

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 17, 2024

THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

For the past two weeks, the corridors of Beacon Academy have been adorned with Christmas lanterns created by members of the community. Students, faculty, staff, and various offices have crafted their own versions of the traditional parol, using indigenous and recycled materials in an effort to preserve this beloved Christmas symbol. The parol represents many things in our culture: the Star of Bethlehem that guided the three wise men, the victory of light over darkness, and the openness of each home to accept Jesus. For many of us, it is a symbol of guidance, hope, and community.

Much like the parol, each of us plays a vital role in illuminating the path for others. The parol is made of many parts—each a small piece of a larger whole—just as our community is made up of many individuals, each contributing to the collective spirit of support, kindness, and unity. When all these pieces come together, they form a brilliant light that can guide us through even the darkest of times.

As we celebrate this season, let us be like the parol: shining brightly not only for ourselves but for one another. In our school, let us continue to foster an environment where we lift each other up, where every student, teacher, and staff member feels seen, valued, and connected. The true spirit of Christmas lies in the love and support we share.

May this holiday season inspire us all to be beacons of hope, to guide and support our community, and to reflect the warmth of Christmas in all that we do. Let us carry this light into the new year, continuing to build a strong, inclusive, and caring community.

Happy Christmas to all, and may the light of the season shine brightly within each of us.

Lui Morano
Dean of Students
The Beacon Academy

PAROL CONTEST WINNERS



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



Griffin's Choice

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, December 17	Start of Christmas Break for Students & BA Employees Christmas Party
December 18 - January 5	Christmas Break
Monday, January 6	Start of 3rd Quarter
Friday, January 10	Grade 9 Class Night
Saturday, January 11	Jobs Alike Forum (ISM)
Saturday, January 18	Online Information Session
Saturday, January 25	Parent Teacher Conference (On Campus)

UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN BA



The poster features a blue central panel with white text, flanked by images of green foliage and a modern building. The Beacon Academy logo is in the top right corner. A QR code and a 'REGISTER HERE' button are at the bottom right.

Upcoming Information Sessions

18 JAN | **Online Information Session**
For families interested in Grades 7-12 at the Beacon Academy

15 FEB | **Online Information Session for Senior Highschool**
For families interested in Grades 11-12

22 MAR | **Online Information Session for Junior High School**
For families interested in Grades 7-10

12 APR | **Open House of the Beacon Academy campus**

REGISTER HERE



PARENTS OPEN HOUSE | RECAP

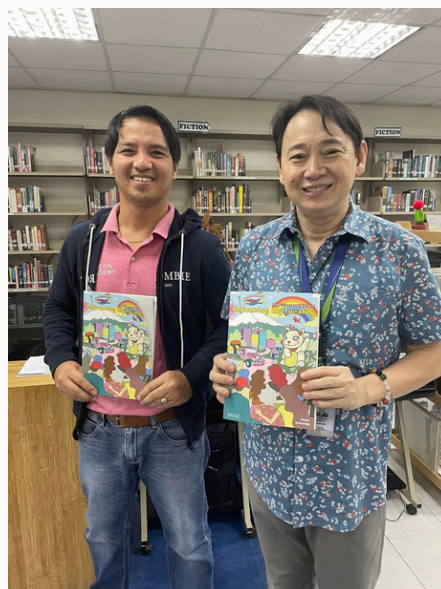
On November 28, Thursday, the Beacon Academy hosted a Parents Open House. It was a chance for Beacon School parents and friends of the Beacon community to sit in on classes, learn about the Academy's plans for the next school year, and chat with our leadership and students.

Thanks to our community's efforts to share this event, 30 parents spent the day with us learning more about what the Academy has to offer. Here are some photos from this day:



BA TEACHER ROEL LODRONIO'S PUBLISHED WORK IN BA LIBRARY

Congratulations to the Beacon Academy's very own Roel Lodronio who has generously donated a copy of *Embracing My Identity*, which features his essay, "Searching for My Japanese Grandfather." His work won the Bronze Prize in the Essay Writing Contest of the Philippine Nikkei-jin Legal Support Center. We are grateful for his contribution to this important anthology and his contribution to the BA Library.



