

SATURDAY | MAY 31, 2025

# THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



## LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

As the school year comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on everything that has happened over the past ten months. From the very beginning till the present, every member of our community has worked non-stop. With exams completed, the last House event held, and the final showcase performed, it finally feels like we can pause and truly appreciate how far we've come and savor all that we've accomplished.

This year was a monumental one for BA, as we took a big step forward by welcoming our very first Grade 7 and 8 batches. It marked the beginning of a new chapter for our school—one filled with fresh energy and the challenge of building something from the ground up. It wasn't an easy adjustment, with dozens of new faces on campus and tighter seating in the auditorium during assemblies. But BASC worked hard to organize monthly events that would spread the warmth of the Beacon community and help unify both old and new students.

We kicked off the year with the traditional New Student Orientation, getting everyone moving with a spirited (and competitive!) game of musical chairs. That was followed by our first House event, Filipino Week, and a costume-filled Halloween. Before long, Christmas and Valentine's rolled in, each packing the stage with musical and visual talent from all grade levels. Then came Griffin Games, our community-favorite batch games that really put our bonds to the test through sport and dance battles.

In addition to these beloved traditions—and in line with it being a year of firsts—we introduced several new initiatives. We partnered with COSA to form the Calamity and Emergency Response Team to raise funds for typhoon victims last November, and held BASC's first-ever Bake Sale fundraiser. Throughout the year, we challenged ourselves to come up with exciting new ways to engage our community. One of the most rewarding of these was launching a new line of BA merchandise, designed by our very own PRO, Bettina Unson. While the hoodies are still on their way, the merch line is something we're proud to have poured so much heart and effort into. We can't wait to see it evolve and become a bigger part of the school's identity in the years to come.

We ended the year with a bang through the Tri-House Tournament. After months of preparation and countless proposal rewrites, we brought the student body together one last time for a day of sports, cheering, and food—spent in the water, on the grass, and on the court. It was incredibly fulfilling to see connections form across batches and grade levels, as everyone in each House came together to work as a team. It was the perfect way to close the year—loud, joyful, and full of the buzzing energy that reminds us of the passion and spirit that make our community so special.

The journey to get here wasn't always easy. We faced challenges, rejections, and harsh feedback. But each moment of doubt pushed us to grow stronger, adapt to change, and learn to rely on one another. With that, on behalf of BASC 2024–2025, I want to thank you for the trust you placed in us to create these moments. We're so proud to have contributed to shaping this school year—but at the end of the day, the heart of the Griffin experience is this community. It's each and every one of you. Without your support and enthusiasm, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for believing in us. I hope that even the small things we did helped make your year a bit more memorable.

To next year's BASC, I wish you all the best. I know you have so much to offer, and I'm confident that you'll lead with heart, purpose, and achieve incredible things.

Thank you again, Griffins, for a wonderful year. It's been a pleasure. See you around, and good night!

**Maya Salazar**  
BASC President  
AY 2024-2025

## WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

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**MYP & Final Showcase**

**Senior Send-Off**

## BA STUDENT COUNCIL AY 2024-2025



## IMPORTANT DATES

June 2-4	Moving Up & Graduation Rehearsals
Thursday, June 5	Grade 10 Completion Day Ceremony
Friday, June 6	13 <sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises
Monday, August 4	Parent & New Student Orientation
Tuesday, August 5	First Day of School AY 2025-2026



## BATCH 2025 OF THE BEACON ACADEMY



I am most grateful for the community and the culture at the Beacon Academy. I feel optimistic about my life after high school since I'm exploring new surroundings and communities.

-- **Jaime Alabastro**



I am most grateful for finding my best friends at the Beacon Academy. I hope for fulfillment and happiness in everything I do. For the country, I wish for better weather.

- **Francesca Aquino**



I am most grateful for meeting new people during my time in BA. In the future, I want to represent this nation the best way I can and hope that the new generation will be able to light a new flame.

-- **Rob Balonkita**



I am grateful for many of the teachers at BA, as they shaped the way I thought about the world and encouraged me to be a critical thinker. In the future, I hope to be content and happy with my life, no matter what it may turn out to be.

