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THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Beacon Academy Community,

Welcome to the 4th Quarter!

As we step into the final phase of this school year, a familiar energy fills our halls—one of anticipation, focus, and, for many, the weight of impending deadlines. For our seniors, the weeks ahead bring both the challenge and opportunity of mock exams, final assessments, and the IB Diploma examinations. This is a time that demands perseverance and discipline, yet also a moment to pause and reflect on how far we have come.

It is easy to be consumed by the pressure of performance and the relentless ticking of the clock. But even in the busiest moments, there is value in pausing—to take a steadying breath, to acknowledge effort, to approach each challenge with clarity. A deep breath before turning a page. A moment of gratitude before an exam. These small but powerful acts can transform how we experience this season—not just as an endpoint, but as a meaningful step in a longer journey.

To our students: Trust in the effort you have put in and the progress you are making. Lean on your teachers, your peers, and the habits you have built. Show up for yourself—not just by striving for achievement, but also by taking care of yourself throughout the journey.

To our parents: Your support is felt more than you know. Encouragement, understanding, and even the smallest gestures of reassurance make a difference. This is not just their journey; it is yours too.

To our teachers and staff: Your guidance continues to shape not just academic success, but the confidence and resilience of those in your care. As you guide and steady your students, remember to extend that same care to yourselves—pausing when needed, recharging when possible, and recognizing the lasting impact of your work.

As we move forward, let's remind each other that success is ultimately reflected in the growth, mindset, and character shaped along the way. Let's move through this season with focus, but also with kindness—to ourselves and to each other.

Wishing you all clarity, strength, and moments of calm in the weeks ahead.

Mark Vincent Escaler Head of School The Beacon Academy



IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, March 22	Online Information Session (For MYP Grades)
Monday, March 24	College Fest
March 24-April 4	Grade 12 Mock Exams
March 29, Saturday	Sacrament of Confirmation
Tuesday, April 1	Eid al-Fitr (No Classes)
Thursday, April 3	College Visit University of Southern California

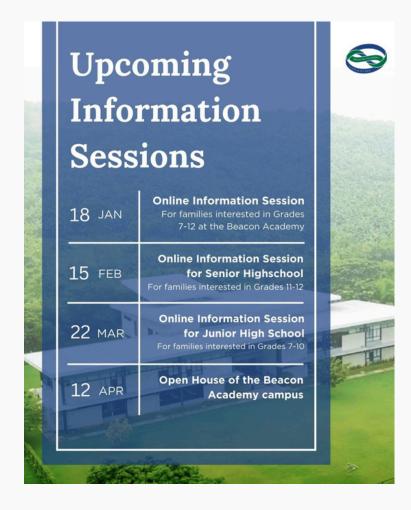
PLEASE SHARE: BEACON ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSIONS

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:

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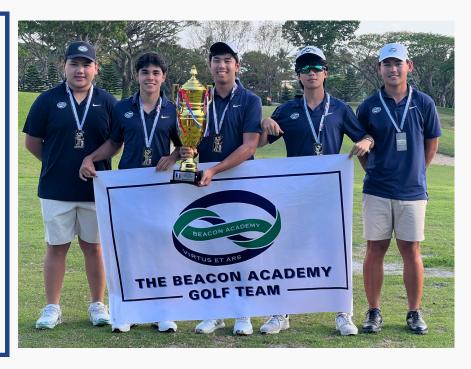




BA GOLF TEAM NABS FIRST RUNNER UP AT JGFP NATIONALS

After successfully placing in the top three at the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines (JGFP) Interschool Tournament, the Griffin Golf Team—composed of team captain Jaime A. and members Phoenix G., Inigo L., Rocco P., and Santi P.—proudly secured first runner-up in the Championship Matchplay National Finals of the JGFP, held on March 15-16 at the Mt. Malarayat and Summit Point Golf and Country Clubs. Congratulations to the team for their outstanding performance! Go Griffins!

Our team made it to the National Finals after placing third in the Luzon Regionals. Knowing this was our last chance to compete together on this stage, we poured every moment to push each other to be better. We wanted to leave it all out there for each other. We were tested in every way. But as a team, we fought through the pressure and came out strong in the semifinals with a 4-1 victory. In the finals, knowing it would be our final game, we gave it everything we had. We fought with everything in us but we fell just short in the end, losing a close match to Xavier School Team 1, 3-2. It may not have been the ending we hoped for, but I'm incredibly proud of how much heart and effort we poured into these last few months. As the captain, I just want to thank everyone who supported us along the way—it truly meant a lot to all of us. We're deeply grateful to everyone who's been part of our journey over the past two years, and we hope we made the Beacon name proud. -Jaime A.



