

FRIDAY | AUGUST 16, 2024

THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

As we open the doors to a new school year, a renewed sense of excitement and energy fills our campus, fueled by the addition of Grades 7 and 8 to our high school community. This expansion marks a vibrant new chapter in our school's story. Offering a complete junior and senior high school experience allows us to co-create a more cohesive learning community. Our older students have the opportunity to mentor and inspire their younger peers, while our younger students bring fresh perspectives and a sense of discovery that can reignite the passion for learning in us all.

On August 5, we held the largest opening assembly in our school's history. Seeing students from all grades together for the first time reminded us of the shared journey we are embarking on. The Foundation Week activities that followed, along with the sorting of our community into their respective houses, emphasized our core values and reinforced our bond and sense of belonging. This spirit continued with the start of focused academic work this week, where each student began their path toward their learning goals. Whether a Grade 7 student stepping into high school for the first time or a senior preparing for the final stages of their studies, our commitment to excellence and learning remains unwavering.

During this period of growth, it is important to stay true to our vision and recognize the shared responsibility of every member of our community. From our dedicated teachers and staff who inspire and guide our students, to our supportive parents and guardians who reinforce our values at home, to our engaged students who bring our mission to life each day—everyone plays a crucial role in the success of our school. We are a community bound by a common purpose and vision, and through our collective efforts, I am confident that Beacon Academy will flourish in ways we have yet to imagine.

Welcome to the Academic Year 2024-2025. Let's work together to make this year one of our best.

Mark Vincent Escaler
Head of School
The Beacon Academy

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Tuesday, August 20	College Visit: Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Friday, August 23	Ninoy Aquino Day (Special Non-Working Holiday)
Monday, August 26	National Heroes' Day (Regular Holiday)
Thursday August 29	College Visit: Hult International Business School
Monday, September 2	College Visit: Savannah College of Arts & Design (SCAD)
Tuesday, September 3	College Visit: University of Queensland & University of Sto. Tomas (UST)

ATHLETICS REMINDER

**GAME
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**VOLLEYBALL BOYS
TUNE-UP**

**AUGUST 17, 2024,
SATURDAY AT DLSZ**

9:00 AM BA VS DLSZ



GO GRIFFINS!

BEACON ACADEMY'S 12th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

On Friday, June 7, Beacon Academy celebrated the Commencement Exercises of our Batch 2024 graduates on our campus. Silver Lens co-founder Isa Lorenzo served as the Commencement Speaker for this ceremony. Here are some photos from this special day. The full speech by Ms. Lorenzo can be found on our Facebook Page.



BATCH 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

We are proud to share the acceptance list of our Batch 2024 graduates, showcasing distinguished institutions for higher learning all over the world. These acceptances are a testament to the hard work and dedication of Beacon Academy's students, faculty, and staff. We are confident that these graduates will continue to achieve great things in their future endeavors. Congratulations, Batch 2024! Once a Griffin, always a Griffin.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY
ACCEPTANCE LIST

USA & Canada

Adelphi University
American University
Berklee College of Music
DeSales University
Duquesne University
SUNY Binghamton
University of California, Riverside
Creighton University
University of Connecticut
Fordham University
Carnegie Mellon University
University of California, San Diego
Pepperdine University
Hofstra University
Purdue University
Virginia Tech
California Polytechnic State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Butler University
Wartburg College
Concordia College
Simpson College
St. Olaf College
York College of Pennsylvania
Transylvania University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
American University, DC
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of British Columbia
Humber College Institute of Technology

Australia & New Zealand

Macquarie University
Trinity College
University of Melbourne
Deakin University
Monash University
Victoria University of Wellington
University of La Trobe
University of Sydney
University of Queensland
University of New South Wales
University of Western Australia
Massey University
Griffith College

UK & Europe

Aberystwyth University
Hult International Business School
Lancaster University
University of East Anglia
University of Exeter
University of Hull
University of Leeds
University of Nottingham
University of Edinburgh
Amsterdam University College
Constructor University
Leiden University
IE University
Universidad de Navarra International Foundation Program

Asia & The Middle East

Hong Kong Baptist University
International College of Liberal Arts (iCLA)
New York University Abu Dhabi
University of Hong Kong
Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
Korea Institute of Advanced Science & Technology
Temple University Japan
Ateneo de Manila University
University of Asia and the Pacific
University of the Philippines
University of Santo Tomas
De La Salle University
Singapore Management University
Yonsei Underwood College
Nanyang Technological University



PARENT & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On Friday, August 2, the Beacon Academy campus was filled with activity as we welcomed new and returning parents to our auditorium for the Parent Orientation and had almost all of our 70 new students in the gymnasium. Here are some photos from this busy day:



COUNSELING RESOURCE CENTER: MLAC INVITATION

The Beacon Academy's Counseling Resource Center (CRC) would like to invite all interested parents to an event hosted by MLAC, our partner counseling service provider, happening on August 31 at the Mind Museum in BGC. Please scan the QR code to register.

MLAC Parenting Academy
Institute for Psycho-social Services, Inc.

Parenting Is Nationbuilding
Ever wondered why your politics is a mess? Look at what happens to our families. By MA. LOURDES A. CARANDANG

PARENTING IS NATION-BUILDING:
BEST FILIPINO PARENTING PRACTICES ACROSS GENERATIONS

10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

JOIN US
Tickets at Php 1,000
(Inc. freebies+fundraising proceeds)
Register through
<https://bit.ly/parentingacademy10>
Or scan

AUGUST 31, 2024 (SAT.)
9-11:30 AM

THE MIND MUSEUM
BGC, TAGUIG CITY

CONTACT US
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INFO@MLACINSTITUTE.ORG

Article background: "Parenting is Nationbuilding" (Carandang, 2004; Philippine Newsbreak)



FOUNDATION WEEK

From Monday to Friday, August 5 to August 9, the Academy welcomed back our student community with Foundation Week.

Foundation Week is an important time for the Academy's students to acclimate to the new school year. During this period, they receive their textbooks, locate their lockers, become familiar with their classrooms, learn how to borrow books from the library, and meet their homeroom teachers and advisers. At the end of Foundation Week, the community came together for a picnic on our front lawn. Here are some photos from the many activities on campus during this week as well as the start of after-school activities



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

FEBRUARY 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Total No. of days: 18							

MARCH 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
9	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
2	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
3	30	31					
Total No. of days: 18							

APRIL 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7	27	28	29	30			
Total No. of days: 17							

MAY 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total No. of days: 21							

JUNE 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
12	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					
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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