

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 28, 2025

THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

I would like to take a moment to reflect on some highlights from the past two weeks:

Our Griffins had the opportunity to hear from industry professionals across various fields during the career talk sessions. Organized by the Internship Group and the Counseling Research Center, this event provided a wonderful opportunity for exploration and inspiration, offering students valuable insights into a wide range of careers and professional journeys. Listening to professionals share their experiences is an essential part of the high school experience, as it provides students with real-world perspectives on various professions. These sessions help students understand the practical aspects of different careers—the challenges, rewards, and essential skills needed for success. They also serve as a source of inspiration, encouraging students to consider career paths they may not have previously thought about. By hearing firsthand from experienced professionals, students are empowered to make informed decisions about their future academic and career choices while gaining a broader sense of the opportunities available to them. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents and alumni who took time away from their professional lives to share their expertise and insights with our students.

Our Grade 10 students recently visited Bataan and Olongapo, where they had the chance to learn about the heroism, patriotism, and courage of Filipino and American soldiers who endured the infamous Death March during World War II. This trip offered a profound and educational experience, helping our students better understand this significant chapter in history while honoring the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom. Field trips are invaluable for students, as they provide opportunities to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world experiences. These trips deepen students' understanding of historical, cultural, and scientific concepts while encouraging active learning through exploration. They also promote critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving as students engage directly with the world around them. Field trips play a vital role in providing a holistic education, making learning more engaging, memorable, and impactful. Teachers and advisers are already planning future educational trips for other grade levels, and we look forward to the opportunities these will bring.

As we approach the final stretch of the third quarter, it is important for all of us to stay focused and finish strong. This period is crucial for maintaining momentum and ensuring we meet our goals. I encourage everyone to remain committed to their studies, pushing through any challenges to end the quarter on a high note. I would also like to give a special mention to Infinitum, who are currently finalizing their initial submissions for their IB requirements. This is a significant time, and maintaining focus, organization, and a strong work ethic will ensure a smooth and successful process as they prepare for the next steps in their academic and IB journeys.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for their continued engagement and support in the various activities and events happening at the academy, including the MISAA and ISSA games, confirmation preparations, class nights, field trips, and the Yearbook photoshoot. Let us continue working together to build a vibrant, dynamic, and inclusive school community.

Lui Morano
Dean of Students
The Beacon Academy

WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

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Session**

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People Power at BA

Grade 7 Terrarium Making

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Protocols**

**BA Calendar AY 2024-
2025 & 2025-2026**

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, March 3	Moratorium on After School Activities
Tuesday, March 4	College Visit University of British Columbia (UBC)
March 10-12	MYP Exams
March 13-14	Quarter Recess
Monday, March 17	Start of 4th Quarter
Wednesday, March 19	CRC: Nature's Nurture

PLEASE SHARE: BEACON ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSIONS

As part of our recruitment efforts, the Beacon Academy is inviting all interested parents and students to share our online information session hosted by our Head of School, Mark Vincent Escaler, along with students, alumni, parents, and teachers from the Beacon Academy community.

These sessions will provide valuable insights into our vibrant school life, college framework, and scholarship opportunities.

Interested families can register here to receive the Zoom link:

<https://forms.gle/VV1vvnRDFgHFUHQH7>



Upcoming Information Sessions

18 JAN | **Online Information Session**
For families interested in Grades 7-12 at the Beacon Academy

15 FEB | **Online Information Session for Senior Highschool**
For families interested in Grades 11-12

22 MAR | **Online Information Session for Junior High School**
For families interested in Grades 7-10

12 APR | **Open House of the Beacon Academy campus**

BA HOSTS SUCCESSFUL 2025 CAREER FEST

On February 19 and 26, Beacon Academy proudly hosted its 2025 Career Fest at the BA Campus, organized by the BA Student Internship Group. This two-day event offered students a unique opportunity to explore a wide array of career paths, thanks to the diverse group of professionals who led insightful workshops throughout the event.

The Career Fest featured 30-45 minute workshops led by industry experts from various fields. These sessions aimed to broaden students' understanding of different professions, providing them with valuable insights into the skills, challenges, and rewards of various careers. The workshops combined informative lectures with interactive hands-on activities, allowing students to gain real-world experience while learning about the professional world.

