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THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

Welcome to the second semester of the school year!

The work of a school in shaping young lives is never a solo endeavor but a collective effort of teachers, students, parents, and the wider community that supports our shared mission. Already, January has been filled with moments that highlight the power of engaged partnership.

Our classrooms are buzzing with the energy of teaching and learning as students and teachers dive into lessons with curiosity and purpose. Outside the classroom, our ninth-grade students and their teachers kicked off the semester with their Class Night on January 10—one of the Academy's long-standing traditions, designed to create shared experiences that are essential to learning and building a sense of community.

Beyond our campus, our teachers joined colleagues from other schools in the Philippine IB network for a Jobs-Alike session hosted by International School Manila on January 11. Gatherings like these highlight the richness of collaboration within the IB community, where sharing insights and best practices strengthens both the professional development of our teachers and the learning experiences of our students.

We are also proud to celebrate our students' achievements beyond the academic sphere. On January 11, for the first time, Beacon Academy students represented the school at the Department of Education Binan City's division meet in tennis and badminton—the first step toward the nationwide Palarong Pambansa. Their participation exemplifies the values of perseverance and teamwork that we hold dear.

Today, academic report cards will be released, offering students and families an opportunity to reflect on progress and set goals for the semester ahead. In the spirit of engagement and partnership, we look forward to welcoming parents to campus for our in-person parent-teacher conferences on January 25 to connect and collaborate in support of every student's success.

As we move forward, let's continue to build on the strong foundation of engaged partnership. By working together—teachers, students, parents, and the wider community—we continue to co-create an environment best fit for shared growth and success.

Mark Vincent Escaler
Head of School
The Beacon Academy

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Saturday, January 18	BA Online Information Session
Wednesday, January 22	Faculty PD (Half Day)
Saturday, January 25	Parent-Teacher Conferences (Face to Face)
January 27-28	My Griffin Journey World Languages Days
Wednesday, January 29	Chinese New Year (No Classes)
Monday, February 3	Biñan Day (No Classes)

PLEASE SHARE: BEACON ACADEMY INFORMATION SESSION

As part of our recruitment efforts, the Beacon Academy is inviting all interested parents and students to join an online information session hosted by our Head of School, Mark Vincent Escaler, along with students, alumni, parents, and teachers from the Beacon Academy community.

This session will provide valuable insights into our International Baccalaureate® curriculum, our junior and senior high school programs (Grades 7-12), our vibrant school life, and scholarship opportunities.

Interested families can register here to receive the Zoom link:

<https://forms.gle/cpBGSbYGCHLBC4yZA>



The poster features the Beacon Academy logo at the top left, with the text "THE BEACON ACADEMY" and "VIRTUS ET ARS" to its right. Below this, a large blue box contains the text "ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION" in white. Underneath, it says "JANUARY 18" and "10:00 AM - 11:30 AM VIA ZOOM". Further down, it reads "for families interested in **Grades 7-12** at Beacon Academy". At the bottom left of the blue box is the website "www.beaconacademy.ph", and at the bottom right is a QR code with the text "REGISTER HERE" below it. The background of the poster shows a modern school building.

BEACON ACADEMY REIGNITES SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW YEAR

Entering the new year, Beacon Academy is reigniting its sports activities with the resumption of participation in various tournaments. The Griffin Girls' Tennis Team is currently competing in the DepEd Athletic Meet and proudly represented the school during the Opening Ceremony on January 10, 2025, at the Biñan Football Stadium. The following day, the tennis team—composed of Carolina F., Martine P., and Mantha T.—competed in the Division Meet held at the Biñan Tennis Club and successfully qualified for the Regional Athletics Association Meet (RAAM), which is scheduled to take place in Rizal from late February to early March.



Alongside this, the Griffin Basketball Team has resumed its participation in ISSA (International School Sports Association), competing against Faith Academy and CJPS at the International School Manila.

