



HOUGHTON ACADEMY

Weekly Update



August 22, 2023

Hello {vc:first_name},

A couple of notes about allergy notifications today.

First, if your child suffers from allergies, please notify the school office by contacting Mr. Mulema at deo.mulema@houghton.academy with a list of allergy information, and he will update your child's record.

Second, in preparation for the High School Retreat on September 5, please click [HERE](#) to notify the retreat center about your child's allergies.

Thank you.

Dr. Travis

Faculty Spotlight

Science and Math Teacher

- M.S. Ed. SUNY Geneseo
- B.A. Houghton University

Ms. Pawling's Favorite Quotes:

“Science without Religion is blind; Religion without Science is lame.” - Albert Einstein



"A fundamental experience in science is the experience of wonder - the respect and awe that we feel at the beautiful structure of the world that is revealed to our inquiry. In fundamental physics, which is most powerfully expressed through the equations that are specified, fundamental physical theories which are always found to be characterized by the unmistakable character of mathematical beauty.

Unmistakable to those who happen to speak that sort of language; it's a rather austere form of aesthetic pleasure, but it is a very real one.... I have been describing a physical

world which, in its rational transparency and rational beauty, is a world shot through with signs of mind. And it is a proposition worth giving serious consideration to. And that is because there is indeed a Mind, of God the Creator, that lies behind the rationally beautiful order of the world.... Scientists are very happy that the world is like that, and very happy to exploit the intellectual opportunities that it provides. But the science of itself does not explain why it is so." - Rev. Dr. Sir John Polkinghorne (Mathematical Physicist and Anglican Priest)

Purchase Sports Gear

Click the links below to view and purchase our collection of sports gear for fall 2023 Volleyball and Soccer.

Stores close on August 30, 2023:

- [Volleyball Gear](#)
- [Soccer Gear](#)



Order your Houghton Academy Sports Gear Today!

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



- **Student Registration** (for those who still need to confirm their schedule)
- **School Picnic** (see details below)
- **Student Orientation** (parents welcome)
- 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.

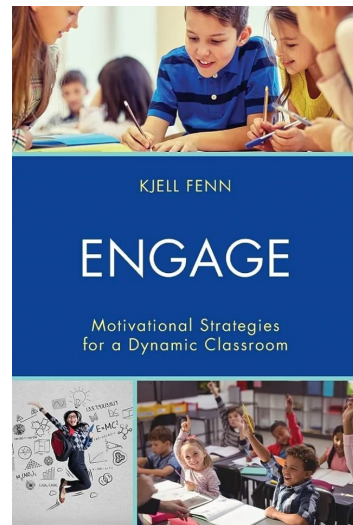
Engaged Learning

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.

PLEASE RSVP

On Thursday, August 24, we will host an **All School Picnic** for students, employees, board members, and their families. Weather permitting, the picnic will take place on the Academy front lawn.

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 and let Mrs. Gates know how many will be in your group and what you will bring. **Thank you.**

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
- 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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