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## Interested in Hosting an International Student over the Christmas Break?



Currently, **we have 42 students from 11 countries** participating in our boarding program. Many students will travel to their home country or visit family or friends over the Christmas Break (December 16 - January 2). However, others will be staying in Houghton and would welcome the opportunity to stay with a host family.

If you are interested in hosting, **please reply to this email** to let us know your interest, date limitations, preference for hosting boys, girls, or both, and the number of students.

Thank you so much!

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## Middles Schooler's Curiosity Inspires Historical Project



Black walnut ink making is the culmination of a month's work from our Middle Schooler's study in American History. Special thanks to Lucy Jordan, whose historical curiosity inspired us all.



What is walnut ink used for? It can produce stains and darken paper to make it look older. The ink has good archival properties. An ancient use of walnut ink was to stain the hands of criminals. Once stained, it is difficult to wash off and remains in the skin for an extended time.



The Genesee Dance Theatre company will present an abbreviated performance (45 minutes) of "The Nutcracker" at Houghton Academy in the Tysinger Auditorium on Tuesday, December 5 at 2:30 p.m. for our students, faculty, staff, and guests. Parents and Houghton community members are welcome to join us.

The full performance may be enjoyed on December 2 at the Perry High School Auditorium, December 8 or 9 at the David A. Howe Public Library.

For more information and to watch a video preview, visit [www.geneseedance.com/2023-2024-season](http://www.geneseedance.com/2023-2024-season).

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## Drama Club Upcoming Presentations



Houghton Academy's Theatrical Clubs will perform two plays in December. No admission will be charged. We hope you can join us! Saturday, December 9 at 2 pm - ***The Christmas Crisis*** by Robin Blasburg Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm - ***A Christmas Carol*** by Andy Pavey.

These royalty-free plays are part of a fantastic collection for kids and teens on Drama

Notebook. <https://www.dramanotebook.com/plays-for-kids/>

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## Coming Soon...

- December 5 - "The Nutcracker"
- December 9 - Drama Production - The Christmas Crisis
- December 11 - Middle School Field Trip to The Strong National Museum of Play
- December 12 - Christmas Concert and Drama
- December 15 - Christmas Celebration - sponsored by the Student Council
- December 16 - Christmas Break Begins
- January 3 - Classes Resume



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

View the Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).

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## Faculty Spotlight



**David Pritchard**

ELL Program Coordinator, ESL, and Bible Teacher

- B.A. English, State University of New York, Geneseo
- M.Div. and M.A. Biblical Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary

"Stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too." — Mark Twain.

I look at the classroom as a way to not only learn about the material but to learn and talk about life, goals, values, and overcoming obstacles. Reading is the gateway to applying knowledge that can lead to wisdom, and my hope is that as we learn together, we can grow together. Having been a pastor for over a decade and having been able to be in the classroom for the last five years, I am looking forward to including Biblical truths and principles in our discussions to foster spiritual learning and discussions. I try to make the

classroom experience reflect a 'real life' experience, where the classroom is not so different from everyday life. I believe that in doing so, students will transition from the Academy into any area of life and be able to continue to read, learn, have healthy conversations, collaborate creatively, and contribute to whatever community they find themselves in.

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## Your Gifts Are a Blessing!



GIVING TUESDAY, which took place earlier this week, has become an annual time for many to focus on supporting their favorite causes and non-profit organizations.

As a not-for-profit Christian education ministry, Houghton Academy depends on the donations of alumni, parents (past and present), and many other friends of the Academy to meet the financial commitments of our daily operations.

The tuition income received by the school covers approximately 80% of our operational budget, with many of our students receiving some level of financial assistance. Thus, the financial health of our Annual Fund is essential.

This year's **Annual Fund need is \$250,000** in donations by June 30, 2024. To date, **we have received \$39,695.66** in contributions! This is a great start!

**Thank you to all who have contributed.**  
Your partnership is greatly appreciated.



Please continue to support the Annual Fund by donating any amount today!

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*“...that they might be called trees of righteousness.” - Isaiah 61:3*

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