Since returning from the semester break, the school also held its annual Alumni Games, inviting graduated Griffins to come to campus and play against the Girls' and Boys' Volleyball teams. Collectively, the Griffin Volleyball teams claimed victory in 2 out of 3 sets against the alumni, with the Boys' team winning both sets they played. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for the community to celebrate and strengthen its athletic culture, uniting past and present Griffins through their shared love of the game.



This coming Saturday, January 18, there will be even more exciting matches to look forward to.

The Griffin Badminton Team, represented by Mito D., will participate in the DepEd DAAM Badminton Tournament, starting at 7 a.m. at Rally Point Biñan.

Meanwhile, the Griffin Basketball Team will continue its ISSA campaign, facing Everest International Academy and Xavier San Juan at the International School Manila.

Additionally, the Griffin Girls' Tennis Team will play ISTA games against De La Salle Lipa and Woodrose at the International School Manila. Lastly, the Griffin Volleyball teams—Boys' and Mixed—will compete against Everest International Academy at Beacon School.

Congratulations, Griffins, on your achievements so far, and best of luck in the upcoming matches! Go Griffins!

GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISAA VOLLEYBALL
JANUARY 18, 2025
@ BEACON SCHOOL
 BOYS - 2:15PM BA VS EIA
 MIXED - 3:30PM BA VS EIA

ISSA BASKETBALL
JANUARY 18, 2025
@ ISM
 11:00 AM HS GYM - BA VS EIA
 3:30 PM MS GYM - BA VS XS-B

ISTA (TENNIS)
JANUARY 18, 2025
@ ISM
 8:00 AM SHS GIRLS D1 BA VS DLSL
 1:00 PM SHS GIRLS D2 BA VS WR-A

DEPED BADMINTON
JANUARY 18, 2025
@ RALLY POINT BIÑAN
 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

GO GRIFFINS!

GRADE 9 CLASS NIGHT

On Friday, January 10, the Grade 9 students gathered for their highly anticipated Class Night at the Beacon Academy campus. This memorable event provided an opportunity for students and advisers to bond through a variety of fun and engaging activities. From lively games and team challenges to cozy moments by the bonfire, the evening was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and unforgettable memories.

The Grade 9 students truly made the most of this special occasion, showcasing excellent behavior throughout the night. Their maturity and respect for the event's traditions and rules created a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone involved. It was clear that the Grade 9 batch was not only excited to spend time together, but also committed to making the event a success.

As always, Class Nights are a cherished tradition at Beacon Academy, and this particular gathering exemplified the spirit of unity, fun, and responsibility. We look forward to more exciting Class Nights as the school year continues, and we're proud of how the Grade 9 students represented their year level with such enthusiasm and respect.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE JOBS ALIKE SESSIONS

On January 11, Saturday, faculty members from the Beacon Academy attended the International Baccalaureate's Jobs-Alike Network Sessions hosted by the International School Manila.

An International Baccalaureate (IB) Jobs-Alike Sessions is a professional development session where educators from different IB schools with different subject areas, come together to collaborate, share best practices, and discuss common challenges. These sessions are part of the IB's effort to support teachers and administrators in fostering a high standard of education that aligns with the IB's core values and curriculum frameworks.



REMINDER: UPCOMING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Please be reminded that our next Parent-Teacher Conference will be held on Saturday, January 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in-person at the Beacon Academy campus.

We kindly ask that you reserve your time slots with your respective teachers using the Calendly links provided with your child's report card, which will be sent via email today, Friday, January 17.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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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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
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	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
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1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total No. of Days: 19							

SEPTEMBER 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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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
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Total No. of Days: 17							

NOVEMBER 2024							
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Total No. of days: 20							

DECEMBER 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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8	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Total No. of days: 12							

Semester 2 JANUARY 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Total No. of Days: 19							

FEBRUARY 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Total No. of days: 18							

MARCH 2025							
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APRIL 2025							
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Total No. of days: 17							

MAY 2025							
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Total No. of days: 21							

JUNE 2025							
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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: