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THE BEACON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Beacon Academy Community,

Welcome to AY 2025–2026!

Last week, we introduced this year's theme—Intention by Design. It is about more than careful planning; it is about choosing, with purpose, the kind of learning and community we want to create together. In a world that continues to colonize our attention and reaction, it feels important—even radical—to slow down just enough to notice: What matters here? What is truly worth our focus? How can we act in ways that reflect our values, not just react to the urgency of the moment?

We therefore begin this school year with a simple question: How do we make our time, energy, and attention count?

For students, this might mean approaching each day with a clear intention, asking for help when needed, and taking responsibility for their own growth. For teachers, it might mean crafting lessons and experiences that invite curiosity, encourage persistence, and spark connection. For families, it might mean deliberately making time for conversations that help children reflect on their choices, celebrate their progress, and navigate challenges with perspective.

We know that no plan remains untouched by reality. But when our daily choices are anchored in intention, we can adapt with clarity and purpose. This is what we will practice together this year—whether in the classroom, on the sports field, in service projects, or in the countless moments in between.

I am grateful to begin this journey with all of you—students, teachers, and families—knowing that the strength of the Academy lies in the way we walk alongside one another. I look forward to a year of meaningful learning, thoughtful action, and shared growth.

Let us begin with clarity, purpose, care, and the excitement of knowing that the best of this school year is still ahead of us.

Mark Vincent Escaler
Head of School
The Beacon Academy

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Wednesday, August 20	School Life: Club Fair
Thursday, August 21	Special Non-Working Holiday: Ninoy Aquino Day (No Classes)
Monday, August 25	Regular Holiday: National Heroes Day (No Classes)
Wednesday, August 27	College Visit University of San Francisco
Thursday, August 28	College Visit Northeastern University
Friday, August 29	Filipino Week Salu Salo

BEACON ACADEMY PAYMENT UPDATE (QR PH)

We are pleased to announce that the Beacon Academy now offers a convenient new payment option through QR PH, allowing you to make payments easily and securely without any additional fees.

QR PH supports payments from all leading Philippine banks and e-wallets, simplifying the process for tuition fees and other school-related payments.

How to use QR PH for payments:

1. Scan the Beacon Academy QR PH code using your banking or e-wallet app.
2. Complete your payment transaction as usual.
3. After sending your payment, please send a screenshot or screen grab of your proof of payment to finance@beaconacademy.ph for confirmation and record-keeping.

This new payment method aims to make your transactions faster and more convenient. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Finance Office at the email above.

QR Ph
Scan na All!

NO FEES

THE BEACON ACADEMY INC.



Basta kaya i-scan, pwede yan!



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13th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES RECAP

On Friday, June 6, the Beacon Academy community gathered in the school gymnasium to celebrate the 13th Commencement Exercises of the graduating class. Families, faculty, and staff came together to honor the achievements and growth of the students who now step confidently into the next chapter of their journey.

The Beacon Academy was proud to welcome Ms. Angeline Tham, founder and CEO of the ride-sharing platform Angkas, as the keynote speaker. In a powerful and inspiring address, Ms. Tham shared stories of perseverance, innovation, and courage—encouraging the graduates to embrace uncertainty, lead with purpose, and build solutions that serve others.

As the ceremony concluded, the Class of 2025 stood tall—equipped not just with academic knowledge, but with the values of integrity, empathy, and resilience that define a Beacon education. Congratulations to our newest alumni!



THE BEACON ACADEMY BATCH 2025

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE LIST

UNITED STATES

Brown University
Bentley University
Boston University
California State University, Long Beach
Duquesne University
Fordham University
Loyola Marymount University (LMU)
Loyola University Chicago
George Washington University
Gonzaga University
Hult Business School
New York University
Northeastern University
Pepperdine University
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Arts & Design
St. Joseph's University
Syracuse University
The New School (Parsons School of Design)
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California Merced
University of California San Diego
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of Virginia

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Deakin University
Griffith University
Macquarie University
Monash University
University of Melbourne
University of Sydney
University of Queensland

CANADA

Simon Fraser University
University of British Columbia
University of Toronto

EUROPE

CEU San Pablo
IE University
John Cabot University, Rome
St. Louis University, Madrid

