



THE BEACON ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN OF STUDENTS

Maligayang Linggo ng Filipino!

Nabigyan na naman tayo ng pagkakataon na ipagdiwang ang isa sa mga pinakahihintay at pinakamamahal nating tradisyon dito sa Beacon Academy, ang Linggo ng Filipino.

Katulad ng sa mga nagdaang taon, sa pamamagitan ng pag-awit, pagsayaw, sabayang pagbigkas, pagsusuot ng kasuotang Pilipino, pakikinig at panonood sa isang masining na pagtatanghal, salu-salo, at pagsali sa mga palaro, kolektibo nating pinahalagahan ang wikang Filipino at ilang aspekto ng ating sariling kultura tulad ng pagkamalikhain, pagmamalasakit sa kapwa, pagiging masayahin at ang pagpapahalaga sa komunidad.

Maaaring may magtanong: ano ba ang halaga ng pagdiriwang ng Linggo ng Filipino, at ano ang lugar nito sa isang paaralang tulad ng Beacon Academy? Sa aking palagay, may malaking halaga sa atin ang gawaing ito. Bukod sa tumutugon ito sa hangarin ng International Baccalaureate na itaguyod ang plurilingualismo bilang isang paraan ng pag-unawang-interkultural at pandaigdigang kamalayan, isinusulong rin nito ang layuning iugat tayo sa ating pagkaPilipino. Ang pagkaugat na siya ring gagamitin nating gabay at angkla sa ating paglalakbay at pagsali sa pandaigdigang komunidad.

Bagamat naging simple lamang ang ating mga gawain sa linggong ito, naniniwala ako na naging matagumpay tayo sa ating layunin na pahalagahan ang ating wika at kultura. At sana lagi nating isipin na hindi dapat isang linggo lamang kada taon ang ilaan natin sa pagdiriwang ng ating pagkaPilipino. Ating alalahanin na sa bawat kilos natin tungo sa kabutihan ng nakararami, sa ating makataong pakikitungo sa ating kapwa, at sa ating patuloy na pagtuklas ng kaalaman sa mga talakayan natin sa klase, maipapakita natin ang diwa ng pagiging isang tunay na Pilipino.

Mabuhay!

Lui Morano
Dean of Students
The Beacon Academy

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IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

October 3, Tuesday	College Visit Huron, Uni of Victoria, Memorial Uni
October 4, Wednesday	College Visit Singapore Management University, Universidad de Navarra
October 5, Thursday	College Visit Bentley University Teachers Day
October 9-14	Quarter Recess (No Classes)
October 16, Monday	Start of 2nd Quarter
October 21-27	Parent Teacher Conference
October 23-27	Halloweek

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & DP PATHWAYS ORIENTATION | RECAP

On September 29, Friday, the College & Career Counseling Department of the Academy hosted an informative college applications kick-off session for DP parents. The orientation aimed to inform parents about the essential dates and requirements for both local and international college applications, as well as a discussion of the impact of DP pathways on college admissions.

Please message our DP College Counselor, Jesu Salvador, if you would have any questions:
jesu.salvador@beaconacademy.ph





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BASC LEADERSHIP TRAINING | RECAP

The Beacon Academy Student Council held an overnight leadership training on campus last September 15 and 16. BASC Officers together with the House Captains bonded by preparing their own dinner and participating in different activities. It was a good opportunity for the BA student-leaders to spend time with each other as they course through this school year with their plans and projects for the community.

“As a freshman, I felt slightly nervous and intimidated because everyone else who would be attending the overnight leadership training would be older and more experienced than me. But through the activities that ExeCom and the CRC planned out for all of us, from cooking our own dinner and watching horror movies, to activities that required us to practice collaborating and using our leadership skills and mindset. This allowed me to socialize a lot with everyone and I can gladly say that I feel more confident and comfortable in my leadership abilities and working together with my fellow student leaders for this school year. Through this leadership training, I was able to experience and take notice of everyone’s different leadership styles and learn from them so I’ll be able to improve as a leader. Each activity had its own main idea and insight for us to realize, taking into account the different aspects of leadership such as communication, reacting to situations, influence, dedication, and much more. This overnight experience was surely very helpful and fun, and I’m excited to work with everyone to serve the entire school community, as well as apply my experiences to become a better batch representative this year.” – **Sam G., Grade 9**





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INTRODUCING BEACON ACADEMY'S BATCH 2027: VALESENTIA

Every batch in Beacon Academy has their own name, mascot, logo, and colors. All of these connect to represent the batch's identity and is created and voted on by every member of the batch during their first year.

The freshman batch of this school year just announced theirs during this week's assembly.

Batch 2027's batch name is Valesentia.

Valesentia is a name we thought of by combining 3 Latin words (vivae, valeri and essentia) that mean lively, to be strong, and essence respectively. Our batch is very lively with strong personalities, and we always try to be strong in the face of challenges throughout our time here. Our mascot is a lynx. This represents strength, intelligence, fun, and positivity, which we believe is a perfect balance between our personalities inside and outside of the classroom. Our representative colors are royal orange and carnelian red to complement the nature of a lynx and the message our name gives. Our logo is a leaping lynx to represent our aspirations for high goals and achievements. Valesentia is a very fiery and positive batch; we will certainly leave a positive impression.





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BA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS JOIN THE BSM VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL SEASON 3

Last September 23 and 24, the Beacon Academy Volleyball Teams battled it out at the Season 3 of the Volleyball Festival organized by British School Manila.

The boys team went against BSM and Greenfield Integrated School of Laguna. They won their game against BSM Blue Team. The girls team won all their three games against BSM Blue and White Teams and Vikings Club.

The preliminaries of the said festival will continue in November. We look forward to making it to the semis and the finals. Go Griffins!





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LINGGO NG WIKA | PHOTO RECAP





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Beacon Academy Communications Protocols AY 2023-2024

Matters relating to....	Department / Email
Students Academic, School Life, Learning Support	Faculty Advisers
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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
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

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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**