



HOUGHTON ACADEMY

School Retreats Info



September 1, 2023

Hello {vc:first_name},

Following the upcoming holiday weekend, Houghton Academy students will participate in either the Middle School or High School Retreat. Please take a few minutes to review the important information below:

INFORMATION FOR **ALL** STUDENTS:

- Bring a water bottle (temperatures are expected to be high)
- Wear comfortable athletic clothing (modest gym clothes or better)
- Wear sneakers (no Crocks)
- Bring sunscreen
- Bring bug spray
- Students must remain in an adult-supervised area at all times (i.e., no straying off)
- Cell phones are permitted for taking pictures or during scheduled free times with adult permission.
- [LOCAL PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THIS RELEASE FORM](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT DETAILS:

- MS Students will be enjoying [Houghton University's EPIC Adventures](#)
- Arrive to the Academy at 8:30 am on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Students will return to the Academy for pick-up at 3:00 pm
- Lunch is provided at Houghton University

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT DETAILS:

- HS Students will be enjoying [Penn-York Camp & Retreat Center](#)
- Bring swimwear for the Water Slide and Pool (Girls, two-piece bathing suits must be covered with a T-shirt)
- Luggage can be no larger than a roll-aboard
- Bring a sheet, blanket, pillow, or sleeping bag

- Note that this is not a "couples" retreat (i.e., No PDA)
 - No boys may enter a girl's cabin. No girls may enter a boy's cabin.
 - A curfew will be strictly enforced.
 - Defiant behavior (e.g., refusing to assist others or participate) is grounds for parents being called to take the student home.
 - Violation of any expectations is grounds for removal from the retreat and additional discipline up to and including expulsion from Houghton Academy.
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Other Important Info



- [Link to updated Bell/Course Schedule](#)
 - [Link to updated Cell Phone / Personal Electronic Device Policy](#)
 - Local and Dorm Parents please send late arrival and early release notifications to frontdesk@houghton.academy or frontdesk@houghtonacademy.org.
 - Local parents who may need assistance with internet access in their homes, be sure to check out the [Affordable Connectivity Program](#)
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Coming Soon...

- September 4: **No School**
- September 5-6: **MS/HS Retreats**
- September 7-13: **Drop/Add**
- September 23: **Family Cookout / Homecoming** (Student Attendance Required)
- October 9: **No School**



View times 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.

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:

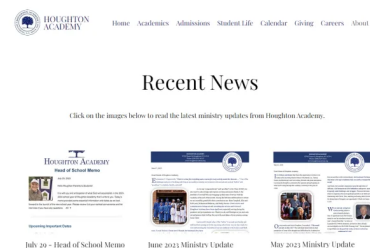
- Event / Retreat Chaparones
- Study Hall Monitors
- Substitute Teachers
- Tutors
- Kitchen

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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