UNITED KINGDOM

Durham University
Goldsmiths, University of London
King's College, London
Lancaster University
Leeds International Study Center
Loughborough University
Queen Mary University of London
Ravensbourne University London
University College London
University for the Creative Arts
University of the Arts London
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Exeter
University of Nottingham
University of Reading
University of Westminster, London

ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Ateneo de Manila University
Hong Kong University
Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
New York University, Shanghai
Singapore Institute of Management
University of the Philippines
University of Santo Tomas

PARENT ORIENTATION AT BEACON ACADEMY

On Monday, August 4, Beacon Academy welcomed both new and returning parents to campus for this school year's Parent Orientation. The event was a great opportunity for families to reconnect with the school community and prepare for the year ahead.

The day began with a plenary session led by our Head of School, Mr. Mark Vincent Escaler, who warmly greeted parents and shared important updates. Following the plenary, parents attended breakout sessions based on their child's program—either the Middle Years Programme (MYP) or the Diploma Programme (DP). These sessions were facilitated by the respective Program Coordinators and faculty, offering insights into the curriculum, learning goals, and how parents can support their children throughout the academic year.

We thank all the families who attended and look forward to a meaningful and engaging year at the Academy.



NEW STUDENTS WELCOMED DURING NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

On Monday, August 4, Beacon Academy held its New Student Orientation (NSO), a day designed to welcome and ease new students into life at BA. Organized and led by the Beacon Academy Student Council (BASC), the event introduced incoming students to the campus, the community, and each other through a series of engaging and interactive activities.

The orientation was filled with opportunities for students to get to know their new environment and make meaningful connections. Through campus tours, icebreaker games, and group challenges, students learned more about Beacon Academy's culture and values in a fun and supportive atmosphere. A shared pizza lunch gave everyone time to relax and build new friendships, while afternoon games kept the energy high and the smiles wide.

Thank you to BASC for organizing a memorable and meaningful start to the year!



FOUNDATION WEEK AT BEACON ACADEMY

The Beacon Academy campus came to life as we kicked off the 2025–2026 Academic Year with Foundation Week! From meeting new teachers and advisers to diving into fun challenges with their cohort, our students reconnected, explored, and laid the groundwork for an exciting year ahead. We wrapped it all up with a joyful picnic on the lawn — the perfect way to celebrate new beginnings.

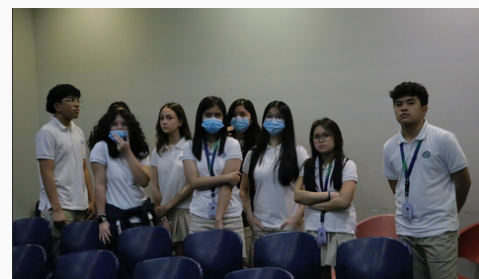
Here's to a great school year, Griffins!



MY GRIFFIN JOURNEY

On Wednesday, August 13, Beacon Academy's Counseling Resource Center hosted My Griffin Journey, a program designed to support new students as they adjust to their new environment.

The session featured returning students who shared personal stories of overcoming academic, social, extracurricular, and community-related challenges. Their experiences offered both encouragement and practical advice for navigating life at BA. The program concluded with a commitment-writing activity, where new students reflected on their goals and aspirations for the school year ahead—marking a meaningful start to their journey as part of the BA community.



NEW STUDENTS TAKE PART IN GRIFFIN HOUSE SORTING

On Wednesday, August 13, new students at Beacon Academy took part in the much-anticipated Griffin's House Sorting ceremony. In this annual tradition, students were officially welcomed into one of the Academy's three Houses—Minokawa, Diwata, or Kataw—each with its own unique spirit and legacy.

The event marked an important step in helping new Griffins feel a sense of belonging and camaraderie within the wider school community. Cheers and applause filled the air as students learned which House they would call home. A celebratory lunch also took place.



YOU'RE INVITED: FROM PAGE TO STAGE

Experience literature come to life as award-winning author Kenneth Yu presents dramatic interpretations of three stories from his debut collection, *Mouths to Speak, Voices to Sing* (Penguin Random House SEA). Brought to the stage by Xavier School's Stage FX Drama Club, this powerful performance promises to move and inspire.

