



Weekly Update



August 11, 2023

Hello Academy Parents & Students,

As we prepare for the launch of the new school year, the days are flying by with activity and blessings.

My wife, Tannia, and I are settling into our new home and have already been blessed with an evening out with Peter and Nancy Luckey (Peter is one of our Board members). Thank you, Luckeys, for a lovely evening.

Over the past week, we had excellent interviews with candidates for our remaining [open positions](#). Confident God is providing the right people at the right time. Your continued prayers are appreciated as we complete hiring.

Please review and respond to the items below and enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Dr. Travis

Coming Soon...

- August 23
 - **Teacher Training** with Kjell Fenn, author of *"Engage: Motivational Strategies for a Dynamic Classroom"* (see details below)
 - **Campus Prayer Walk** (see details below)
- August 24
 - **New Student Registration**
 - **New Student Orientation**



- **All School Picnic** (see details below)
- August 28 - **First Day of School**
- August 31 - **Welcome Night/Parent Orientation**
- September 4 - **No Classes**
- September 5-6 - **MS/HS Retreats**

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.

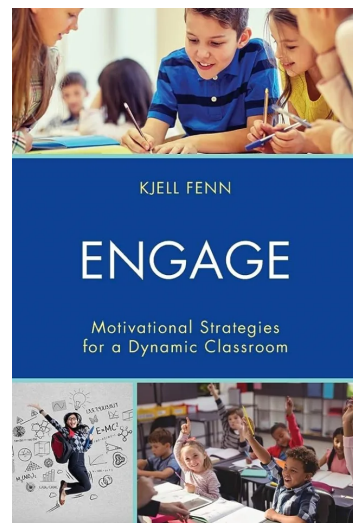
The books and resources are FREE, although a [donation to the Academy](#) is always appreciated.

Engaged Learning

On August 23, we are excited to host [Kjell Fenn](#), author of "[Engage: Motivational Strategies for a Dynamic Classroom](#)."

Mr. Fenn will provide professional development training for our faculty that morning. The sessions are open to all educators in our region. If you or someone you know would like to join us for the training, please **RSVP to Dr. Travis at toby.travis@houghtonacademy.org**.

Kjell Fenn is a dynamic, passionate Christian educator who has presented workshops, seminars, and keynotes in the U.S. and internationally.



Join Us for a Campus Prayer Walk

Also, we will gather for a **Campus Prayer Walk** on Wednesday, August 23, starting at 1:30 pm. This event is open to any who wish to join us as we re-dedicated the Houghton Academy



campus to another year of ministry.

No need to RSVP. Simply plan on joining us at 1:30 as we gather in the Auditorium, and from there, we will spread out across the campus.

All School Picnic: Please RSVP

On Thursday, August 24, we will host an **All School Picnic** for students, employees, board members, and their families.

The Academy will provide paper products, dry-rubbed chicken drumsticks, and lemonade. We request that families bring side dishes and desserts.



Please RSVP to nancy.gates@houghtonacademy.org. See you there!

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

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.

From the Athletic Director



Houghton Academy Families and Student-Athletes,

Here is the information needed for pre-season sports at Houghton Academy. The dates for both Volleyball and Soccer will be August 21-25th. Volleyball will be practicing from 5:30-8:30pm every weekday. Soccer will be practicing from 5-7pm every weekday (in case of rain then practice will be indoor 4-6pm), with the exception of Friday which will be earlier due to the boarding student retreat.

All of our games are listed on the Section V website and can be accessed by this link:

<https://www.sectionvny.org/public/genie/783/school/6076/>

An important reminder that every athlete will need an updated physical to play. Here is a link to the physical form that needs to be filled out by the physician:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R6CbADobWCThLGEsjWV13wrODcWQTjLt/view?usp=sharing>

As of July 1, 2022, NY State passed a new law that requires this form to be filled out if your physical was completed more than 30 days ago. This form would be completed by the parent/guardian only, not the doctor. The Academy needs this form on file for each athlete.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wk5_c1QQR-HlotQYMkaCL5OX-CTmyhCD/view?usp=sharing

All student-athletes should show up to the first practice in athletic wear. This means cleats, shin guards, athletic shorts, and t-shirts for soccer. Volleyball players need rubber-soled shoes, knee pads, athletic shorts, and t-shirts. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you soon on the court/fields.

Sincerely

Coach Prentice

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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