

Circular Letter No. 1
Office of the Principal

Benedictine Hallmark for the Month:
CHRIST-CENTEREDNESS

June 16, 2026

Dear Scholastics and Families,

A warm and heartfelt welcome to the new school year, 2026–2027!

As we embark on this academic journey, we embrace the theme: “*SENT BY CHRIST, WE GO FORTH ON OUR MISSION TO WORK FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND PEACE.*”

At the opening of this school year, we affirm that the Benedictine mission extends beyond academics—it is a call to form students who embody the Gospel in word and deed. Sent by Christ, we are entrusted to uphold **truth** with integrity, to pursue **justice** by standing with the marginalized, and to foster **peace** through reconciliation and respect for human dignity.

In a time when our country seeks transparency and fairness, and the world longs for unity amidst conflict, our school community is invited to respond with courage, compassion, and faith. Rooted in Benedictine spirituality—prayer, community, and service—we go forth together, forming young people ready to transform society with Christ’s mission of truth, justice, and peace.

Our path is shaped by the school’s Vision-Mission, which calls us to form Scholastics who excel academically, live responsibly, remain deeply grounded in faith, and commit themselves to transforming society for the common good. Every encounter whether in the classroom, through outreach programs, or in moments of reflection, becomes an opportunity to embody the Benedictine values of prayer, work, community, and stewardship.

As we continue to respond faithfully to the evolving landscape of education, the school will adopt the Department of Education’s **three-term academic calendar**, will implement the Revised K–10 Curriculum for Grades 9 and 10, and embrace the Strengthened Senior High School program for Grade 11. These developments reflect our commitment to providing a learning experience that is relevant, responsive, and future-ready, while remaining anchored in our mission of forming competent, compassionate, and values-driven individuals prepared to serve and lead in an ever-changing world.

Now in its 102nd year, SSA-Pampanga remains steadfast in its mission of providing Filipino, Catholic Benedictine education to the youth of the province. On March 5–6, 2026, the Senior High School underwent its PAASCU Resurvey visit, affirming its commitment to excellence and to the Benedictine motto *Ora et Labora*.

On June 5, 2026, the Senior High School Program was granted PAASCU re-accreditation for five years, valid until May 2031, while the Junior High School continues to hold Level III accreditation. As one of the few PAASCU-accredited Senior High Schools in the Philippines, SSAP remains dedicated to forming Scholastics through quality Benedictine education. This recognition affirms that SSAP has satisfactorily met the standards and requirements set by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU).

To our students: may this year be a time to discover your gifts, deepen your faith, and build lasting friendships that reflect the values of truth, justice, and peace.

To our parents and guardians: we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your trust and unwavering support, which strengthen our mission and sustain our shared commitment to Benedictine education.

Together, let us move forward with open hearts and minds, united in faith and purpose, ready to serve and to be a blessing to others.

To help everyone stay informed and prepared, please take note of the following important activities and key events for the month of **June 2026**:

June	
16	Opening of Classes for Grades 7-12 (Half-day Classes) Time: 7:00 AM until 12:00 NN Activity: Adviser’s Time and Welcome Program
17 – 18	Grade Level Orientation (Half-day Classes) Subject Orientation Time: 7:00 AM-12:00 NN Activity: Orientation of Different Student Services
19	Regular Classes (Half-day Classes) Time: 7:00 AM until 12:00 NN Activity: Subject Orientation and Club Hopping
26	Votive Mass Election of Club Officers

27	Parents' Orientation Time: 8:00 AM-12:00 NN Venue: Amrhein Hall
29	Election of Class Officers

As we start the new school year, we warmly invite all parents and guardians to the **PARENTS' ORIENTATION** on **June 27, 2026**. Registration begins at **7:30 AM** at Amrhein Hall, and the orientation will run until **12 noon**. This event will cover key school policies and guidelines, offer a chance to connect with fellow parents and school leaders, and help prepare us all for a successful year. Together, let's begin this journey with open hearts and minds. Welcome back, and may this school year bring growth and blessings to all.

Flow of the Program	
7:30-8:00 AM	Registration
8:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Introduction
	Opening Prayer
	Opening Remarks by Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB
	Vision-Mission
	Junior High School Academics
	Senior High School Academics
	Student Activities
	Student Discipline
	Q and A Session
	Break
	Guidance Services
	Research Office
	Campus Ministry
	Social Involvement Program
12:00 NN	DRRM
	Safety and Security
	Registrar
	Q and A Session
	Evaluation
	Closing Remarks
	Closing Prayer
	Dismissal

Yours in Christ,


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Approved by

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School Directress

-----REPLY SLIP-----

I/We have read and noted the contents of the communication letter #1 dated June 16, 2026.

☐ **Yes**, I will attend the Parents' Orientation.
☐ **No**, I will not be able to attend.

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Signature Over Printed Name	Signature Over Printed Name	Grade Level	Date