



THE BEACON ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN OF STUDENTS

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

For the first time in five years, we will gather once again as a community on February 24, 2024, to celebrate one of our most anticipated student-led school traditions, our school fair. Conceptualized, organized, and executed by the Beacon Academy Student Council and their volunteers, Beacon Academy fairs hold a special place in the hearts of students, alumni, teachers, staff, and parents alike, as they play an essential role in fostering the spirit of volunteerism, strengthening a sense of community, and building camaraderie among all stakeholders. In these energetic events, Griffins come together not only to celebrate and showcase their talents and culture, but also to build the bonds that bind us together.

First and foremost, school fairs instill the value of volunteerism among students by offering them opportunities to actively participate in the planning, organization, and execution of the event. By engaging in various tasks such as getting sponsors, raising funds, conceptualizing and organizing the program, designing fair collaterals, or assisting with logistics, students learn the importance of giving back to their school community. Through these experiences, they develop essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and responsibility, which are invaluable for their personal growth and development.

Moreover, school fairs serve as venues for building a strong sense of community. They provide a platform for students, teachers, and families to collaborate outside of the regular academic and PTC settings, creating opportunities for meaningful interactions and connections. Whether it's through participating in carnival games, enjoying the inflatables, sharing meals and experiences, or simply enjoying each other's company, these events reinforce the idea of belonging and foster unity within the community.

Additionally, school fairs promote camaraderie among students, teachers, staff and parents by fostering a shared sense of pride and accomplishment. Whether it's showcasing talents through performances, displaying batch and school spirit, or competing in friendly house competitions, these events create a supportive environment where everyone can celebrate achievements and create memories together. Such collective celebrations not only strengthen existing bonds but also forge new friendships and connections that transcend grade levels, houses, and friend groups.

It is my hope that through this year's school fair, we can have the chance to share the Academy and the things that make our community unique with our families, friends, and guests. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who dedicated their efforts the past few months towards the fruition of this project. Please know that your generosity, presence, and participation will not only help contribute to the Beacon Academy Scholarship Fund but will also promote inclusivity, understanding, acceptance and respect within the school community.

See you all at The Great Griffin Carnival!

Lui Morano
Dean of Students
The Beacon Academy

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IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

February 24, Saturday	BA Fair - The Great Griffin Carnival
February 26, Monday	School Break (No Classes)
February 28, Wednesday	Career Fest
March 6, Wednesday	Career Fest Part 2
March 7, Thursday	College Visit University of Sydney
March 18-27	Grade 12 Mock Exams
March 28-31	Holy Week Break (No Classes)

Please note these important DP Dates:

April 24 - May 17, 2024 - Grade 12 IB External Exams

May 20-24, 2024 - Grade 11 Year End Exams

BA'S VERY OWN MS. ZARAH GAGATIGA WINS OUTSTANDING LIBRARIAN AWARD



On Friday, February 2, the City of Biñan gathered its distinguished librarians at the Alberto Mansion site to pay tribute to their achievements as educators. We are proud to share that the Beacon Academy's very own Head Librarian-Teacher Ms. Zarah Gagatiga achieved recognition as one of Biñan City's Outstanding Librarians. Congratulations, Zarah! The Academy is proud of your accomplishments.



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YOU'RE INVITED: THE GREAT GRIFFIN CARNIVAL | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Reminding you that "The Great Griffin Carnival", our 5th Annual School Fair, will be happening this Saturday!

Here are some reminders:

When: Saturday, February 24

Where: Beacon Academy Front Lawn,
Biñan, Laguna

Time: Gates open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.
(The Battle of the Bands will begin around 2:00pm)

Other Activities: inflatables, raffles and booths prepared by the students such as Carnival Games, Catchers, Couple Cuffs and more!

