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THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

As we approach the last week of the first quarter, I would like to highlight a few things that have made an impact on our community over the past two weeks: our sports teams, the BA clubs, and the campaign for community awareness about safety.

Three of our sports teams are well into their tournament campaigns. Our boys' and girls' volleyball teams and golf teams are experiencing notable successes in their respective tournaments so far. From inspiring personal performances to impressive teamwork, our Griffin athletes have showcased their hard work and dedication. Let's continue to support our teams as they compete and strive for excellence. Our encouragement makes a huge difference, so if you are available during the games, please cheer for our athletes. We are proud of their achievements and can't wait to see what's next. The tennis and chess teams are set to see action soon, while our football, basketball, and swimming teams continue their preparations for future tournaments.

The 15 BA clubs have started their regular meetings and have laid initial plans for their activities this semester. Early on, these clubs are doing an amazing job promoting collaboration, encouraging involvement in school activities, and fostering a sense of camaraderie among students, both new and returning. Whether it's through planning activities for the semester or the whole year, organizing community service, or simply providing a space to connect, our clubs are vital in building a supportive and engaging school environment. I encourage everyone to explore the various clubs available and consider getting more involved. It's a great way to make friends, develop new skills, and contribute to our school spirit.

At last week's assembly, the community received an orientation on the school's emergency and safety protocols. Given our susceptibility to natural calamities such as fires, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, it is important for a community like ours to be prepared. Awareness and readiness can make a significant difference in ensuring our safety. Please make certain that you have your emergency go-bags, know the evacuation routes, always be mindful of what's happening around us, and discuss how to stay informed during an emergency. Preparation is key to protecting ourselves and our community. Let's work together to stay safe and support each other.

As we wrap up this quarter, I want to take a moment to celebrate all the hard work, dedication, and resilience each of you has shown. You have put in the effort, and now it's time to reap the rewards of your labor. Remember, growth comes in many forms—academic achievements, personal development, and the connections you've built along the way. Take pride in what you have accomplished and carry that momentum into the next quarter.

I wish everyone all the best in the final week of the quarter and a restful break during the upcoming quarter recess.

Lui Morano
Dean of Students

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Monday, September 30	Moratorium on After School Activities
September 30 - October 4	MYP Exam Week
Friday, October 4	Teachers' Day
October 7-12	No Classes: Quarter Recess
Monday, October 14	No Classes: Faculty Professional Development
Tuesday, October 15	Start of Quarter 2
October 15-18	Mental Health Awareness Week

ATHLETICS SCHEDULES



BA SPORTS TEAMS
WEEKLY TRAINING SCHEDULE
2:45PM - 4:00PM

Sports	Schedule
Badminton	Thursday
Basketball	Tuesday, Thursday
Chess	Monday, Wednesday
Football	Tuesday, Thursday
Swimming	Wednesday, Thursday
Tennis (3:00 - 5:00 pm)	Wednesday, Friday
Volleyball (3:00 - 5:00 pm)	Monday, Wednesday, Friday




GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS
BRENT INVATIONALS (VOLLEYBALL)

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024, SATURDAY
@ BRENT 1-A

8:00 AM GIRLS BA VS SMS
10:30 PM GIRLS BA VS BRENT-A



GO GRIFFINS!

BA VOLLEYBALL TEAM UPDATES

On September 14, the Beacon Academy Boys Volleyball Team played their fourth game of the ISSA season, defeating the Chinese International School Manila. The following week, the boys finished strong by beating Xavier San Juan in three sets, securing their fourth win and finishing the ISSA preliminary phase with a record of 4-1.

The Beacon Academy Girls Volleyball Team also played on Saturday, September 21, against the Chinese International School Manila, bringing their record to 3-1. The girls are currently participating in the Brent Invitational Tournament and played their first game against Caritas Don Bosco. In an exciting match that went to three sets, the girls managed to secure the win and are set to play against Brent International School Manila and Southernside Montessori School on September 28, 2024.

Please continue to support our teams as they represent the school in these tournaments. Go Griffins!



INVITATION: WINGS OF HOPE

Grade 12 student Jao D. is inviting the Beacon Academy community to an exhibit he organized as part of his Senior Project. Titled “Wings of Hope,” the exhibit will feature works by artist Romeo Lee in collaboration with Tracie Anglo-Dizon. All proceeds from the sales of t-shirts, prints, drawings, and paintings featuring the Philippine Eagle will go to the Philippine Eagle Foundation. The exhibit will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 2 to 6 PM at the McKinley Room of the Manila Polo Club.



CLUB UPDATES

After-school clubs at the Beacon Academy have started with enthusiasm, giving students a lively space to explore new interests. Students are enjoying a variety of activities, from arts, baking, science to sports, which fosters collaboration and creativity. These clubs not only help students learn new skills but also build friendships and strengthen connections with their peers.

SCI-MATH CLUB



The Sci-Math Club began with an exciting activity in which students engaged in a color-changing experiment that illustrated the principles of acid-base chemistry. The students were amazed at how chemistry explains the captivating processes behind this magical art display.

KITCHEN KIND



Kitchen Kind, the cooking/baking club of the Academy, enjoyed decorating cookies as part of their latest activity. Armed with colorful icing and creative toppings, they transformed simple cookies into delightful works of art.

BA CHESS TEAM



The BA Chess Team is currently studying chess opening principles.

GRADE 7 MATHEMATICS FOOD STALLS

The Academy's Grade 7 students recently showcased their hard work in Mathematics class through a special event where they managed their own food stalls. Held on September 24 and 25, students sold a variety of delicious homemade snacks and beverages during recess and lunch periods. It was a great learning experience for the Grade 7s on math applied in a real life situation and a fantastic opportunity for the community to enjoy some tasty treats.



EARLY READERS PROJECT KICK-OFF AND ASSESSMENT VISIT

The Early Readers Project is Beacon Academy's response to the call for improving literacy and numeracy in the public elementary school system. Through BA's student-initiated community outreach team, COSA, volunteers spend time with select Grade 2 pupils at Southville 5 Elementary School, focusing on reading comprehension and writing skills. A training workshop was first conducted with Ms. Mailin Locsin and then the ERP Diagnostic Team visited the school on September 24 and 26 to assess the pupils' learning skills.



HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR AY 2024-2025



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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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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