

FRIDAY | MAY 9, 2025

THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we find ourselves at a meaningful crossroads—one that calls upon our shared values of integrity, resilience, and purpose. In the coming days and weeks, three significant events will shape not only the close of our academic year but also how we participate as active, reflective members of our broader community.

First, the upcoming 2025 National and Local Elections on Monday present a powerful opportunity for all of us to engage in the democratic process. Whether as first-time voters, informed observers, or family members in discussion, let us remember that responsible participation helps shape the future of our country. Leadership begins with the courage to choose wisely—and with hope.

Second, our seniors are now in the midst of the IB external examinations—a culmination of years of learning, curiosity, and growth. These exams are more than assessments; they are affirmations of the critical thinking, perseverance, and international-mindedness that define a Beacon education. To Infinitum: trust in your preparation, believe in your ability, and give each paper your all.

Lastly, for the rest of our student body, we enter the final week before exam week. It is a time to focus, to prioritize rest and well-being, and to finish strong. Whether you're reviewing content, finalizing projects, or supporting peers, let this be a time of collective effort and encouragement.

In all these moments—civic, academic, and personal—we are called to rise to the occasion. Let us do so with grace, with integrity, and with the belief that our efforts, big or small, matter.

Lui Morano
Dean of Students
The Beacon Academy

P.S. On Sunday, we honor and celebrate the strength, love, and unwavering care of all the mothers and mother-figures in our community. Your guidance, sacrifices, and everyday acts of kindness inspire us all. Thank you for being the light and heart of our homes, and the quiet force behind so much of our growth. Happy Mother's Day, Griffin moms!

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Monday, May 12	Philippine Elections (No Classes - except IB Exams)
Tuesday, May 13	Moratorium on After School Activities
May 19-23	MYP/DP Year End Exam-Week
Wednesday, May 28	Personal Project & TOK Fair
Thursday, May 29	Final Showcase Grade 12 Class Night
Friday, May 30	Senior Send-off

GRIFFIN ALEX C. EXCELS IN T4 SERIES KARTING

Grade 9 student Alex C. competed in the second round of the 2025 Tillotson T4 Cup Philippines, held on April 26–27 at the Carmona Racing Circuit in Cavite, and emerged as Champion of the Ladies Division.

Alex is a professional senior-class racer with Resultado Racing, a Philippine-based go-kart team that competes in official racing events both locally and internationally. In just her first year of competitive racing, she has found her rhythm in the challenging T4 Senior Division. She is already contending for top positions, consistently clocking impressive lap times, and staying close to the front pack. With every race, Alex continues to build speed, confidence, and racing intelligence—like a true Griffin.

Congratulations, Alex!



GRIFFIN ATHLETICS WRAPS UP A VICTORIOUS SEASON

These past two weeks have been incredibly successful and memorable for Griffin Athletics! As the MISAA season comes to a close, our teams are reaping the rewards of their hard work and dedication.

After months of climbing to the top—remaining undefeated against Domuschola, CISM, and Everest—the Griffin Girls' Volleyball Team played their final match of the season on Saturday, April 26: the battle for gold against Domuschola International School. In a nail-biting, three-set match, they emerged victorious, defeating Domuschola and securing a well-earned gold with a final score of 25–23. It was an emotional and hard-fought win—congratulations, girls!



On the same day, our Griffin Basketball Team went head-to-head with Chinese International School Manila (CISM) in the MISAA semifinals. In a closely contested match, the Griffins missed the finals with a 54–52 loss. Despite the setback, the team finished strong and proudly brought home 2nd runner-up. Congratulations to our basketball team for a hard-fought season!



The following day, Sunday, April 27, the Griffin Chess Team competed in Leg 3 of the MISAA Chess Tournament. In the 19U category, Team A—composed of Sandro M., Patrick dG., Criston Y., and Jimmy M.—clinched first place, with Team B placing right behind them in second. In the 14U category, our Griffins finished strong as first runners-up. Congratulations to the entire chess team on your achievements!



GRIFFIN ATHLETICS WRAPS UP A VICTORIOUS SEASON (continued)

Continuing the winning streak, the Griffin Football Team made their mark in a double-header on May 3, playing both their MISAA semifinal and final matches on the same day. With only one loss across the season—against teams including Nord Anglia, Fountain, German School, Everest, and Domuschola—the Griffins entered the day with momentum. In the morning, they defeated Everest International Academy in a tight 6–4 match to secure their spot in the finals. Later that day, they ended their season on a high note with a dominant 5–1 victory over Domuschola International School, claiming the gold. Congratulations to the football team on an outstanding season!



MISAA STAFF GAMES SCHEDULE

GAME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MISAA STAFF
BASKETBALL**

MAY 10, 2025, SATURDAY
@ BEACON SCHOOL
10:00 AM BA VS BS-GREEN

**MISAA STAFF
VOLLEYBALL**

MAY 10, 2025, SATURDAY
@ BEACON SCHOOL
1:00 PM VBW BA VS CISM
3PM VBW BA VS BS (IF GAME)
5:00 PM VBMENS BA VS CISM

GO GRIFFINS!

GRIFFINS GIVE A HAND: A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER FOR BGY. INCHICAN

Our Service as Action project took place at a bazaar hosted by Ayala Westgrove Heights. Since we all live in the area, we saw it as the perfect opportunity to host a fundraiser. We gathered our unused clothes, stuffed animals, and even jewelry to sell at our booth.

We spent weeks planning and organizing the event, and it all culminated in the joy of seeing our hard work contribute to COSA's fundraising efforts for the victims of the fire outbreak in Barangay Inchican. It makes us incredibly happy to know that the fruits of our labor were able to support a community in need—especially one that has endured so much. We send our best wishes to everyone affected in Barangay Inchican.

– Sofia F., Alba C. Julianna DLP., and Isabella R. (Grade 9)



THANK YOU

to the support received from the BA
community.

COSA has received a total pledge of

PHP 57,140

*For the benefit of the Brgy. Inchican families
who were displaced during the fire.*

*These funds will go directly into the
purchasing of hygiene products and
construction materials for these families.*

BEACON ACADEMY HOSTS SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE FAIR

On Wednesday, April 30, the Beacon Academy Gym transformed into a hub of opportunity and exploration as students engaged with representatives from a diverse array of local and international colleges and universities during this year's College Fair.

The event gave students a valuable chance to learn more about academic programs, admission requirements, and campus life from institutions around the world. With their BA College Fair Passports in hand, Griffins made the most of this unique opportunity to ask questions, collect resources, and begin shaping their individual college and career paths.

The College Fair is a long-standing tradition at Beacon that supports students in making informed decisions about their futures. We're proud to see our Griffins taking initiative, engaging meaningfully, and stepping confidently toward the next chapter of their educational journeys.

Thank you to all participating institutions, faculty organizers, and students who made the event a success!



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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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



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

9 weeks

Number of Class Days in the 2nd Quarter:

45

9 weeks

Number of Class Days in the 3rd Quarter:

45

10 weeks

Number of Class Days in the 4th Quarter:

53

12 weeks

Total Number of Class Days:

187

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Semester 1

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			I	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
						I	2
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

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

Total No. of Days: 17

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

Total No. of days: 17

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

Total No. of days: 22

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

Total No. of days: 21

Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
13	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	0						

Total No. of Days: 18

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

Total No. of days: 17

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

Total No. of days: 20

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

Total No. of days: 20

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

Total No. of days: 11

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

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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