Food Stalls: Pancake House, Shakey's, Peri Peri, Potato Corner, R&B Milk Tea, Nuki, Snow Cones, Takoyaki, Lil Orbits

Types of Payment Accepted: Cash and Gcash

Things to Bring: Caps, Water Tumblers

Tickets

As part of the ticket-selling scheme decided by the Fair Committee, all Beacon Academy students will automatically be charged two (2) tickets at a discounted price (P400 per ticket, P800 total). Students are requested to pay as they claim their tickets from the School Life Office. Payments can be made through the following:

1. Cash - given directly to Ms. Luvim or Olivia Torres (BASC Treasurer)
2. GCash (Noah Diego Salazar, 0945 558 0219) - a screenshot of the payment must be sent to studentservices@beaconacademy.ph

Tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the Fair for 450 php (payment through either cash or GCash).

We encourage you to invite your friends and family to purchase tickets for this much anticipated event.

Rest Day on Monday, February 26

Like in previous years, the Academy will have no class or work on the Monday after the fair, February 26, to allow our community to rest after many weeks of fair preparations. The Beacon Academy campus will be closed.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

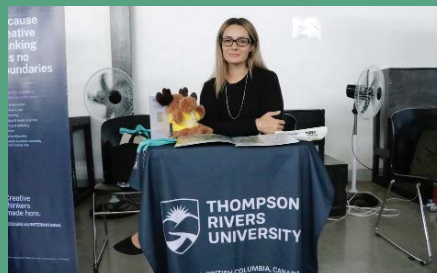




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RECAP: BA COLLEGE FAIR | FEBRUARY 12, MONDAY

On Monday, February 12, the Beacon Academy hosted 37 colleges in the gymnasium during one of its largest college fairs to date. Here are some photos from this busy day on campus.



BA GOLF TEAM: PLACE AT JGFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Beacon Academy's Golf Team who placed 1st Runner-up in the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines (JGFP) Interschool Senior High School Championship Division and then played for the Beacon Academy at the JGFP National Championship which was held from February 9-11 at the Caliraya Springs Golf Club.

BA's golf team took home the bronze trophy against various teams from around the country. Go, Griffins!

(in the photo: Inigo L., Santi P., Jaime A.,)





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WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE WEEK 2024 | RECAP

January 30 to February 1 marked this school year's celebration of World Languages and Literature Week. Several events were organized by student club Muni-Muni in appreciation of language, culture, and literature, including Costume Day where students came in their best interpretation of the theme "underrated characters." Highlights of the week were the film showing of CODA, followed by a talk on deaf awareness and a sign language workshop by the organization Hand and Heart.



The week culminated in the Picnic Basket Auction, where faculty, students, and staff bid enthusiastically for food baskets generously donated by community members to help raise funds for the upcoming BA Fair. With everyone's support, the Auction raised 33k in total. Baskets were enjoyed at the Community Picnic on the lawn, along with corn dogs and ice cream sponsored by the school.

Below are the baskets donated by school offices, student groups, and parent groups with their corresponding winning bids. Thank you once again to all donors and bidders!

Slumdog Millionaire Basket (Php 850)
The Joy Luck Club Basket (Php 700)
Eat Bulaga Basket (Php 700)
Chronicle of a Death Foretold Basket (Php 1200)
Percy Jackson Basket (Php 850)
Uhaw by Dilaw Basket (Php 1000)
Cheat Day Basket (Php 600)
Alice in Wonderland Basket (Php 600)
Please Look After Mom Basket (Php 800)
Bring What You Can Basket (Php 800)
The Old Swiss Inn Basket- (Php 950)
Lord of the Rings Basket (Php 5700)
Tribute to Doreen Fernandez Basket (Php 3000)
Charlie & The Chocolate Factory Basket (Php 2600)
Uhaw Cooler (Php 3700)
Studio Ghibli Basket (Php 3100)
Mystery Basket (Php 6000)





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AUTISM AWARENESS CAMPAIGN OF NATHAN C.

As part of my autism awareness campaign for my Senior Project, I've displayed some books outside the library that can help gain a better understanding and perspective of the spectrum. Below are short summaries of the books currently displayed. Please feel free to borrow any of these books if you want to know more about the autism spectrum disorder.