- **Madison Bertotto**



I am most grateful for the opportunities and new experiences I had while at the Academy. I feel nostalgic about my life after high school because I want to cherish all the memories I have made.

- **Felicity Cancio**



I hope to pursue a path that allows me to grow both personally and professionally while making a meaningful impact on others. I will continue learning, remain curious, and use my education not just for personal success, but to uplift others. - **Caitlin Cheng**



## BATCH 2025 OF THE BEACON ACADEMY



I feel excited about my life after high school. Moving onto college will definitely be a new experience and it makes me slightly nervous. But I feel like IB and BA have prepared me for these changes and I'm excited for all the new opportunities college offers.

- **Caitlin Cruz**



I feel amazing about my life after high school, because of all the experiences and lessons that have helped me develop into who I am today.

- **Pio David**



I feel fulfilled about my life after high school. With all the difficulties I encountered along the way, I was able to persevere, especially with the help of my friends, teachers, and classmates. I feel fulfilled because all the bumps on the road, shaped me into who I am today.

- **Angela De Dios**



I am most grateful for the community of people around me. I think I was lucky enough to have people who were supportive and able to encourage me to push myself whether they were my peers, students from other batches, or my teachers. - **Isabella Dee**



I am most grateful for my friend at the Beacon Academy. I feel content about my life after high school, because I accomplished everything I needed to do.

- **Jao Dizon**



I am most grateful for the good education I received at Beacon Academy. I feel excited about my life after high school, because a new journey is ahead of me.

- **Jack Escaler**



## BATCH 2025 OF THE BEACON ACADEMY



I am most grateful for the teachers and friends I made in BA and I am excited about my life after high school. I hope to improve my independence and hope the best for the country.

**- Agustin Felix**



I am most grateful for being able to meet new people and improve my learning on an international level while I studied at BA. I feel excited about my life after high school.

**- Mateo Francisco**



I'm most grateful for the friendships I formed, the chance to explore my interests, and the opportunities Beacon provided, like founding the investment club, joining sports teams, and preparing for college.

**- William Gonzalez**



I hope that I'll be able to find fulfillment and gratitude in whatever situation I find myself in the future, For the country, I hope that it continues to improve, and that livelihood here in the Philippines becomes better overall.

**- Solenne Leonardia**



Beacon has always been such a tight knit community with the most welcoming, kind, and understanding people. Beacon has provided me with amazing friends, supportive teachers and a comfortable environment.

**- Amanda Lerma**



I am most grateful for the volleyball and basketball teams, and sports media club I took part in during my time in the Academy. In the future, I aspire to be more disciplined and I hope for our country to solve its issues.

**- Daniel Lizares**



## BATCH 2025 OF THE BEACON ACADEMY



I am most grateful for my friends during my time at the Academy. I am nervous but excited about my life after high school and I hope for peace and no more poverty for our country.

**- Iñigo Lorenzo**



I am most grateful for all the people I have met during my time at the Academy. I am looking forward to my life after high school because the future excites me.

**- Jimmy Morga III**



I feel beyond enthused at the idea of my life after high school. After years of having adhered to a rigid schedule and curriculum for structure, I will finally have the opportunity to determine for myself the course of my life.

**- Nina Nielsen**



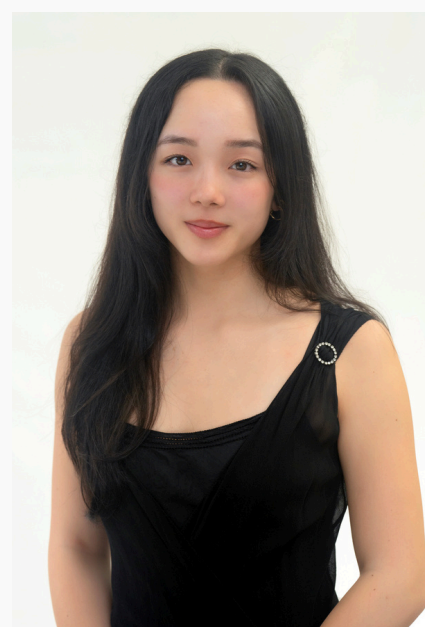
I feel hopeful because I know that I will be content in my course and future job—zoology, something that I am very passionate about. I am excited for the change of pace—new environments, new people, and new responsibilities.