Mr. Lodronio with BA Library's Ms. Zarah Gagatiga and Flynn Joseph Felix

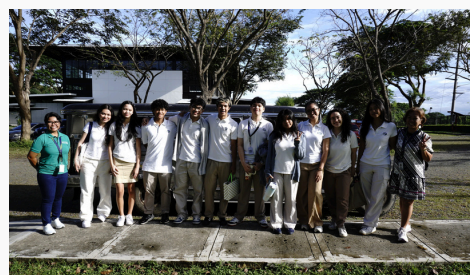
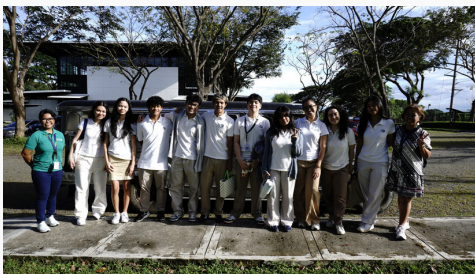
ENVIRONMENTALIST CLUB CLEANS BA GUBAT | RECAP

On November 27, Wednesday, the Environmental Club took part in a nature hike through BA Gubat, where they focused on cleaning up trash along the trail and river. As they worked together to protect the environment, they also took time to appreciate the lush greenery around them. The activity highlighted their ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.



BIÑAN DAY CARE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SERVICE VISIT | RECAP

On December 4, Wednesday, a number of BA students visited the Biñan Day Care Center for their Christmas themed celebration with the children.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT BA | RECAP

On December 16, Monday, the Beacon Academy was alive with Christmas cheer as students, parents, and faculty gathered for a day full of festive activities.

The day began with the Kitchen Kind Gingerbread Decorating Contest, where students showcased their creativity by decorating gingerbread houses with colorful candies and icing. Meanwhile, the BASC Film Showing offered a cozy movie experience for those seeking some holiday entertainment.

In the Auditorium, the MYP Drama Showcase highlighted the acting talents of our Middle Years Programme students, who delivered their summative with much applause. Later, the batch Salu-Salo brought the community together for a festive feast.

The afternoon wrapped up with the Christmas Showcase, a heartwarming event where students, faculty, and alumni performed for the community, spreading holiday joy throughout the school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day so special. The festive spirit at BA is alive and well, and we look forward to more celebrations in the season ahead!



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT BA | RECAP (continued)



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE PARENT ADVOCATE GROUP

On December 13, Friday, the BA Parent Advocate Group, led by this year's batch representatives, took time out of their busy schedule to spend the morning on campus putting together thoughtful gift packages filled with treats and personalized items for the Academy's faculty and staff. The gifts were a beautiful reminder of the strong partnership between our parent community and the school, making this festive season even brighter for all. Thank you to the Parent Advocate Group for their generosity and support!



BEACON ACADEMY'S FANTASY-THEMED CHRISTMAS

The Beacon Academy faculty and staff celebrated the holiday season in style today with a lively fantasy costume-themed Christmas party, hosted by Mr. Roel Lodronio and Ms. Shayne Bicomong. The festive atmosphere was filled with laughter and joy as everyone donned imaginative costumes, ranging from fairytale creatures to sci-fi characters.

The event featured a variety of fun games, lively song and dance performances, and, of course, plenty of raffle prizes. A highlight of the party was the lechon, generously sponsored by the BA Parents, which added a delicious touch to the celebrations.

In addition to the festivities, the group took a moment to bid a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Mr. Edgar Modesto, our departing security OIC, for his dedication to the school for ten years. The celebration also included a special recognition for Mr. Jerson Lagatuz (robot Griffin) and Ms. Mayen Lopez (Snow White), who were awarded for their creative costumes.

It was a wonderful day of fun, food, and fellowship, bringing the Beacon Academy community even closer as we celebrate the holiday season together!



Beacon Academy Communications Protocols AY 2024-2025

Matters relating to....	Department / Email
Students Academic, School Life, Learning Support	Faculty Advisers / Homeroom Teachers
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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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