



THE BEACON ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN OF FACULTY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

The second quarter is always a blur on the academic calendar. It's packed with lots to do, both in academics and after school. Everyone keeps a steady rhythm, working towards what needs to be planned, prepared, and executed.

And boy, we've been busy. This quarter had us planning for the BA fair, the opening of grades 7 and 8, and the upcoming memorial for Mr. Badelles. Our BASC hosted the Griffin Games where competition was fierce, and the cheer dance competition was a memorable highlight. Our student athletes joined the BSM volleyball meet, ISSA basketball tournament, and tomorrow, for the first time, our little tennis team will join the ISTA meet. UpServe began the Early Readers program with our partner community. The Grade 10s just finished their Personal Project Work in Progress Fair, while the 12s continue to work on their IA and EE drafts.

I blinked and find myself down to the last three weeks of the semester!

November is winding down and now the palpable shift is on final assessments before the midyear examinations. The midyear examinations are a wee bit more challenging as content coverage normally spans that which was covered the entire first semester. The DP midyear exams will run from December 6-7, and 11-13, while the MYP midyear exams will run from December 11-13.

The big distraction that everyone contends with is the approaching holiday season, which culturally began on September 1. But now, the holiday break is ever so close and so real to many of us that sometimes it takes deliberate effort to focus on what needs to be done. So, as the weeks whittle down to days, let's keep our goals in mind and use that reminder to fuel us forward.

But also, let's take care of ourselves and each other. As we gear up for the last few weeks, let us be aware to take moments to breathe and quiet our tired bodies and minds. Let's be conscious of our needs, and be kind to ourselves and each other. Let's reach out to one another if we need that extra push, that extra help, that extra hug. We are, after all, a community who cares for each other.

A few weeks more, Griffins! We can do this!

Ceci Francisco
Dean of Faculty
The Beacon Academy

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IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November 27, Monday	Bonifacio Day (No Class)
November 28, Tuesday	One-On-One Consultation University of Sydney
November 29, Wednesday	College Visit Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)
November 30, Thursday	BA Info Session
December 1, Friday	Jose "Ouie" Badelles Memorial
December 6-7 & 11-13	DP Midyear Exams
December 8, Friday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (No Class)
December 11-13	MYP Midyear Exams
December 14, Thursday	Christmas Festivities / Christmas Showcase (1:00PM)
December 15, Friday	BA Faculty & Staff Christmas Party
December 16- January 3	Christmas Break
Thursday, January 4	Start of the 3rd Quarter

YOU'RE INVITED: BA OPEN HOUSE | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30



The Beacon Academy will be conducting an Open House on Thursday, November 30. This is a chance to sit-in on classes, learn the Academy's plans for next school year, and have a chat with our leadership team and students.

This recruitment effort is targeted towards parents and students interested in enrolling their children in the Beacon Academy for the coming school years. Current parents are welcome to attend if interested.

Please share this event with friends and family.

They can register here: <https://forms.gle/86taE676anjdYi1c8>



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YOU'RE INVITED: THE IVY TUTORS ACADEMY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

We are pleased to share that The Ivy Tutors Academy and Beacon Academy, will be conducting an in-person leadership program on our campus with the following details:

The Ivy Tutors Academy Leadership Program

A unique and intensive 3-day program on leadership and how to become future change makers.

Location: Beacon Academy Campus in Biñan, Laguna

Dates and Times: January 19, 20 & 21, 2024 (Friday to Sunday) from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day

Requirements: Open to all Grade 6-12 students from various schools

Fee: USD 450 to be paid directly to Ivy Tutors Academy

This program is designed for students who want to strengthen their leadership potential and would like to experience immersive learning discussions and mentorship. The program will focus on leadership, problem solving, communication, public speaking, and critical thinking while working toward an "actionable project". As a participant, you will get the chance to engage in 'Harvard-style' classroom experiences taught by current Harvard students themselves. Certificates from The Ivy Tutors Academy will be given to students who complete the program.

For BA students who sign-up, you will be excused from your regular classes that will fall on Friday (January 19).

What are you waiting for? Sign-up and grab the chance to cultivate your leadership abilities and forge life-long networks with Harvard mentors. Get a glimpse of college life as mentors offer insights and tips on college applications and admissions. Want to more about this program in detail?

If you would like to know more about the program and meet some of the mentors, you are invited to join the Online Info Session on December 2 (Sat) at 9:00am.

Meet the
Mentors

Eric Tang
Harvard, 2025
Published STEM
Researcher
and Presidential
Scholar

and more!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

With close collaboration with Beacon Academy, our student organization is hosting hands-on educational opportunities on **January 19-21, 2024** on leadership and being future advocates!

Come to our mentor meet and greet to meet some of the Harvard student-backed team that built out the curriculum and are training for the in-person mentorship program!

This meet and greet is completely free and will be held on **Dec 2nd, 9:00AM** Philippine Time over Zoom for all registered participants.

REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

Zoom Meeting Invitation:

<https://zoom.us/j/92072291624?pwd=VzNqRnYzZGhzZUs2VFZlK2l1RnovQT09>

Meeting ID: 920 7229 1624

Passcode: 779151



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YOU'RE INVITED: MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOSE "OUIE" BADELLES | DEC. 1

You are invited to join us in celebrating the life of Mr. Jose "Ouie" Badelles on his 40th Day.