Inside Daniel's Head: "Inside Daniel's Head" is a chapter book written by Filipino author Joji Reyes-Santos. It's told from the point of view of Daniel, a boy who is under the autism spectrum disorder. The book offers readers an insight into how one who is under the spectrum is wired and how he thinks. It demonstrates the effect on his family and his perspective on the world. Daniel has an incredibly moving backstory that leaves readers with a lasting impression.

Doobiedoo Asks: "Doobiedoo Asks" is a comic book written by Filipino author Bambi Eloriaga-Amago and illustrated by her husband Roland Amago. The story is actually told from the perspective and based on the real experiences of the author, the mother of a son named Doobie, a child who likes to joke around and ask lots of questions. But one day, Doobie asks a more unusual question: "What's wrong with me?" Determined to help Doobie out, the parents soon find out that he is under the autism spectrum disorder. The book dives into the different unexpected challenges the author and her husband had to face and overcome, as well as things they learned on the way, in order for Doobie to gain the confidence to succeed in school. This comic has won awards both locally and nationally, which includes first place for the Philippine International Books Festival.

Too Loud! Soothing Sensory Overload with Music: "Too Loud! Soothing Sensory Overload with Music" is a children's picture book written by Filipino author Bambi Eloriaga-Amago and illustrated by Gani Riel Cabezas, both of who are autism awareness advocates. The story is about a girl named Jean and her best friend Elmo, who is under the autism spectrum disorder. Elmo has a great ear for music, but finds loud noises irritating and causes him to get anxious. One day, on a rowdy bus ride home, Elmo starts to panic. Jean and the rest of her friends work together to find a way to help Elmo calm down.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time: "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" is a prize winning bestseller written by English author Mark Haddon. The novel tells the story a 15 year old boy with autism named Christopher Boone, who one day discovers his neighbor's dog dead in her yard, speared with a pitch fork. In curiosity to find out the truth, Christopher decides to solve the mystery of this incident. - Nathan C.



GET COACH'D ACADEMY INVITATION TO JOIN



 Headed by Coach Doray Ellis <ul style="list-style-type: none">National Coach for Triathlon and Head Coach for Youth & Junior AthletesWorld Triathlon Level 2 Certified CoachTop Age-Group Female Triathlete from 2005-2020	 Notable Athletes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kira Ellis - 2023 SEA Games Gold Medalist, #1 Junior Female Triathlete in the PH; Pioneer student of GCA.Sancho Del Rosario - PH Youth Elite Athlete; Started with GCA at 9yoDiego Dimayuga - PH Youth Elite Athlete; Started with GCA at 7yo	 Open To Kids Of All Levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn to Swim - Learn all 4 strokes and open water swim skills.Join Bike 101 - Learn the proper and safe way to bike.Run the Right Way - Proper form with focus on speed.Meet and have fun with new friends
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AYALA WESTGROVE HEIGHTS, SILANG, CAVITE

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BEACON SCHOOL INVITATION: KUNG-FU PANDA FUND RAISER

Dear Beacon Academy Parents,

We are inviting all Beacon students, parents, and friends to a fun movie date for a cause on March 9 and 10, Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM at the Power Plant Mall, Makati!

Our block screening fundraiser features the much-awaited Dreamworks animated film, "Kung Fu Panda 4." Watch the trailer here.

Synopsis: Po must train a new warrior when he's chosen to become the spiritual leader of the Valley of Peace. However, when a powerful shape-shifting sorceress sets her eyes on his Staff of Wisdom, he suddenly realizes he's going to need some help. Teaming up with a quick-witted corsac fox, Po soon discovers that heroes can be found in the most unexpected places.

This activity aims not only to help raise funds for the various projects of the Beacon School, but also to offer a venue for families to gather in camaraderie and friendship. Tickets are at Php1000 each. All proceeds will go to the fundraising initiative of the Beacon School to complete the MYP Program (Grades 9 and 10), so every ticket you purchase goes to a worthy cause.