**- Jenna Punzalan**



Looking back on my Beacon experience, one thing I'm most grateful for is the friendships I formed. My friends and peers made the challenges of the IB journey not only manageable but genuinely enjoyable.

**- Samantha Reyes**



I feel excited about my life after high school! I can't wait to explore a new city and meet new people. Art school will be amazing. I hope to be happy while being able to do what I love inspiring others. Hope for peace and love in the country.

**- Stella Ruperto**



## BATCH 2025 OF THE BEACON ACADEMY



I feel excited about my life after high school because I know there's so much to come. Regardless of what comes next, I know that I've been equipped with all the skills I need in order to adapt when I face challenges and achieve what I set my mind to. - **Maya Salazar**



I hope to learn and experience as much as I can in the field of business.. I want to grow into someone who can create meaningful and innovative solutions. Hopefully, I can bring what I've learned back to the Philippines and help drive positive change. - **Juan Sazon**



I feel fulfilled about my life after high school, because I found a group of people within the school that I know will be life long friends.  
- **Alexis Tan**



I am most grateful for my friends and experiences during my time in BA. I hope that I do well in college and be successful and the country can have no more corruption and more peace.  
- **Sophia Tan**



The people in this community made the school special. I think the size of this school is perfect, and it creates an incredibly close atmosphere for all students in a batch to get to know each other and grow close.  
- **Niko Tiu**



I feel optimistic about my life after school. University excites me because it offers the freedom to explore what I truly want to learn. I am excited for the community I'm joining whose values I align with. I'm excited to chase my dreams!  
- **Olivia Torres**



## BATCH 2025 OF THE BEACON ACADEMY



I hope to become someone capable of giving back to the community in anyway I can. For the country, I hope that our future leaders are people who are not only capable, but people who the citizens can have faith in whether this be for their morals, beliefs, or their willingness to improve the Philippines.

- Bettina Unson



I hope to put myself out there, be more courageous, and be more disciplined towards my goals. Overall, be a better version of me. As for my country I hope that living conditions improve as I do see myself living here.

- Chiyo Villa-Real



The Beacon Academy's Class of 2025: Infinitum



## BATCH 2025 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Brown University	St. Joseph's University
Bentley University	Santa Clara University
California State University, Long Beach	Syracuse University
Loyola Marymount University (LMU)	The New School
Loyola University Chicago	University of California Davis
Gonzaga University	University of California Irvine
Hult Business School	University of California Merced
New York University	University of California San Diego
Pepperdine University	University of Notre Dame
Rhode Island School of Design	University of Pittsburgh
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of San Francisco
Santa Clara University	University of Virginia
Savannah College of Arts & Design	

### CANADA

Simon Fraser University  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto

### UNITED KINGDOM

Durham University  
Goldsmiths, University of London (IFP)\*  
King's College, London (IFP)\*  
Lancaster University (IFP)\*  
Leeds International Study Center (IFP)\*  
Loughborough University (IFP)\*  
Queen Mary University of London  
Ravensbourne University London  
University for the Creative Arts (IFP)\*  
University of the Arts London (IFP)\*  
University of Bath  
University of Bristol  
University of Exeter  
University of Nottingham (IFP)\*  
University of Reading  
University of Westminster, London (IFP)\*

### EUROPE

CEU San Pablo  
IE University  
John Cabot University, Rome  
St. Louis University, Madrid

### ASIA

Ateneo de Manila University (AJSS & IB Route)  
Hong Kong University  
Nagoya University of Commerce and Business  
New York University, Shanghai  
Singapore Institute of Management  
University of the Philippines  
University of Santo Tomas

### AUSTRALIA

Macquarie University  
University of Melbourne  
University of Sydney

*\*International Foundation Program*

## YOU'RE INVITED: 13<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES (VIA ZOOM)



The Trustees, Faculty, and Senior Class of  
**THE BEACON ACADEMY**

invite you to our

## THIRTEENTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Friday, June 6, 2025  
at 9:00 in the morning

BA Gymnasium

### THE BEACON ACADEMY

### PROGRAM

Thirteenth Commencement Exercises | June 6, 2025

Processional

Philippine National Anthem

Invocation: Juan Sazon, Class of 2025

Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Riza Estefani

Welcome Remarks: Mr. Mark Vincent Escaler, Head of School

Message From The Board of Trustees:  
Mr. Andy Locsin, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Commencement Speech: Angeline Tham, Founder, Angkas

Presentation of Diplomas:  
Ms. Iris Morga, Diploma Programme Coordinator

The Beacon Academy Graduation Awards:  
Mr. Lui Morano, Dean of Students

The Beacon Loyalty Pin  
The Faculty Prize For Academic Excellence  
Citizenship Award  
Virtus Et Ars Award

Response From The Class of 2025: Ma. Olivia Torres

Message To The Graduates:  
Mr. Mark Vincent Escaler, Head of School

Recessional



### The Beacon Academy's 2025 Commencement Speaker

## ANGELINE THAM

Trailblazing Entrepreneur  
Founder of Angkas

Angeline Tham is a trailblazing Singaporean entrepreneur and founder of Angkas, the Philippines' leading motorcycle taxi platform. Since 2016, she has championed safer, smarter mobility—growing a network of 50,000+ biker-partners and 12M+ app downloads, with a 99.997% safety record.

Beyond transport, she advocates for motorcycle safety, industry professionalization, and inclusive economic growth, empowering micro-entrepreneurs and tackling traffic's social impact.

Angeline also serves as the UN eTrade for Women Advocate for South-East Asia, promoting women's leadership and digital inclusion across the region.



ZOOM LINK:

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## YOU'RE INVITED: FIRST MYP COMPLETION CEREMONY (VIA ZOOM)



The Trustees, Faculty, and Grade 10 Class of  
**THE BEACON ACADEMY**

invite you to our

# FIRST MYP COMPLETION CEREMONY

Thursday, June 5, 2025  
at 9:00 in the morning  
BA Gymnasium

## PROGRAM



*Processional*

*Philippine National Anthem*

*Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Josh Bersamina*

*Welcome Remarks:*  
*Simon Rune Coscolluela, Valesentia, Class of 2027*

*Opening Remarks: Mr. Mark Vincent Escaler, Head of School*

*Inspirational Speech:*  
*Mr. Miguel Ochosa, Virtus Et Ars Awardee, 2017*

*Presentation of Certificates:*  
*Mr. Roy Villegas, Middle Years Programme Coordinator*

*The Beacon Academy MYP Awards:*  
*Mr. Lui Morano, Dean of Students*

*The Beacon Service And Action Award  
Recognition For Exemplary Personal Leadership  
MYP Academic Excellence Award*

*Musical Number*

*Response From The Class of 2027: Samantha Isabel Giberson*

*Message To The Completers:*  
*Mr. Victor Villanueva, Deputy Head of School*

*Presentation of MYP Completers:*  
*Mr. Mark Vincent Escaler, Head of School*

*Recessional*

## MYP COMPLETION CEREMONY SPEAKER

Miguel is a Beacon Academy alumnus (Class of 2017) and a PPE graduate from Yale-NUS College Singapore, where he delivered the Class of 2021 graduation speech.

He currently works as Senior Business Development Manager at Tech in Asia, the region's leading tech news and events platform. In this role, he manages external partnerships with major tech companies like AWS, Shopee, and Google, as well as government organizations across APAC.

Outside of work, Miguel is a singer/songwriter and performance artist who tells stories through music, theatre, hip-hop dance, and more. In college, he co-wrote and staged an original musical, Tiwala, and recently he released his debut EP, Faith Through Grief, across streaming platforms.