From fashion and chemical engineering to healthcare and entrepreneurship, the workshops gave students a chance to delve into careers they may not have previously considered. The engaging and practical nature of the sessions helped students connect their academic interests with potential career opportunities, giving them a clearer sense of the paths they could pursue in the future.

A big thank you to all the professionals, parents, and alumni who volunteered their time and expertise to make the event a success. Their contributions have left a lasting impact on our students, helping them build a more informed and proactive approach to their future career choices.



CAREER FEST 2025 SPEAKERS

- **Healthcare (General Practitioner)** - Eliseo Banaynal
- **Hospitality** - Pristine Tumakay
- **Entrepreneurship & Investment**- John Sy
- **Performing Arts** - Leah Cortina/ Lerma Julian
- **Liberal Arts** - Manuel Enverga
- **Architecture** - Don de Guzman
- **Business & Administration**- Donnabel Cruz

- **Engineering** - Marie Faith
- **Fashion** - Richie Torres
- **Culinary Arts**- Edward Bugia
- **Sustainability Engineer**- Raphaela Felipe
- **Marketing** - Arabelle Sunga
- **Healthcare (Surgery)** - Karen Nielsen
- **Finance** - Jojo Gonzales

BA COMMUNITY COMMEMORATES PEOPLE POWER DAY

On Tuesday, February 25, the Beacon Academy community took it upon themselves to honor this important historical event. The teachers particularly those in the social sciences, introduced the topic to allow students and faculty engaged in discussions about the significance of the People Power Revolution in shaping Philippine democracy. In addition, articles, videos and books were shared, offering educational insights into the peaceful uprising that took place in 1986.

These activities provided an opportunity for the Beacon Academy community to reflect on the values of unity, courage, and democracy that were central to the revolution. By coming together to remember and learn from this pivotal moment in history, the school hopes to ensure that the legacy of People Power continues to resonate with future generations.

GRADE 7 TERRARIUM MAKING ACTIVITY

As part of their interdisciplinary unit (IDU), the Grade 7 students created their own terrariums in science class. By assembling plants, soil, and decorative elements, they built miniature ecosystems while exploring concepts in both science and design. This hands-on project allowed students to apply their learning in a creative and engaging way, integrating scientific principles with artistic expression.



GRIFFIN GOLF TEAM QUALIFIES FOR JGFPP NATIONALS

The Beacon Academy Golf Team, composed of team captain Jaime A. and members Phoenix G., Inigo L., Rocco P., and Santi P., placed as second runner-ups in the recently concluded Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines (JGFP) Interschool Tournament. The top three teams in the tournament qualified to compete in the Championship Matchplay National Finals, which will be held on March 15-16 at the Mt. Malarayat and Summit Point Golf and Country Clubs. Go Griffins!



ATHLETICS GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS



**GAME
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**DEPED REGIONAL ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION MEET**

MARCH 2 - 8, 2025
@ CAINTA, RIZAL

LEAGUE STANDINGS

**MISAA
TEAM STANDINGS**

	Win	Loss
Basketball	1	1
Football	3	1
Volleyball Boys	3	0
Volleyball Girls	2	0
Volleyball Mixed	2	1

**ISTA
TEAM STANDINGS**

	Win	Loss
Tennis Girls Division 1	2	3
Tennis Girls Division 2	0	3

GO GRIFFINS!

GRIFFINS SPORTS TEAMS SHINE IN RECENT TOURNAMENTS

The past two weeks have been quite eventful for the Griffin sports program, with five of our sports teams actively participating in their respective tournaments.

On February 15, the football and mixed volleyball teams competed in the MISAA (Manila International School Athletics Association) tournament at Beacon School. The football team played their third match of the season, while the mixed volleyball team played their second. The Griffin Football team faced Fountain International School and triumphed in a close match, winning 4-3. Later in the day, the Griffin Mixed Volleyball team finished strong with a 2-set win against CISM.

This past Saturday, February 22, was a busy day for the Griffins, with four teams competing across three sports in the MISAA tournament. In the morning, the Griffin Basketball team played their second game of the tournament against Everest Academy. Unfortunately, the Griffins didn't secure a win this time. The Griffin football team then played against German European School Manila and suffered their first loss of the season, bringing their overall record to three wins and one loss.