BASC MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER

The Beacon Academy Student Council is proud to announce the launch of a brand-new line of BA Merchandise! If you're interested in getting your hands on a hoodie, t-shirt, or tote bag, simply fill out the pre-order form linked below.

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Want to check out the designs or try on the sizes? No problem! We'll have samples displayed outside the School Life Office later this week, so stop by and take a look. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to show your BA spirit!











GRADE 10 BATAAN FIELD TRIP | RECAP

From February 20 to 21, my batch went on an overnight field trip to Bataan for our I&S topic on World War II. We had been eagerly anticipating this experience together, and it was an incredible way to learn outside the classroom. Our tour guide was both knowledgeable and engaging, making the destinations and the ride on the coaster even more memorable. Visiting the sites where our country's ancestors fought had a profound impact on me. For the first time, I truly felt the emotions associated with these events, as well as the strength of our soldiers. The tragedies of war were something I thought I understood before, but the field trip allowed me to deepen that understanding on a more personal level. Not only was the trip enriching, but it also gave my batch many opportunities to create unique memories and bond with each other—whether at the sites, on the coaster, or during our time at the hotel. It was fun to see each of us outside the classroom, and this experience made us even more excited for our batch night the following week. - Sam G.













GRADE 10 CLASS NIGHT | RECAP

February 28 was the day our class finally had our long-awaited batch night. We had all been excited for this day, especially since it was originally scheduled for Valentine's Day, so the wait felt long overdue. The activities were light, entertaining, and allowed everyone to socialize and work together without feeling like school-related group work

It was also the first time I tried the famous dalgona cookie from Squid Game! At first, I was nervous about the new rule banning phones, but it turned out we didn't really need them. As long as our batch rep had access to her phone, along with some film and digital cameras, we were set.

Comparing this year's batch night to the last, I'd say that everyone seemed much more comfortable with each other, and the mood was livelier with our new classmates joining in. Hopefully, next year we can keep up the friendly energy and strengthen our bond even more, ensuring the heartwarming bonfire messages keep coming. - Ava A.







A MONTH OF TRIUMPHS FOR GRIFFIN SPORTS TEAMS

March has been full of exciting events for our Griffin sports teams.

From March 2 to 8, 2025, the Griffin girls' tennis team, including Mantha T. and Martine P. (doubles), and Carolina F. (singles), represented Biñan City at the recently concluded DepEd Regional Athletic Association Meet (RAAM) in Cainta, Rizal. Mantha and Martine put up a strong fight but fell short against Sta. Rosa City, last year's third-place finishers. Meanwhile, rookie Carolina advanced past teams from Tanauan, Quezon, and Rizal. She played for the gold against the seasoned defending champions, Bacoor City, and narrowly missed the title, finishing with a close 8-5 score and securing first runner-up. These girls made history by proudly representing Beacon Academy at the tournament.

From March 8 to 9, our Griffin volleyball teams participated in the preliminaries of the BSM Sports Leg 2 Volleyball Invitational. On March 8, the boys' team played Noblesse International School (2-0) and Ateneo de Manila University (0-2), while on March 9, the girls' team triumphed over Queen Anne School (2-0), Colegio de Sta. Rosa (2-0), and BSM Team Team (2-0). Both teams advanced past the preliminaries and reached the semifinals the following weekend.

On March 16, the Griffins continued their semifinal matches, playing against Santo Domingo Integrated High School (boys) and Queen Anne School (girls). Both teams advanced to the finals, with the girls securing silver against Ateneo de Manila University (1-2) and the boys earning bronze against Everest International Academy (2-0).

Meanwhile, in the MISAA league, our basketball, football, and volleyball teams are still in the race for gold, with upcoming matches against GESM, DIS, and CISM. The chess and badminton tournaments are also set to begin on March 30 and April 5, respectively.

Let's all congratulate our Griffin athletes for their outstanding achievements in the past few weeks and continue to support them, as well as the rest of our teams, including football, basketball, and chess, in their upcoming competitions!