Passionate about bridging business and the arts to uplift the Filipino, Miguel believes deeply in the power of music to move hearts and the potential of Filipino artists to drive economic growth with the right systems of support.

When not working, you'll find Miguel in the gym, in a studio, serving in church, playing with dogs, sleeping soundly, eating like a vacuum, or spending time with family.



## MIGUEL OCHOSA

SENIOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

ZOOM LINK:

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## NOVATORES: GRADE 7 THANKSGIVING RITUAL

On May 16, Novatores, the pioneer Grade 7 cohort, held a Thanksgiving Ritual as their final summative for CRE/World Religions. They wanted to give thanks for successfully completing their first year in BA. During the ritual, each of them expressed what they were thankful for and brought an object that symbolized this gratitude: a cap from Enchanted Kingdom, gummy clusters, Chloe the Shark, the Novatores batch shirt and many others. They are most thankful for opportunities that allowed the batch to bond and grow closer together such as Filipino Week, batch night, their field trip, their outings to Enchanted Kingdom after school, the Griffin Games. It was a simple yet moving and heartfelt ceremony that demonstrated how much they had accomplished and be thankful for this school year.



## GRADE 10 STUDENTS SHOWCASE CREATIVITY AT PERSONAL PROJECT FAIR

On Wednesday, May 28, Beacon Academy's Grade 10 students proudly presented their MYP Personal Projects at the annual Personal Project Fair. The fair featured a wide range of creative and meaningful projects, from designing eco-friendly products and designing book covers to developing print on cloth and promoting social causes. Visitors, including parents and teachers, were impressed by the students' passion, effort, and reflections. The Personal Project not only highlights student achievement but also celebrates independent learning and curiosity—core values at the Beacon Academy.





## GRADE 11 STUDENTS PRESENT INSIGHTFUL TOK EXHIBITION

On Wednesday, May 28, Beacon Academy's Grade 11 students held their annual Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition, a key milestone in the IB Diploma Programme. Each student presented three carefully chosen real-world objects linked to a knowledge question, offering thoughtful insights into how we understand and interpret knowledge. The event was attended by parents and teachers, who engaged with students as they explained their choices, reasoning, and conclusions. Topics ranged from ethics and science to language and art, reflecting a broad and deep engagement with TOK themes. The exhibition showcased not only critical thinking and creativity but also the students' ability to connect abstract ideas to the real world—a hallmark of the IB learner.



## BEACON ACADEMY HOLDS EXCITING TRI-HOUSE GAMES

Last Monday, May 26, Beacon Academy held its much-anticipated annual Tri-House Games, bringing together the school community in a spirited day of fun and friendly competition. The three houses—Minokawa, Diwata, and Kataw—battled it out in a variety of activities including water quidditch, chess, Skyros, flag football, relay races, and a crowd-favorite: watermelon eating. Laughter and cheers filled the campus as students showcased teamwork, strategy, and house pride. To keep energy high, snacks and refreshments like Potato Corner fries, sorbetes, taho, and buko juice were available throughout the day. The event was a celebration of community, camaraderie, and the vibrant spirit that defines life at Beacon Academy.

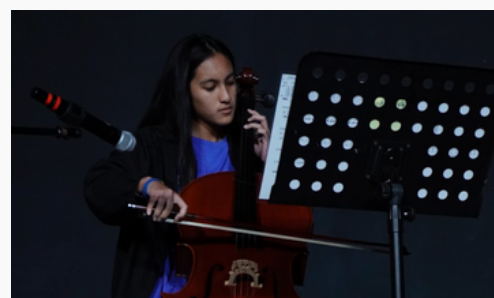




## MYP SHOWCASE &amp; FINAL SHOWCASE

On Thursday, May 29, Beacon Academy's Middle Years Programme students held their Arts Showcase, offering a glimpse into what they've learned in drama and music classes. Students, faculty, and staff gathered to enjoy a range of performances—from dramatic scenes to musical pieces—that reflected the students' creativity, growth, and hard work throughout the year. The showcase highlighted not only their artistic talents but also the collaborative spirit and expressive confidence nurtured through the MYP.

