



THE BEACON ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN OF FACULTY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

This week, we celebrated two holidays- the Day of Valor, otherwise known as the Araw ng Kagitingan, and the Muslim holiday Eid'l Fitr also known as the Feast of Ramadan. Two back-to-back holidays which, along with the the Mayor's directive to pivot online, allowed everyone a welcome extended weekend of sorts

Reflection comes easier when there is time to breathe and decompress, and surely, our country's observance of the two holidays this week does give fodder for reflection.

On April 9, the President of the Philippines made his way to Mount Samat in Bataan, where he laid a wreath on the memorial for the fallen Filipino soldiers who fought courageously until the Fall of Bataan during World War II. Amidst the pomp and circumstance that comes with the commemoration of this holiday are the names, faces, and even ages of the young men now memorialized for their bravery. These brave young soldiers valiantly fought for our independence in a battle that they would not and could not win, but a battle they believed in. They braved war and famine, and death because they believed in our nation and our independence. They fought for it, bled for it, died for it.

April 10 was Eid'l Fitr, or the end of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection, self-improvement, and heightened devotion and worship. Our Muslim brothers and sisters spend this time in fast, which helps connect them to the experience of the less fortunate, increase their empathy for others, and with prayer, allow them spiritual growth. As a nation, we celebrate this day to honor our nation's Islamic heritage.

The two holidays could not be any more different. And yet, on reflection, the two holidays provide us the same opportunity- to become better citizens of our nation. As we remember and honor those who have fought for our independence, we should ask ourselves- what have we made of their sacrifice? As we honor the ethnic and religious diversity present in our wonderful land, how have we come to understand each other, and grown as citizens of this country?

May the answers to these questions encourage us to grow, act, and become the citizens our nation needs us to be, for ourselves and for others.

Have a good weekend, everyone!

Ceci Francisco
Dean of Faculty
The Beacon Academy

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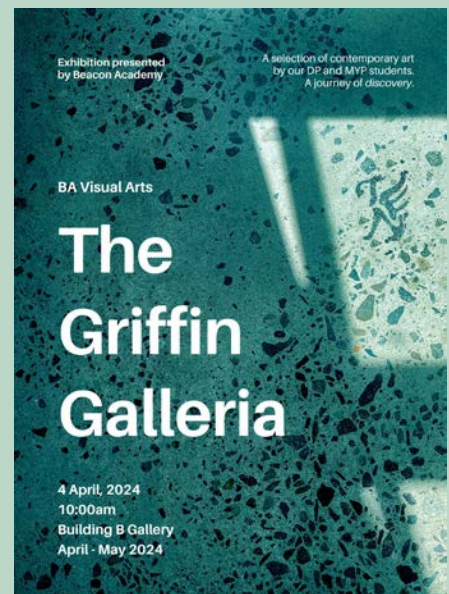
IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL & MAY

April 13 Saturday	Senior Yearbook Photoshoot
April 15, Monday	Mano Amiga Teachers Visit
April 23, Tuesday	College Visit Loyola Marymount University
April 24- May 17	IB Diploma External Exams (Grade 12)
May 1, Wednesday	Labor Day (Regular Holiday)

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

BEACON ACADEMY VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT | RECAP

On April 4, Thursday, the Academy officially launched its end of year visual arts exhibit titled 'The Griffin Galleria'. Congratulations to the Academy's art students and their teachers, Ms. Joanna Hirsch and Mr. Alfred Capiral on this creative exhibit. For those who missed it, the exhibit will be in our Building B Visual Arts Gallery till the end of the school year.





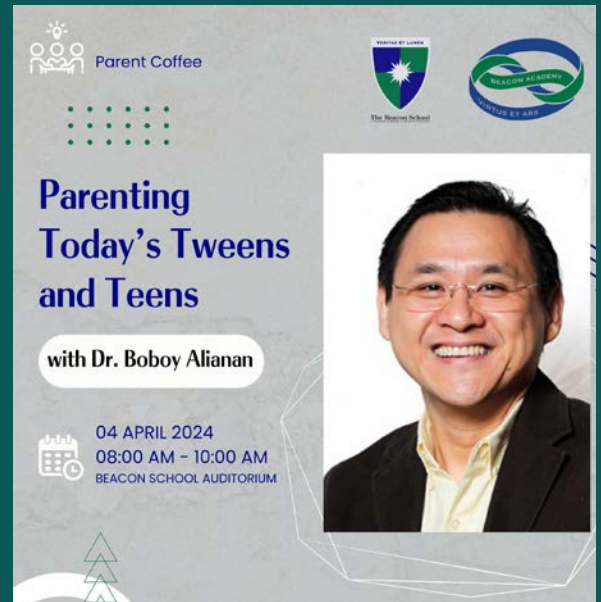
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PARENT COFFEE AT BEACON SCHOOL WITH DR. ALIANAN | RECAP

On April 4, Thursday, the parent communities of both The Beacon School and Beacon Academy attended an informative talk on “Parenting Today’s Tweens and Teens” by renowned Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Boboy Alianan. Here are some photos from this event. We look forward to welcoming our parents to more Parent Coffees on both campuses in the near future.