MARCH 22, 2025 AT BEACON SCHOOL

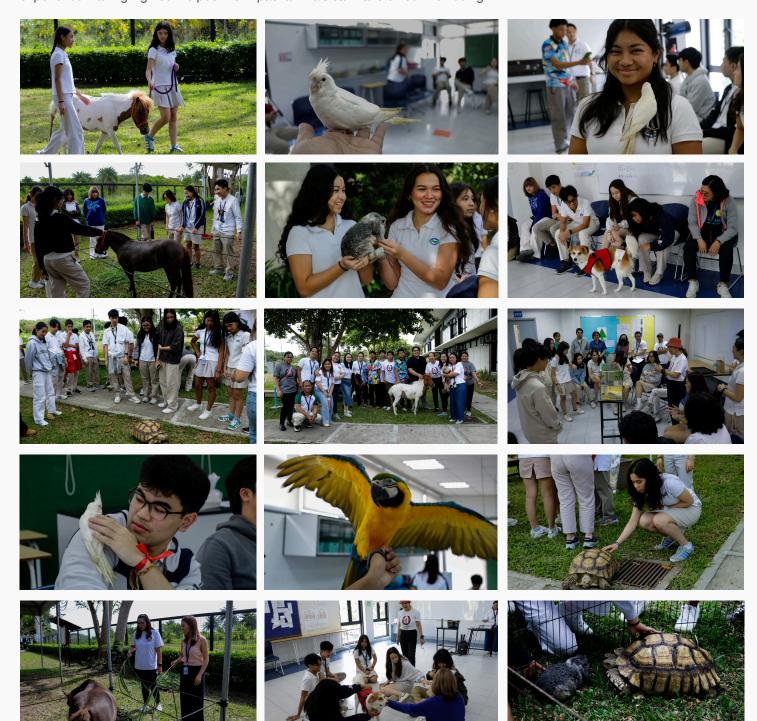
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NATURE NURTURE 2025: A DAY OF CALM AND CONNECTION

On March 19, 2025, the Counseling Resource Center (CRC) and the Environmentalists Club, in collaboration with human-animal bond specialist Dr. Carmela Sanchez-Arreola, hosted Nature Nurture 2025. This event aimed to introduce students to natural ways of relieving stress by connecting with animals and exploring the therapeutic benefits of animal interactions. The event featured a variety of therapy animals, including a dog, cat, birds, miniature horses, rabbit, hedgehog, and tortoise. Dr. Arreola and her team brought these wonderful creatures to campus for students to interact with and learn more about their care. In addition to providing a unique opportunity for stress relief, the event also educated attendees on the benefits of animal companionship and fostered a deeper appreciation for different species.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made Nature Nurture 2025 a success. It was a heartwarming and enriching experience that highlighted the positive impact animals can have on our well-being.





COSA HOSTS FIRST EVER LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Community Outreach Student Association (COSA) at Beacon Academy hosted its first-ever leadership training workshop for young pupils from our partner schools. Titled "Empowering the Future Leaders," the event took place on March 8, 2025, at the Beacon Academy campus, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

This one-day workshop aimed to equip students with essential leadership skills, including effective communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, through interactive and engaging activities. A total of 40 students from Loma Elementary School, Inchican Elementary School, Timbao Elementary School, and Southville V Elementary School participated in the event.







Here's what some of our students had to say about their experience:

"I enjoyed the event so much!!! As this was our first time planning this event, I was initially worried that a lot of things might go wrong, but I think our team worked well together, and we were able to handle the challenges that came our way. There were over 40 students, and I was worried they would be rowdy and we wouldn't be able to manage them. However, they were all active and cooperative, and they enjoyed the activities just as much as we did. We're hoping to have this event again next year and hope to get more volunteers to join us as well!" – **Kazelle, Gr. 11**

"Being a facilitator of this event was exhausting but so much fun! For me, one of the hardest parts was managing their energy. I had to match their hype, calm them down when things got too wild, and somehow keep them engaged—while a horde of kids tried to get my attention at the same time. I truly felt my age there! Despite the chaos, it was incredibly rewarding to see their confidence and teamwork grow. It was amazing to see kids from different schools and backgrounds become friends in just seven hours." – Ysabel, Gr. 11

"It was so fulfilling to see the event come together after months of preparation and delays. Not only did the kids learn from our activities, but I also gained valuable lessons from them. Despite coming from different schools, I was happy to see how the kids communicated and collaborated throughout the day. It was a great experience, and I hope we can make this a tradition every year." – **Annika, Gr. 11**