In the afternoon of the same day, students, parents, faculty, and staff gathered for a special musical showcase at Beacon Academy. This final performance featured a variety of musical numbers presented by both students and faculty, celebrating the school's rich musical talent and community spirit. The event served as a joyful conclusion to the year's artistic endeavors, leaving the audience inspired and uplifted.





## GRADE 12s CELEBRATE CLASS NIGHT ON CAMPUS

On Thursday, May 29, the Grade 12 students came together on campus for their traditional Class Night—a cherished send-off filled with fun, laughter, and lasting memories.

In addition to the usual games and bonding activities like burying a time capsule, this year's highlights included a lively padded jousting ring that brought out friendly competition, and a hand-stamping T-shirt activity, where students left their mark—literally—on a keepsake they'll take with them beyond BA. The evening was a blend of celebration and reflection, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another for the graduating class.



## LIBRARY SUMMER READINGS LIST

Our Head Librarian Ms. Zarah Gagatiga, would like to invite our students to continue their reading journey throughout the summer. Here are her suggested summer reading lists:

GRIFFINS READ!  
EXPLORE AND IMAGINE



CATCH UP ON  
SOME READING  
THIS SUMMER

DROP US A VISIT  
IN THE BA  
LIBRARY!

**Grades 7 & 8:**

<https://tinyurl.com/5ep9xxja>

**Grades 9 & 10:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2s75nusj>

**Grades 11 & 12:**

<https://tinyurl.com/5v23h3tw>



## AY 2024-2025 ATHLETIC RECAP BY SOLENNE L.

It has been an exciting and fruitful year for Griffin Athletics, as our student-athletes showcased their talent, resilience, and teamwork across various leagues and tournaments. Here's a recap of their achievements throughout the school year:

In the first semester, our Griffin Girls' Volleyball Team emerged as champions of Division B in the ISSA league, finishing with a 5–1 record. Meanwhile, the Boys' Volleyball Team delivered a commendable performance, finishing 4th in their division with a 5–2 record.

Simultaneously, the Girls' Volleyball Team competed in the Brent Invitational Tournament, clinching the championship title against three strong teams. Their determination and grit enabled them to balance both competitions successfully—bringing home medals from each. A truly admirable feat!

In October and March, the Boys' Volleyball Team had an impressive showing in both legs of the BSM Tournament, earning 2nd runner-up in Leg I and Leg II. Facing tough competition, the team consistently rose to the challenge. The Girls' Team joined the action in Leg II and finished as 1st runner-up in a highly competitive bracket. These consistent podium finishes are a testament to both teams' growth and perseverance—well done!

Our participation in MISAA this season was nothing short of remarkable, with multiple podium finishes across a range of sports:

- The Girls' Volleyball Team capped their season with a MISAA Championship, a well-deserved and satisfying end to their year.
- The Boys' Volleyball Team remained undefeated, earning the top rank in MISAA Division 1.
- The Mixed Volleyball Team also delivered a strong season, finishing 2nd overall.

Congratulations to all three teams on a stellar season!

Our Basketball Team had an exciting MISAA campaign, finishing as 2nd runner-up. Battling through a tough bracket, the boys showed heart and hustle in every game, closing their season with a hard-fought semifinal match. An amazing season—well done, boys!

The Griffin Football Team emerged as MISAA Champions in a division stacked with tough opponents. With just one loss and explosive performances in both the semifinal and final, the team sealed a commanding win in the championship match. A well-earned and dominant victory—congratulations!

To conclude our MISAA campaign, our Chess Team had a standout three-leg run in the MISAA Chess Tournament, making their mark in every competition. Kudos, Team!

- In Leg I, the 19U team, comprised of Patrick DG, Jimmy M. III, Sandro M., Criston Y. and Rob B. finished as 1st runner-up, while the 14U team, made up of Zach C., Zac Ji., Julianna dIP. and Josh G. followed closely with a 2nd runner-up finish.
- In Leg II, Zach C. emerged as champion in the 14U bracket, and in the 19U bracket, Sandro M. placed 4th among a competitive field.
- In Leg III, the 19U team—split into two squads—secured both the Champion and 1st runner-up spots, with the 14U team once again finishing 1st runner-up.