Left to right: Beacon Counselors Gary Genil, Tin Cobarrubias, Michelle Dizon, Dr. Boboy Alianan, Din Mendoza, and Vian Erasmo



COLLEGE COUNSELING: LOOK WHO CAME TO VISIT



College Representatives: Victor Luu from Study Adelaide, Marie Lulu from Torrens University Australia, Luisa Aranete from Kaplan Business School, Mason Lee from Flinders University, Lisa Mar from the University of Adelaide, Sophia Tan from the University of South Australia together with the Academy's Counseling Resource Center.



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SERVICE AS ACTION & ENVIRONMENTALIST CLUB HIKING CLEAN UP ACTIVITY

After hearing that MYP wouldn't be allowed to join this year's Environmentalist Club Clean-up hike at the gubat, we were pretty bummed out. But we saw this as an opportunity to turn this into a Service as Action project for Grade 10 in collaboration with the Environmentalist Club. So together with some volunteers from the MYP batches, we hiked out on a rainy Friday morning.

Due to changes in the terrain and reports of increased human activity, we couldn't do a full loop through the creek like last year. Instead, we hiked to a certain part of the creek, then retraced our steps. But that wasn't the only thing that was different this year. As a returning volunteer, I can say that this year's hike was more technical. Many changes to the terrain were made and coupled with higher water levels and the rain made this hike feel more technical than the last.

But nonetheless, we were not fazed by this and successfully brought home many full trash bags. We were even able to do some planting on our way back to the starting point. We came together as a Beacon community to work towards a common goal of bettering our backyard and in the process, many memories were shared and laughs were exchanged, making this a memorable experience. To conclude, we can only remain excited for the countless hikes to come.

- Martha, Miko, Kimi, and Leah



GRIFFINS AT MISAA

The BA Sports Teams continuously participate in various MISAA events for this season. We commend the Football Team and Boys Volleyball Team for representing the Beacon Academy last April 6. Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball Team for winning against Fountain International School last Saturday!



Watch out for more MISAA Games (Basketball, Football, Volleyball) in the coming weeks. Go Griffins!



**GAME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MISAA VOLLEYBALL

APRIL 12
@ BEACON SCHOOL

1:15PM	MIXED	BA VS. REEDLEY
2:30PM	BOYS	BA VS EVEREST



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BA'S IGNITE PARTNERS WITH THE EMILIO AGUINALDO MUSEUM | RECAP

Beacon Academy's IGNITE Team is a student-led community outreach organization aimed to establish partnership between the Beacon Academy and socio-civic organizations. On March 24, 2024, the IGNITE team went to Emilio Aguinaldo Museum (EAM) in Kawit, Cavite to train and serve as Museum Tour Guides also known as Docents. This initiative aims to educate guests about critical periods in Philippine history and see this as a potential partnership between the Beacon Academy and EAM for further authentic learning experiences.



Here are the students' reflections on the experience:

The experience was honestly nerve wracking at first as being a tour guide put us in a position of responsibility where the information we would share would be taken as truth by the visitors. Our oral delivery and language posed as our main challenge as we were mostly inexperienced in the activity and Filipino is not the first language for most of our group. However, with the help of our partners, we believe that we were able to execute an informative guide for the tourists we interacted with. If we were to invite other students from the BA community, I think this would greatly help them in appreciating and understanding parts of our culture that are excluded from history class.

– Samantha R., Gr. 11

All in all, I think that this trip to the Emilio Aguinaldo museum was a great experience, as me and my peers were able to experience a lot by persevering through a "trial by fire." In it we had a lot of fun, educating ourselves, and others about our history and our culture. I am optimistic that it will be a valuable experience for the Beacon Academy population, and I hope that others will be able to experience it as well.

– Rob B., Gr. 11

Working as a tour guide at the Emilio Aguinaldo Museum was an enlightening experience. Sharing Aguinaldo's story and the details of Philippine history with visitors felt like I was playing a huge role in spreading knowledge about our past and culture. Each tour became not just educational, but a fun and enjoyable experience.

– William G., Gr. 11

Becoming docents at the Emilio Aguinaldo Museum was one of the more unique educational experiences of my life, where I was able to really interact with our history by being part of its dissemination. Not only was it an excellent opportunity to practice my Filipino, learning about the history of the house and the revolution was a practice in perspective, tying in with my Anthropology class. One of the major challenges I faced was my facility for speaking in Filipino, as you predominantly conduct the tours in Filipino due to the guest demographics, but it forced me out of my comfort zone to just try, sharing what I've learned with the people I encountered.

– Madison B., Gr. 11



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Beacon Academy Communications Protocols AY 2023-2024

Matters relating to....	Department / Email
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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
	2	3	4	5	6	7	1
	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	2	3	4	5
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
					1	2	3
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
						1	2
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
						1	2
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
		1	2	3	4	5	6
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
				1	2	3	4
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
				1	2	3	4
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
						1	2
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
							1
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

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**