Please answer this form to order your tickets. In case you cannot make it to our movie date, you may choose to gift tickets to our school maintenance and security personnel and their families. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

You may settle your payment through the school Cashier or deposit online through BPI.

Account Name: BEACON INT'L. SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

Payment Reference No.: ST-2023-0001-LAST NAME

Name of Bank/Branch: Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) – Pasong Tamo Extension-Edsa

PESO Account Number: S/A #0091-0798-36

Please send payment confirmation to cashier@beaconschool.ph or finance@beaconschool.ph.

Feel free to extend the invitation to your family and friends. Additionally, there will be no

For inquiries, please send an email to the Beacon School Reception at reception@beaconschool.ph or call 88405040.

Thank you very much.

One Beacon Fundraising Committee and Beacon School Parents Association





THE BEACON SCHOOL
presents

DreamWorks
KUNG FU PANDA 4

MARCH 9 AND 10, 2024
10:00 AM AT POWER PLANT CINEMA
TICKET PRICE: P1,000

A fundraiser for





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Beacon Academy Communications Protocols AY 2023-2024

Matters relating to....	Department / Email
Students Academic, School Life, Learning Support	Faculty Advisers
IB Diploma Programme Senior High School	Iris Morga / DP Coordinator dpcoordinator@beaconacademy.ph
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR AY 2023-2024



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Semester 1 JULY 2023							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	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:							

Semester 2 JANUARY 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1		1	2	3	4	5	6
2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
5	28	29	30	31			
Total No. of Days: 20							

AUGUST 2023							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4	27	28	29	30	31		
Total No. of Days: 19							

FEBRUARY 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9	25	26	27	28	29		
Total No. of days: 21							

SEPTEMBER 2023							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Total No. of days: 20							

MARCH 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
13	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
14	31						
Total No. of days: 17							

OCTOBER 2023							
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
13	29	30	31				
Total No. of Days: 16							

APRIL 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	28	29	30				
Total No. of days: 20							

NOVEMBER 2023							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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: 19							

MAY 2024							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
19	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Total No. of days: 22							

DECEMBER 2023							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
18	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
19	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: 10							

JUNE 24							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
23	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: 4							

IMPORTANT DATES

Jun 9 - Jul 4

Jul 5 - Jul 14

Jul 17

Jul 18

Jul 19- Aug 2

Aug 2

Aug 3

Aug 3-4

Aug 21

Aug 28

Sep 25

Oct 9-14

Oct 16

Oct 21 - 27

Oct 30

Nov 1

Nov 2

Nov 8

Nov 27

Dec 8

Dec 16 - Jan 3

Jan 4

Jan 20-26

Jan 29

Feb 3

Feb 10

Feb 25

Feb TBA

Mar 11-12

Mar 13

Mar 28 -31

Apr 1

Apr 9

Apr 10

Apr 24-May 17

Apr TBA

May 1

May TBA

May TBA

Jun 7

Campus Break

BA Summer Program

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

No Classes: Faculty Professional Development

Quarter Recess

Start of Quarter 2

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Online)

No Classes: Barangay & SK Elections

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

No Classes: Christmas/New Year Break

Start of Quarter 3

Parent-Teacher Conferences (Online)

No Classes: Faculty Professional Development

No Classes: Binan Day

Chinese New Year

People Power Anniversary

National Achievement Test (Grade 12)

Quarter Recess

Start of Quarter 4

No Classes: Holy Week

No Classes: Faculty Professional Development

Regular Holiday: Araw ng Kagitingan

Eid al-Fitr (TBC)

IB Diploma Examinations 2024

National Achievement Test (Grade 10)

Regular Holiday: Labor Day

National Career Assessment Evaluation (Grade 9 & 10)

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: 40 9 Weeks
 Number of Class Days in the 3rd Quarter: 47 10 Weeks
 Number of Class Days in the 4th Quarter: 57 13 Weeks
 Total Number of Class Days: **188**