To end the day on a high note, both the Griffin boys and mixed volleyball teams won their respective games against Fountain International School and Reedley International School in 2 sets, continuing their successful campaigns. Let's wish our Griffins the best of luck in their upcoming games as the tournament nears its conclusion.

In addition to these exciting competitions, the Girls Tennis Team will make history as they participate in the DepEd Regional Athletic Meet from March 2-8, 2025, in Cainta, Rizal. This marks Beacon's first-ever participation in the event, and we couldn't be more proud. Best of luck to our girls as they compete at the regional level!

Go Griffins!

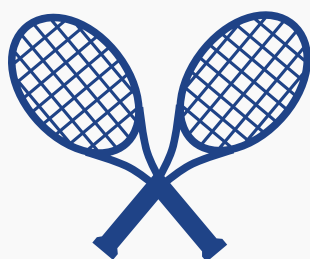


TENNIS TEAM GEARS UP FOR DEPED REGIONALS

During the month of February, the BA Tennis Team competed against ICA, Poveda, and St. Paul in the Senior High School Girls Division of the ISTA Tennis Tournament. Although we faced defeat, the Tennis Team is using this experience as a valuable learning opportunity in preparation for the upcoming DepEd Regional Tennis Tournament, which will take place from March 2-8. This will be the first time that Beacon Academy participates in the DepEd games.

Last month, the team faced players from various schools in Laguna and emerged victorious, securing a spot in the regionals. In the coming week, the team will compete against players from different cities in the Calabarzon region in both singles and doubles tournaments.

Good luck to the girls as they prepare for the DepEd Regionals!



Beacon Academy Communications Protocols AY 2024-2025

Matters relating to....	Department / Email
Students Academic, School Life, Learning Support	Faculty Advisers / Homeroom Teachers
IB Diploma Programme Senior High School (G 11-12)	Iris Morga / DP Coordinator dpcoordinator@beaconacademy.ph
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Curriculum, Exams, & Faculty	Ceci Francisco / Dean of Faculty dof@beaconacademy.ph
Student Conduct, Support, & Activities	Lui Morano / Dean of Students dos@beaconacademy.ph
Health, Safety, & Bus Services	Luvim Encinares / Student Services Asst. studentservices@beaconacademy.ph
School Records	Marnell Lagan / School Registrar registrar@beaconacademy.ph
Finance	Lorna Sabino / Finance Manager finance@beaconacademy.ph
School Leadership & Policy Child Protection Committee Committee on Decorum and Investigation	Mark Escaler / Head of School mark.escaler@beaconacademy.ph Victor Villanueva / Deputy Head of School victor.villanueva@beaconacademy.ph



THE BEACON ACADEMY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2024-2025

Semester 1 JULY 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			
Total No. of Days: 0							

AUGUST 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2	3
1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total No. of Days: 19							

SEPTEMBER 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9	29	30					
Total No. of days: 21							

OCTOBER 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							1
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
5	30	31					
Total No. of Days: 17							

NOVEMBER 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							1
4	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
6	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
7	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8	30						
Total No. of days: 20							

DECEMBER 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				
Total No. of days: 12							

Semester 2 JANUARY 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1							
2							
3							
4							
Total No. of Days: 19							

FEBRUARY 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5							
6							
7							
8							
Total No. of days: 18							

MARCH 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
9							
10							
1							
2							
3							
Total No. of days: 18							

APRIL 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
4							
5							
6							
7							
Total No. of days: 17							

MAY 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8							
9							
10							
11							
Total No. of days: 21							

JUNE 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
12							
Total No. of days: 5							

