



THE BEACON ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

As I write this, we find ourselves in the final weeks of the academic year — a time marked by various assessments, tests and end-of-year exhibitions. From the on-going IB Diploma external examinations to final classes, projects, and subject assessments, our students have already begun not only to demonstrate their learning but also showcase their hard work and dedication.

While exams serve as significant milestones, they encompass more than just grades. They represent the culmination of countless hours of studying, late nights of review, and moments of triumph and growth that have characterized the academic year. Whether mastering complex equations, crafting compelling essays, or demonstrating fluency in an art or a foreign language, these assessments signify resilience and achievement. They are also about acknowledging the journey that has brought each of us here. Alongside academic pursuits are the friendships formed, lessons learned, and personal growth experienced by both students and teachers alike. While they may seem like a gauntlet of challenge, examinations also encapsulate an important part of the Beacon experience as a learning community.

Therefore, as we approach the end of the school year, I encourage our entire community to rally behind our students, celebrate the paths that have led them to this point, and show them just how much they have always mattered. Whether through applause, heartfelt words of encouragement, lending a listening ear, or simple gestures like a thumbs-up or high-five, let us even now show our Griffins just how proud we are of them.

Let us assure them that we won't just meet at journey's end, but we will be with them every step of the way and will cross the finish line together.

Mark Vincent Escaler
Head of School
The Beacon Academy

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IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

May 20-24	Grade 11 Year End Exams
May 23-24	MYP Year End Exams
May 20-24	Grade 11 Year End Exams
May 22-24	MYP Year End Exams
May 27, Monday	BASC Field Day (TBC)
May 29, Wednesday	PP Fair / TOK Exhibit
May 30, Thursday	Final Showcase / Grade 12 Batch Night
May 31, Friday	Last Assembly / Senior Send-Off



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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

ATHLETICS UPDATES: VOLLEYBALL TEAMS OFF TO THE MISAA FINALS

Congratulations to the Beacon Academy Girls and Mixed Volleyball Teams for winning their games last May 4 at Beacon School. Both teams were on a winning streak. The Girls Team won all 5 of their games while the Mixed Team won all 4 games which put them on top of the standings.



All BA Volleyball Teams qualified for the championship games. The Boys' Championship Game is to be scheduled. Support the Girls and Mixed Teams in their games tomorrow! Go, Griffins!



MISAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

May 11 (Saturday)
@Everest International
Academy

12:00pm
Girls Volleyball
BA vs. Everest

2:00pm
Mixed Volleyball
BA vs. Fountain

GO GRIFFINS!



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GRIFFINS REPRESENT THE PHILIPPINES IN INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Jaime A. (Grade 11) and Santi P. (Grade 10) represented the Philippines in the recently concluded 2024 MAZDA AJGA Thailand Junior Golf Championship in Bangkok, Thailand. AJGA or the American Junior Golf Association held this event for the purpose of giving top Asian junior golfers exposure to US college recruiters and coaches.

Out of 76 participants from all over Asia, Santi and Jaime placed 13th and 27th respectively.



"It is always an honor and privilege to represent something bigger than myself like my country and my school on an international stage. It was not easy, but I had a lot of fun and I look forward to having more experiences like this in the future." - **Santi P.**



"Being able to compete with top junior golfers internationally was an unforgettable experience for me. There were some tough moments during the event, but persevering through it all to play my best was what really mattered." - **Jaime A.**



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MYP INFORMATION SESSION ON INDIGENOUS TREES WITH MRS. MARZAN

On May 2, 2024, Adastria hosted an MYP information session with Mrs. Mara Marzan from MARSSE Tropical Timber. This Service as Action project aimed to raise awareness about endangered and indigenous trees and sustainable tree planting. To apply what they learned from the info session and to help restore barren land, Adastria and Valesentia are hoping to plant tree seedlings before the end of the school year. Here are some reflections:



“Napakalaking tulong ng aktibidad na ito. Marami kaming natutuhang bagong bagay sa pamamagitan ng impormasyong ibinigay ni Gng. Marzan. Dahil sa kanyang mga karanasan sa pagtatanim ng mga puno, ang ibinahagi niyang mga impormasyon at karanasan ay nakakawili. Kami ay nasasabik na magamit ang kaalamang ito sa aming sariling gawain sa pagtatanim.”

- **Zoe**

“Natutuhan ko mula sa talakayan ni Gng. Marzan ang pagsasagawa ng “sustainable tree farming” at ang kahalagahan ng pangangalaga sa ating kalikasan. Sa tulong ng kanyang mga aral at impormasyon, lalo kong naunawaan ang proseso ng “sustainable tree farming” at ang epekto nito sa kapaligiran. Napagtanto ko na ito ay nakakabuti sa kalikasan, kaakibat ang tamang paggamit ng likas na yaman upang mapanatili ang kasaganaan nito para susunod na mga henerasyon.”

- **Kimi**

“It was interesting and a lot of fun to learn about trees and sustainable tree farming from Mrs. Marzan! I think it is extremely important to learn about how we can be conscious of what we take from and give back to the environment and how much our actions can truly impact it. The most striking thing to see were the pictures of their tree farm decades ago versus now. It was eye opening to be shown how much a landscape can change over just a couple of years, and I believe that the talk as a whole gave the MYP a good foundation for us to plant our own trees on campus next year.”

- **Sofia**





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BEACON ACADEMY'S COUNSELORS ATTENDED CONFERENCES IN SINGAPORE

The Beacon Academy's Counseling Resource Center represented the school in the recently concluded events, the Global University Counsellor Connect (GUCC) last May 2-4 and the IB University Admission Meeting last May 2. These events were held in Singapore and two of our counselors (College Counselor- Maricar Pascual and CRC Director- Vian Erasmo) were able to connect, collaborate, and exchange ideas with university counselors and Admissions representatives from various countries.

The GUCC event was a great opportunity to share and learn best practices to address common challenges. The conference provided a platform for the participants to empower one another and strengthen community-building. At the same time, our counselors were able to join the university/college tours around Singapore to learn more about various campuses and their Admissions processes. These colleges/universities were: Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Yale-NUS College, SIM Global Education, and Singapore Management University (SMU).

On the other hand, the IB University Admission Meeting was a collaborative effort of the IB, the college counselors, and university admissions officers in ensuring a smooth transition for Diploma Program students in Asia-Pacific region to higher education options.





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BEACON ACADEMY'S COLLEGE COUNSELOR VISITS CONSTRUCTOR UNIVERSITY

Last May 2-5, Beacon Academy was represented by DP College Counselor, Jesu Salvador in the Counselor's Fly-In at Constructor University in Germany. The Fly-In was a great opportunity to visit the green campus of Constructor University, interact with their students, and learn about their academic offerings and scholarship packages. The trip also served as a way to connect with like-minded counselors from around the world and meet up with Beacon Academy alumni in the area.





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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
							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:							

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
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
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
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**