September 17, 18, or 19

4:00 PM

**Xavier School
(Free Admission)**



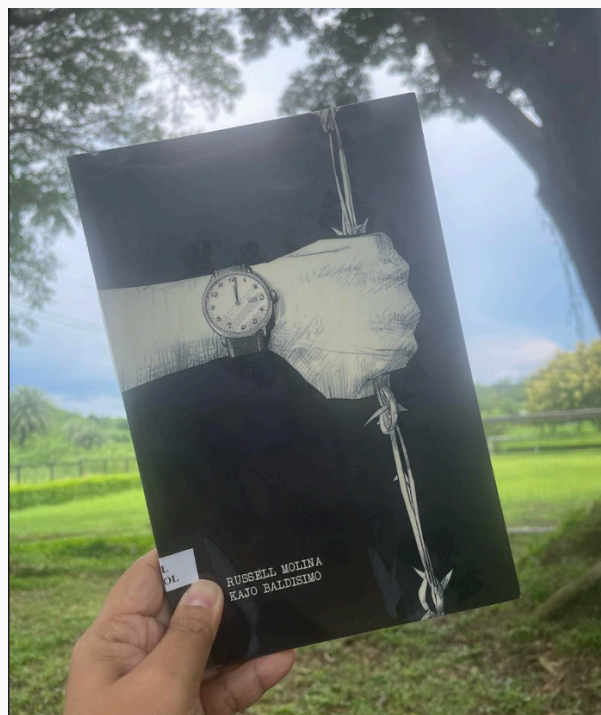
BOOK REVIEW BY MS. Z (12:01)

In line with Buwan ng Wika and our continued reflection on Martial Law literature, Head Librarian Ms. Zarah Gagatiga shares her insightful review of 12:01, a powerful graphic novel written by Russell Molina and illustrated by Kajo Baldesimo.

Launched in 2016 by Anino Comics and the EDSA People Power Commission, 12:01 is set during the final years of Martial Law and the 1986 People Power Revolution. The story follows four young bandmates who, after missing curfew, are drawn into a night of loss, bravery, and a deepened resolve to pursue music in the name of freedom and a fallen friend.

To read the full review, visit:

<https://lovealibrarian.blogspot.com/2016/05/book-review-1201.html>



Beacon Academy Communications Protocols AY 2025-2026

Matters relating to....	Department / Email
Students Academic, School Life, Learning Support	Faculty Advisers / Homeroom Teachers
IB Diploma Programme Senior High School (G 11-12)	Iris Morga / DP Coordinator dpcoordinator@beaconacademy.ph
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Finance	Lorna Sabino / Finance Manager finance@beaconacademy.ph
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THE BEACON ACADEMY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

Semester 1												
JULY 2025												
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: 0												

AUGUST 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						
Total No. of Days: 17							

SEPTEMBER 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5		1	2	3	4	5	6
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
7	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9	28	29	30				
Total No. of days: 22							

OCTOBER 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4
10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
12	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
13	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Total No. of Days: 18							

Week	NOVEMBER 2025						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
14	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
17	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						
Total No. of days: 20							

DECEMBER 2025							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
18		1	2	3	4	5	6
19	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
20	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			
	Total No. of days: 11						

Semester 2							
JANUARY 2026							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Total No. of Days: 19							

FEBRUARY 2026							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Total No. of days: 17							

MARCH 2026							
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
	29	30	31				
Total No. of days: 21							

APRIL 2026							
Week	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	4
13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
15	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
16	26	27	28	29	30		
Total No. of days: 17							

Week	MAY 2026						
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
17	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
20	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						
Total No. of days: 20							

		JUNE 2026						
Week		S	M	T	W	T	F	S
21			1	2	3	4	5	6
22		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: 9						

Jun 9 - Jul 7
Jul 7 - 18
Jul 17
Jul 18
Jul 21 - Aug 1
Aug 4

Aug 5
Aug 6 - 8

Aug 21
Aug 25
Oct 1 - 7

Oct 8-10
Oct 13

Oct 14
Oct 25

Oct 31
Nov 1

Nov 30
Dec 3

Dec 8
Dec 9-12

Dec 17 - Jan 5