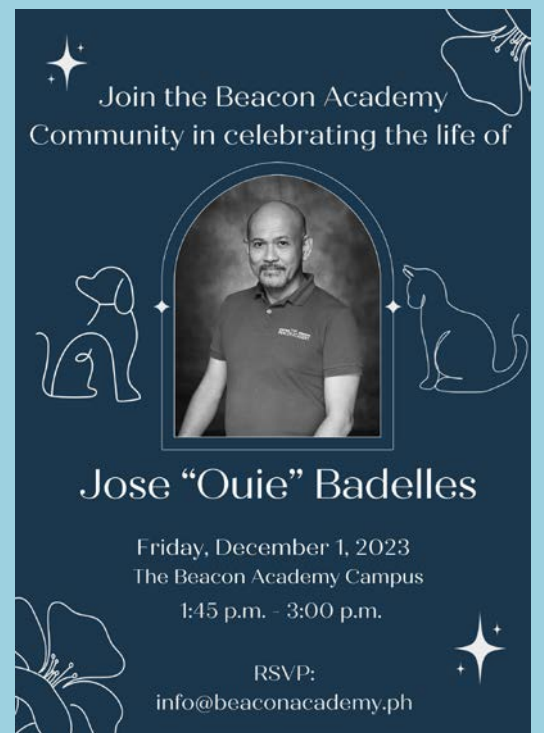
Where: The Beacon Academy campus

When: Friday, December 1, 2023

Time: 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Attire: Everyone is encouraged to wear white during this day.

Please RSVP via info@beaconacademy.ph if you will be attending,



YOU'RE INVITED: BEACON SCHOOL PARENT COFFEE | NOVEMBER 28

The Beacon School would like to invite all interested Beacon Academy parents to the Parent Coffee on Tuesday, 28th of November at the Beacon School Multi-Purpose Room from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. We have invited Dr. Boboy Alianan, a renowned Clinical Psychologist, to talk about "Children Grow: Realities and Implications of Children's Development in School and at Home".

About the speaker:

Boboy Alianan completed his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Ateneo de Manila University. He is a certified specialist in clinical and assessment psychology of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP), and a registered psychologist as well. He is an Associate Professor of the Department of Psychology at the Ateneo de Manila and the Executive Director of the Ateneo Bulatao Center. He is also a founding member of PsychConsult, Inc., a private mental health service provider in Quezon City, and currently does private practice there. He enjoys his work tremendously, as it allows him to know people better.



Please let Beacon School know if you are available on November 28 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. through this form ideally on or before November 26:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCUCHQ72BZNep0RSTNvmKnAaBoTCt1QI7S_ckK4rYLMNr4g/viewform

If you have any questions or require additional details, please do not hesitate to reach out to reception@beaconschool.ph.



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BEACON SCHOOL 8TH GRADE VISIT | RECAP

Last November 23, Thursday, the Beacon School's 8th Graders spent a day on our campus to attend the Work in Progress Fair, sit in on classes, tour the campus, and attend a Q&A with the Academy's Student Council. Here is what some of the 8th Grade students had to say about this fun day.



"It was a very fun and enjoyable experience. I loved that I was able to have the firsthand experience of a student here. The campus was very outdoorsy and I love being in its natural environment. The students were very welcoming and hospitable." - **Caitlin**

"Personally, I really enjoyed my day here in Beacon Academy because I got to meet new people, see old friends, see the campus for the first time, and learn about the experience here. Thank you to all the students who were with us!" - **Alessi**

"I honestly loved the campus. Not only is it a nice environment, but you can feel the closeness & friendship among students and teachers." - **Alexis**

"I really enjoyed my day in the BA campus. Everyone was super friendly and welcoming, I loved the open air and greenery." - **Ava**

"I think the campus is very endearing. This is because it's very wide out peaceful and easy to traverse. Each building has a lot of places but are not that hard to find. I think the problem is that BA basketball and badminton share a court." - **Iker**

"Nice campus and students. I really enjoyed my experience here." - **Shiram**

"My day at BA was very fun, I was able to explore a lot and the students were very welcoming and nice to us, overall. The experience was good for us as we can see what it might be like for us here next year." - **Marcial**

"I really enjoyed today since I felt very welcome coming into the school. Thanks also to Lucas G. on giving us a tour." - **Dylan**

"My day on the Beacon campus felt really exciting. I really loved the environment, freedom, and enjoyment of the students. I see BA as a great environment for students." - **Natasha**

"I really enjoyed my experience here, I felt very welcome and comfortable". - **Lucas**

"The campus is very green and nature-y. The students are very nice - the teachers are nice as well." - **Sabina**

"My overall experience was good. I like the campus since it looks nice. The students were nice to me. Although the organization could have been improved." - **Andres**

"Very nice and big. I thought that everyone was very friendly. The food was good and yummy and the campus was very nice." - **Lucia**

"It was a fulfilling experience where we got to learn more about the environment here. This campus is very open with kind teachers." - **Kei**



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BA ATHLETICS: GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ISSA BASKETBALL

BA VS. ISM-C

NOV. 25, 2023

12:30PM

@ISM (HS GYM)

ISTA (TENNIS)

@ ISM

BA VS. POVEDA

11:00AM

BA VS. ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

1:00PM

GO GRIFFINS!



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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
Student Conduct, Support, & Activities	Lui Morano / Dean of Students dos@beaconacademy.ph
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 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	