



HOUGHTON ACADEMY

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September 8, 2023

Hello {vc:first_name},

This year at Houghton Academy, we re-launched the annual ***Back to School Retreats*** for Middle and High School. These retreats serve as a tremendous time for developing relationships between students, faculty, and staff.

We know that when students are in trusted relationships with each other and their teachers and administrators, they engage in learning to a higher level and increase significantly in their academic achievement. And we are confident that this year's retreats will help to serve that purpose.

View photos of the retreats:

- [Middle School Day Retreat](#)
- [High School Overnight Retreat](#)

A BIG THANKS to the faculty, staff, and volunteers who gave their time, energy, and sleep to make these events successful. You are a blessing!

Dr. Travis

Course Schedule Drop/Add Ends on 9/13

The Course Scheduling function in Veracross (i.e., School Information System) is up and running. For all future schedule inquiries, you can find the information in

Veracross.

High School students may submit course change requests through Wednesday, September 13.

Please note that Houghton University in-person and online are full. Students may still enroll in [Houghton Academy Online/CampusEdu](#) courses until September 17 and in limited [Houghton Academy Online/OC](#) sections.



NEW DIPLOMA TRACKS



We are excited to announce that starting this year, Houghton Academy is **now offering four unique diploma tracks!**

The following diploma tracks are available to Houghton Academy students:

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA (22 Credits)

- Meets minimum NYSED graduation requirements.
- Twenty-two credits (minimum) are required for graduation, including:
 - 4 credits (each) English, Social Studies
 - 3 credits (each) Math, Science
 - 2 credits (each) Foreign Language, Physical Education
 - 1 credit Fine Arts
 - 0.5 credit Health
 - 2.5 credits Electives

NOTE: 1 Christian Studies/Bible credit is required for each full year of Houghton Academy enrollment.

COLLEGE PREP PLUS DIPLOMA (25 Credits)

- This diploma requires three (3) additional credits in upper-level courses (e.g., AP, Honors).

DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE (28 Credits)

- This diploma requires:
 - Three (3) additional credits in college-level dual enrollment
 - A minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 or weighted G.P.A. of 83 or higher

DIPLOMA OF EXCELLENCE AND EMPHASIS (30 Credits)

- This diploma requires:
 - Two (2) additional credits in an area of emphasis (e.g., STEM, Fine Arts)
 - A minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 or weighted G.P.A. of 83 or higher
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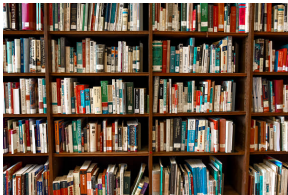
Coming Soon...

- September 23 (11 am) - **Family Cookout / Homecoming** (Student Attendance Required)
- September 30 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- October 2-6 - **Spirit Week!**
- October 9 - **No Classes**



View times and details on the Academy Calendar [HERE](#).

FREE Books / Library Resources



One of the blessings of the Academy's relationship with Houghton University is that our students and faculty have full access to the [Willard J. Houghton Library](#). Thus, we do not need to maintain a library at the Academy other than classroom reading libraries.

Over the decades, the Academy has been blessed with many library books and resources which we simply no longer need and cannot maintain. We are looking for good homes for these books and resources. If you, a church, school, or organization you know, is interested in any of the materials that remain from the Academy's collection - please stop by the campus to peruse and take home what you wish.

The books and resources are FREE, although a [donation to the Academy](#) is always appreciated.

Support the Annual Fund

Since 1883, Houghton Academy has prepared students to **live authentically, learn deeply, lead globally, and love boldly for the Glory of God**. Your support allows the

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Academy to continue this honored tradition.

Please click [HERE](#) to donate to the Houghton Academy Annual Fund today! **Thank you!**

Adult Volunteers Needed



There are multiple areas of ministry in which we need adult volunteers to ensure our ministry to students is robust. For example:

- Event / Retreat Chaparones
- Study Hall Monitors
- Substitute Teachers
- Tutors
- Kitchen

Please contact Dr. Travis if you are interested in serving as a volunteer. Thank you!

Note that there is an application and that a background check is required.

Did you miss an earlier communication?

Visit the Academy website's "[Recent News](#)" page to catch up on recently published Head of School Memos, Newsletters, and Ministry Updates.



"...that they might be called trees of righteousness." - Isaiah 61:3



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