IMPORTANT DATES

Jun 10 - Jul 5

Jul 1

Jul 4

Jul 8 - Aug 1

Aug 2

Aug 2

Aug 5-9

Aug 13-14

Aug TBA

Aug 21

Aug 26

Sep 11

Sep 30 - Oct 4

Oct 7-11

Oct 14

Oct 15

Oct 21-26

Nov 1

Nov 2

Nov 20

Nov 30

Dec 8

Dec 9 - Dec 13

Dec 18 - Jan 3

Jan 6

Jan 20-25

Jan 29

Jan TBA

Feb 3

Feb 10

Mar 10 - 12

March 13 - 14

March 17

Mar 24 - Apr 4

Mar 31

Apr 7

Apr 9

Apr 16 - 20

Apr 21 - 25

Apr 28 - May 21

May 1

May 12

May 19 - 23

Jun 6

Campus Break

In-Service for All New Faculty

BA Leadership & Management Returns

All Faculty In-Service

Start of Quarter 1

Parent and New Student Orientation

Classes Begin for All Students; Foundation Days

National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for Grade 10

National Achievement Test (Grade 11)

Special Non-Working Day: Ninoy Aquino Day

Regular Holiday: National Heroes Day

Early Release: Faculty Professional Development

MYP Exam Week

No Classes: Quarter Recess

No Classes: Faculty Professional Development

Start of Quarter 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Online)

Special Non-Working Day: All Saints' Day

Special Non-Working Day: All Souls' Day

Early Release: Faculty Professional Development

No Classes: Bonifacio Day

Special Non-Working Day: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

MYP/DP mid-year exam week

No Classes: Christmas/New Year Break

Start of Quarter 3

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Online)

No Classes: Chinese New Year

National Achievement Test (Grade 12)

No Classes: Binan Day

No Classes: Faculty Professional Development

MYP Exams

Quarter Recess

Start of Quarter 4

Grade 12 Mock Exams

Eid al-Fitr (TBC)

No Classes: Faculty Professional Development

Regular Holiday: Araw ng Kagitingan

No Classes: Easter Break

Grade 12 BA Pathway Exam Week

IB Diploma Examinations 2025

Regular Holiday: Labor Day

Philippine Elections 2025

MYP/DP Year-End Exam Week

Graduation Day; Last Day of School

Number of Class Days in the 1st Quarter: 44
 Number of Class Days in the 2nd Quarter: 45
 Number of Class Days in the 3rd Quarter: 45
 Number of Class Days in the 4th Quarter: 53
 Total Number of Class Days: 187

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THE BEACON ACADEMY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

Semester 1

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

Total No. of Days: 0

Semester 2

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Total No. of Days: 19

IMPORTANT DATES

Campus Break
BA Summer Program TBC
BA Leadership & Management Returns
BA New Faculty Orientation
All Faculty In-Service
Parent and New Student Orientation

Start of Quarter 1

Foundation Days
Special Non-Working Day: Ninoy Aquino Day
Regular Holiday: National Heroes Day
MYP (Grades 7-10) 1st Quarter Examinations

Quarter Recess

Professional Development Day (No Classes)

Start of Quarter 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences (In-Person)
Special Non Working Day: All Saints' Eve
Special Non-Working Day: All Saints' Day
Regular Holiday: Bonifacio Day
Early Release: Faculty Professional Development
Special Non-Working Day: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
MYP (Grades 7-10); DP (Grades 11-12) Midyear Examinations

No Classes: Christmas/New Year Break

Start of Quarter

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Online)
Professional Development Day (No Classes) **
No Classes: Binan Day
Chinese New Year TBC
Early Release: Faculty Professional Development **
Eid al Fitr TBC
MYP (Grades 7-10) 3rd Quarter Examinations
Easter Break

Start of Quarter 4

Regular Holiday: Araw ng Kagitingan
Professional Development Day (No Classes) **
IB Diploma Examinations 2026 TBC
Regular Holiday: Labor Day
MYP (Grades 7-10); DP (Grade 11) Year-end Examinations

JHS Moving Up Day

Graduation Day; Last Day of School
Last Day of School

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
							1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
6	31						

Total No. of Days: 17

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Total No. of days: 17

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30					

Total No. of days: 22

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

Total No. of days: 21

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

Total No. of Days: 18

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

Total No. of days: 17

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

Total No. of days: 20

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

Total No. of days: 20

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

Total No. of days: 11

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

Total No. of days: 9

Number of Class Days in the 1st Quarter: 44
 Number of Class Days in the 2nd Quarter: 44
 Number of Class Days in the 3rd Quarter: 57
 Number of Class Days in the 4th Quarter: 46
 Total Number of Class Days: 191

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