavior:**

Several school bus drivers are submitting referrals for Scholars due to inappropriate behavior on the school buses. The bus ride to and from the campus is considered part of the school day, and all PPS Conduct and Discipline policies apply during those periods. If Scholars receive bus referrals and are creating an unsafe environment on the bus, they may be suspended from riding the school bus. Families would have to transport Scholars if bus rules cannot be respected. While we want everyone to have a transportation option to school, the ride experience must be safe for all. Families are being contacted if bus safety is compromised to discuss next steps for their individual Scholars.

#### **Food/Candy Sales on Campus:**

Several Scholars have attempted to sell food, candy, and gum recently for their own personal profits during the school day on campus. These sales are prohibited. Scholars are reminded of the rule, and their items are held in the Office until the end of the day. For repeated issues, families will be contacted to pick up their items.

#### **Reporting Safety Concerns:**

We continue referring scholars to Counseling and mental health providers when needs are identified. [The SafeOregon](#) reporting site is another way to report concerns so that they are investigated.

#### **Reminder to Bring Charged Chromebooks and Chargers:**

We have a very small supply of extra Chromebooks to loan out when our Scholars forget their devices at home. Please remind your scholar to bring their charged device to school each day so that they can use it to access MAP testing and to stay caught up.

Visit our Counseling Corner [here](#)

**Opportunities for Family Connection and Scholar Extended Activities:**

[Sign up to Volunteer! We want your help \(especially during Lunches or in the Main Office in the afternoons\)!](#)

**General Questions:**

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**Here are some dates to save on your calendar now in preparation:**

School picture **make-up day**: Tuesday, November 1st *\*for those Students who missed the initial Picture Day in September.*

**Lincoln High School 8th Grade Open House** on Wednesday, November 2nd: This is an Open House only for 8th grade families who reside within the LHS attendance boundaries.