



THE BEACON ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

Mahal kong Beacon Academy,

Isang masayang pagbati ang nais kong ipaabot sa inyong lahat.

Ngayong unang araw ng Setyembre, ating balikan na ang natapos na buwan na itinakda para sa ating pagbibigay halaga sa ating wika.. Ang tema ng Buwan ng Wika para sa taong ito ay “Filipino at mga Katutubong Wika: Wika ng Kapayapaan, Seguridad, at Inklusibong Pagpapatupad ng Katarungang Panlipunan” (Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino, 2023).

Makabuluhan ang temang ito sa ating komunidad dahil sa ating paninindigan na buwagin ang mga hadlang sa pagkatuto. Ang tema ay isang paanyaya upang pag-isipan natin ang mga paraan kung paano natin gagamitin ang wika, hindi lamang ang wikang Filipino, kundi ang kabuuang konsepto ng wika. Ipinapahiwatig ng tema na maaari nating gamitin ang wika para patuloy na maging isang ligtas at mapayapang lugar ang ating paaralan.

The theme is a powerful message for us to be always mindful of our shared responsibility to use language as a medium of inclusion and not as a way that will create divisions in our community. Personally, it reminds me to not only adjust how I speak but also how I listen. In our diverse community, it is truly a joy to listen to how we value different things and how we value the same ones. A stay in the cafeteria during peak hours can be entertaining or enlightening or both, depending on where you sit

Our school's open spaces are built for listening to each other and being heard. Our use of language integrates well with these important infrastructures to support our community. When we congregate at the gallery of Building B or the lobby of Building A, we find opportunities to speak and listen to each other. While doing so, we affirm how important our classmates and friends are to us, and we to them. It is the same in spaces where faculty and staff gather to work and to be.

Tapos na ang Buwan ng Wika. Sana ang pahabol na paalala ay makatulong sa pagtupad ng ating layuning magpanday ng pamayanang inklusibo. Patuloy sana tayong makinig sa isa't isa.

Lubos na gumagalang,

Victor Villanueva
Deputy Head of School
The Beacon Academy

Source:

*Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino,
<https://kwf.gov.ph/kwf-puspusan-ang-paghahanda-sa-pagdiriwang-ng-buwan-ng-wika-2023>,
accessed Aug 29, 2023*

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IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER

September 4, Monday	College Visit Northeastern University Start of Regular Club Meetings
September 6, Wednesday	College Visit Bond University
September 8, Friday	College Visit University of Wisconsin, Madison, NYU Abu Dhabi
September 11, Monday	College Visit Griffith University
September 12, Tuesday	College Visit SPJain School of Global Management, University of Notre Dame
September 15, Friday	College Visit University of Technology Sydney

COLLEGE VISITS | RECAP

This month, the Beacon Academy had the honor of hosting two amazing universities on our campus. The University of Sydney, now ranked 19th worldwide by QS, met up with a sizable number of Beacon students. Many students showed interest in their Taronga Wildlife Conservation program.

Hult International Business School enthusiastically answered the questions our students had about choosing a business school over a traditional university. Beacon Academy is excited to host many more of these universities in the coming months. Over 20 colleges are expected to arrive on campus in September and October.





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LUCAS B. IS BA'S AWARDEE OF THE 2023 HARVARD GLOBALWE ESSAY CONTEST



Congratulations to Lucas B. for being the Beacon Academy's awardee of the 2023 Harvard GlobalWE Essay Writing Contest. The annual competition is open to Grade 11 students who must write a response to the prompt: What is the biggest challenge facing women and girls in your home country today? This year, judges from the Harvard Alumni for Global Women's Empowerment chose Lucas's essay discussing the status of reproductive health and education in the Philippines.

The Harvard Alumni for Global Women's Empowerment is a shared interest group comprised of Harvard alumni who are "dedicated to the empowerment of women through education, dialogue and connection among individuals working for women's rights and freedoms worldwide." The organization promotes its advocacy by hosting the annual competition in selected schools all over the world, inviting students to "think critically about the status and rights of women." Grade 11 students submit their work to the GlobalWE judging committee, and one winning essay is selected for each participating school. Lucas joins previous Beacon Academy winners, Cristina R. (Batch '21) and Hannah T. (Batch '22).

BA BATCH REPRESENTATIVES FOR AY 2023-2024

Congratulations to the newly elected Batch Representatives for SY 2023-2024!





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CLUB FAIR | RECAP

A total of 20 clubs presented to the student body during the Club Fair held last Wednesday, August 23. The Club Heads prepared presentations to promote their respective clubs and each student has the opportunity to join at least one club to a maximum of three. Here are our club lineups for AY 2023-2024.

Academic Cluster

Griffin Post

Beacon MD

Model United Nations

Griffin Math Varsity

BA Engineering Guild

Interest Cluster

Entrepreneurship Club

Kitchen Kind

Larawan

Muni Muni

Performing Arts

Service Cluster

Environmentalist

Ignite

Internship Group

UpServe

Yearbook

Sports Cluster

Chess

Griffin Dance Club

Golf

Griffin Ultimate

Sports Media



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THE BEACON ACADEMY SPORTS TEAMS

Regular training sessions have started for the BA Sports Teams. For this school year, the Athletics Office opened a total of five teams that the students can join. Training sessions are held daily on campus.

We look forward to the upcoming games and tournaments! Go Griffins!



BA SPORTS TEAMS

WEEKLY TRAINING SCHEDULE

2:45PM - 4:00PM

Sports	Schedule
Badminton	Wednesday
Basketball	Tuesday, Wednesday
Football	Tuesday, Thursday
Swimming	Monday, Wednesday
Volleyball	Monday, Thursday





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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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Curriculum, Exams, & Faculty	Ceci Francisco / Dean of Faculty dof@beaconacademy.ph
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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



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ACADEMIC CALENDAR AY2023-2024



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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
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

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**