COSA HOSTS FIRST EVER LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP (continued)

"The leadership training event was incredibly rewarding. Seeing the kids fully engaged and excited throughout all the activities was amazing. Their energy and enthusiasm showed just how much they enjoyed it. It's a great feeling to know we made a positive impact, despite the obstacles we faced." – **Mafi, Gr. 11**

"I had a great time organizing and facilitating! The planning process, though stressful, taught me a lot about adapting to changes, overcoming obstacles, and collaborating with others toward a common goal. This project was a great learning experience for us facilitators, and it was so rewarding to help others learn as well. I feel really proud of the work we did and the success of the event!" – Isabella, Gr. 11

"After months of preparation, I'm glad we successfully brought the event to life. Although we faced challenges along the way, we pushed through, and seeing everything come together was truly rewarding. The kids' growth in such a short amount of time made the experience even more fulfilling. It was truly worthwhile, and I would love to do it again." – **Kimi, Gr. 11**







"The event gave me an opportunity to work with younger children, which I really missed doing. It was a great challenge as I had to practice my Filipino skills, but it was very comforting to know that the children in my group were very patient with me. Teaching them leadership skills, rather than academic ones, was a different experience, but it truly worked for both them and us. Their engagement was admirable, and you could see how it paid off at the end. I would love to see this happen again!"

- Sam, Gr. 10

"It was quite enjoyable and eye-opening while helping out with the event. I haven't done something like this before—helping out and teaching younger kids—but I was able to learn a lot about communication and being a role model. Although some parts of the experience were challenging, it was interesting to learn from my fellow volunteers how to overcome these challenges." – **Rocco, Gr. 10**

"The leadership training seminar was, in my opinion, one of the most significant events I've witnessed this year. Meeting and helping these young kids gave me a chance to see through their eyes. It reminded me of important values I had previously taken for granted, such as creativity and working together with people I didn't know." – Maya, Gr. 9















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
IB Middle Years Programme Junior High School (G 7-10)	Roy Villegas / MYP Coordinator mypcoordinator@beaconacademy.ph
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Mental Health & Well-Being	Din Mendoza / JHS Counselor din.mendoza@beaconacademy.ph Vian Erasmo / SHS Counselor vian.erasmo@beaconacademy.ph
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



Important: Eid al-Fitr has been moved to April 1





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Aug 2	Farent and New Student Orientation
Aug 5-9	Classes Begin for All Students; Foundation Days
Aug 13-14	National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) for Grade 10
Aug TBA	National Achievement Test (Grade 11)
Aug 21	Special Non-Working Day: Ninoy Aquino Day
Aug 26	Regular Holiday: National Heroes Day
Sep 11	Early Release: Faculty Professional Development
Sep 30 - Oct 4	MYP Exam Week
Oct 7-11	No Classes: Quarter Recess
Oct 14	No Classes: Faculty Professional Development

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Oct 15	Start of Quarter 2
Oct 21- 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences (Online)
Nov I	Special Non-Working Day: All Saints' Day
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Nov 20	Early Release: Faculty Professional Development
Nov 30	No Classes: Bonifacio Day
Dec 8	Special Non-Working Day: Feast of the Immaculate Concept
Dec 9 - Dec 13	MYP/DP mid-year exam week
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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
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THE BEACON ACADEMY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

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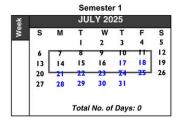
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IMPORTANT DATES

Start of Quarter I

Campus Break
BA Summer Program TBC
BA Leadership & Management Return
BA New Faculty Orientation
All Faculty In-Service

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
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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)
Professi	onal Development Day (No Classes) **
No Clas	ses: Binan Day
Chinese	New Year TBC
Early Re	lease: Faculty Professional Development **
Eid al Fi	tr TBC
MYP (Gr	ades 7-10) 3rd Quarter Examinations
Easter E	reak

Start of Quarter 4	
Regular Holiday: Araw n	g Kagitingan
Professional Developme	nt Day (No Classes) **
IB Diploma Examination	s 2026 TBC
Regular Holiday: Labor I	Day
MYP (Grades 7-10); DP (G	irade II) Year-end Examinations

JHS Moving Up Day Graduation Day; Last Day of School Last Day of School



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