



THE BEACON ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

Although January may be regarded as just another month in our endlessly refreshing calendars, the new year is a symbolic reboot for many of us—a time of new or renewed resolutions, commitments and hope.

This is especially true for the life of a school. Coming at the middle of the academic school year—a clean break between its two semesters—this juncture is truly a time of new beginnings. For our ninth graders (currently on the first of their Class Nights on campus as a cohort, as I write this), it is about solidifying friendships and community after a semester of initiation into our school. For the tenth graders, it is about pulling focus on learning about their personal passions and pursuits as they move towards the completion of their Personal Project. College and career exploration begin in earnest for our eleventh graders as they begin to chart their respective journeys beyond high school. And for our seniors, it is the start of their final push towards the IB examinations, the end of high school, and the adventure that awaits them beyond Beacon.

This theme of new beginnings is further embodied in the return of the annual Beacon Academy Fair on campus this February, the first since the global pandemic. It is also palpable in the experience of potential younger Griffins who have now begun to sit-in on our classes and live the Beacon Experience for a day with us—heralding a new Beacon Academy in 2024-2025.

This is not simply about starting over but starting again: we are, after all, on a Möbius strip of continuous learning and growth. We build on the past to constant new beginnings as we make our way to tomorrow.

I encourage our entire community to welcome this time in the spirit then of the new year—to renew our resolve to pursue our goals with courage, compassion and always a good sense of humor; to recommit to the values we and our school hold dear; and to continue to trust and never lose hope in “the strength and optimism of our students and their capacity to change the world.”

Welcome back to school!

Mark Vincent Escaler
Head of School
The Beacon Academy

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IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

January 12-13	Grade 9 Class Night
January 16-17	Phase 2: Early Readers Program
January 19-21	Ivy Tutors Leadership Program
January 20, 22-26	Parent Teacher Conference (Online)
January 22, Monday	Helping Hands Birthday Celebration Part 1
January 27, Saturday	BA Online Information Session
January 29, Monday	Faculty Professional Development (No Class)
January 30-February 1	Alternative Class Days

PLEASE SHARE: BA ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION | SATURDAY, JANUARY 27



BEACON ACADEMY

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

Learn more about the Academy's International Baccalaureate® (IB) curriculum, complete junior & senior high school program, active school life, pioneer batch discounts (for grades 7-8), and scholarship opportunities (for grades 9-12).

Scan this QR code to register and receive the Zoom link.

Saturday, January 27
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 via Zoom








The Beacon Academy would like to invite all interested parents and students to an online information session hosted by the Academy's Head of School, Mark Vincent Escaler, with the participation of parents, students, teachers, and alumni in BA's community.

This session will include information on the Academy's International Baccalaureate® curriculum, junior & senior high school program (grades 7-12), active school life, and scholarship opportunities.

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/JiM7RxXbaHr1zaCo8>



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HAPPENING SOON: THE IVY TUTORS ACADEMY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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 student Eric Tang and his team. Certificates from The Ivy Tutors Academy will be given to students who complete the program.

For any questions, please email Mr. Jesu Salvador at jesu.salvador@beaconacademy.ph.



The Ivy Tutors Academy &
The Beacon Academy

Leadership and Innovation

AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM
DEVELOPING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

In partnership with the Beacon Academy, we are excited to host a unique mentorship program aimed at brainstorming solutions to some of the hardest questions in business, politics, and technology. Students will practice critical skills in communication, collaboration, and creativity while learning more about previous examples of innovation in history.

Meet your instructor



Eric Tang
Harvard '25
Published Researcher,
US Presidential Scholar,
Harvard Student Educator



The Ivy Tutors
Academy

Location
Beacon Academy Campus

Dates
Jan 19, 20, 21
9:00AM - 3:00PM



Please register here to see if you can still take part in the program before January 15. Limited slots are left:

<https://forms.gle/RQL3JQpSYbatJAGn7>



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BA'S NICO C. NABS GOLD AT PHILIPPINE MATH OLYMPIAD



The Philippine International Mathematical Olympiad (PHIMO) is an annual tournament held with more than 25 nations competing.

The Olympiad focuses on students' mathematical abilities to problem solve and use critical thinking. The Academy is proud to share that our very own Nico C. nabbed a gold medal for his outstanding achievement during the PHIMO's final round held on September 2023. Congratulations, Nico!

Here are his own words about the experience:

"It has been a long experience of challenges and lessons, from bronze to silver in previous competitions, and now finally to a gold. I know that this achievement would not have been possible without Beacon's constant support throughout my journey. From the school's faculty, to the non-stop support of my adviser, and to the Academy's Math varsity. Thank you!"

MYP PERSONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS | MAYA

Learning Embroidery

MAYA

GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

My personal project involved learning five new embroidery stitching methods. Through this project I was able to learn embroidery techniques like satin stitch, French knot, fishbone leaf stitch, outline stitch, and back stitch. I also improved my time management, concentration, and patience.



Learn more about Maya's Personal Project here; <https://www.beaconacademy.ph/news/personal-project-highlight-maya-learning-embroidery/>



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7TH & 8TH GRADE CLASS SIT-INS | RECAP

We are happy to share that we have begun class sit-ins for next year's smallest Griffins yet, grades 7 & 8!



May we invite our community to continue to share the good news that the Academy will offer a complete junior and senior high school experience beginning School Year 2024-2025.

All interested friends and family can sign up for a school tour via our inquiry form: <https://rb.gy/s26k8i>

They can also email Ms. Mayen Lopez at admissions@beaconacademy.ph

ATHLETICS: GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAME
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**ISSA
BASKETBALL**

BA VS. CJPS
JANUARY 13
8:00AM
@ISM)

ISTA (TENNIS)

BA VS. WOODROSE
JANUARY 13
8:00AM
@ISM

GO GRIFFINS!



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PRESENTING BA'S BATCHES ILLUSTRATED BY EDWARD W.

The entire community is loving these beautiful art-works of each batch designed by our very own talented Grade 9 Student, Edward W. Thank you, Edward for putting a smile on our faces.





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PRESENTING BA'S BATCHES ILLUSTRATED BY EDWARD W. (continued)





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BA FAIR | CALL FOR SPONSORS

CALL FOR SPONSORS

FOR THE GREAT GRIFFIN CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 24, 2024
AT THE BEACON ACADEMY
DEADLINE IS JANUARY 26!

please scan the QR code for
further details and inquiries





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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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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**