Our Girls' Tennis Team made history with an outstanding run in the DepEd tournaments. They were crowned champions at the Division Meet, and Carolina F. went on to finish as 1st runner-up at the highly competitive Regional Meet. Congratulations to the girls for representing the Griffin community with such excellence!

Looking back, our Griffins have made this season truly unforgettable. Our athletes stayed determined and committed, proudly representing the BA community—as reflected in the many milestones achieved this year. Congratulations to all our student-athletes for their incredible efforts, sportsmanship, and school spirit. Let's carry this momentum into the next school year—Go Griffins!





## BA FACULTY & STAFF FINISH STRONG AT MISAA STAFF GAMES

As we close another exciting academic year, we're taking a moment to celebrate not just the hard work of our student-athletes, but also the commitment and impressive performances of our staff at the recently concluded MISAA Staff Games. What a way to end the academic year! This year's tournament was packed with fierce competition, unforgettable moments, and a whole lot of Griffin pride!

Our Griffin staff showed up, played hard, and brought home outstanding results from the tournament:

- **Badminton Mixed Team – Champions**
- **Volleyball Men's Team – Champions (on their first year joining the tournament)**
- **Basketball Team – 1st Runner-Up (a strong finish, nearly clinching the 3-peat vs first timers Nord Anglia International School Manila)**
- **Volleyball Mixed Team - 2nd Runner-Up**
- **Volleyball Women's Team - grit and fierce competitiveness in their first tournament appearance**

From the first serve to the final buzzer, every point scored was powered by teamwork, laughter, and that unmistakable Griffin spirit. These weren't just games — they were moments of connection, joy, and pride in representing our community.

Three weekends full of firsts and close calls. While our basketball team gave it everything they had in pursuit of a three-peat, they came up just short – but not without making us proud every step of the way. On the flip side, our men's volleyball team made an unforgettable debut, winning the championship in their first year, and the women's team showed true fighting spirit in their first tournament. Additionally, our Volleyball Mixed team made it to the semi-finals and clinched the 2nd Runner-Up spot.

And let's not forget our Badminton Mixed Team, who smashed their way to victory and proudly brought home the championship title. Their teamwork and focus throughout the tournament were nothing short of inspiring.

Beyond the wins, losses, and rankings, the energy, teamwork, and support are what made these games truly special. Our Griffin staff brought the same dedication to the court as they do to our students and school community.

To everyone who cheered, coached, played, or helped along the way, thank you. You are the heartbeat of Griffin Athletics. You've made this year unforgettable. Here's to a year of growth, grit, and glory. Go Griffins!





## BA COMMUNITY CELEBRATES A MEANINGFUL END TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

On Friday, May 30, the Beacon Academy community gathered for the final assembly of the academic year—a time to reflect, celebrate, and honor the individuals who made this year special.

A highlight of the event was the inaugural Faculty and Staff Recognition Awards, where community members were acknowledged for their 5 to 15 years of dedicated service to the Academy. The assembly also celebrated our student-athletes, recognizing their hard work and championship victories across various sports this year.

The celebration continued with a festive salu-salo lunch at the Visual Arts Gallery. The afternoon culminated in the traditional senior send-off, where Grade 11 students hosted goodbyes and the entire community lined up to wish all the seniors their best and escorted them for a symbolic final bus ride. These traditions bring the community together one last time to close out each and every memorable school year.





## Beacon Academy Communications Protocols AY 2024-2025

Matters relating to....	Department / Email
<b>Students</b> Academic, School Life, Learning Support	Faculty Advisers / Homeroom Teachers
<b>IB Diploma Programme</b> Senior High School (G 11-12)	Iris Morga / DP Coordinator dpcoordinator@beaconacademy.ph
<b>IB Middle Years Programme</b> Junior High School (G 7-10)	Roy Villegas / MYP Coordinator mypcoordinator@beaconacademy.ph
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## THE BEACON ACADEMY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

### 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	
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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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