



# HOUGHTON ACADEMY

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## HA Alum to Run Boston Marathon

SHAWN RUNS THE...

### 2024 BOSTON MARATHON

26.2

FUNDRAISING FOR  
THE BROOKLINE CENTER  
FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL  
HEALTH

**WILL YOU HELP HIM REACH  
HIS \$10,000 GOAL?**

100% of the proceeds help  
Bostonians access mental  
health care

ANY  
AMOUNT  
HELPS.  
THANK  
YOU!

SCAN TO DONATE AND FOLLOW ALONG ON HIS MARATHON JOURNEY!

The poster features an illustration of a man in a blue t-shirt and black pants running on a path. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.



Shawn Wright (Class of 2012)

### Have you ever run a marathon?

I'm Shawn, a 2012 graduate of Houghton Academy, a Pawtucket, Rhode Island resident, and a 2024 Boston Marathon runner.

On April 15th I'll be running 26.2 miles for charity, The Brookline Center for Community Mental Health. The Center helps provide accessible and equitable mental health services to kids, families, and adults in the Greater Boston area.

Why run 26.2 miles? I was an undergrad student in Quincy, MA, seven miles south of Boston, when the bombs went off on April 15, 2013. From that day, I knew that if I were ever given the opportunity to run Boston, I would. In October, The Brookline Center gave me the opportunity to run for them, and I didn't give it a second thought.

The spirit of Houghton Academy and Boston inspires me to be mentally and physically strong

and to give others the opportunity to access similar opportunities for growth. Would you help me reach my goal of \$10,000? 100% of the funds raised will help support the well-being of Boston residents seeking mental health care.

Thank you for considering financially supporting me and The Center. Other help I would appreciate is sharing my story, QR code, the above flier, and/or social media posts (Facebook and Instagram). If you have any questions, please let me know. Grateful, with tired legs and Boston strong,

Shawn Wright  
(585) 610-3421

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## Coming Soon...

### FEBRUARY

- 19 - Presidents' Day (Note that school will be in session)
- 23-25 - Board of Trustees Meetings
- 26-29 - Ignite Week

### MARCH

- 1 - Ignite Week Last Day
- 2 - A Christmas Crisis Drama Production (2 pm)
- 5 - Grade 6 Field Trip
- 6 - National Honor Society Induction
- 7 - Grades 7-8 Field Trip
- 9 - High School Science Bowl Competition (University of Rochester)



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

View the Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).

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## Faculty Spotlight

### Kelly Holden

Technology and Bible Teacher / Campus and Information Technology Administrator

- B.A. Liberty University

*"The experience I had growing up attending Christian schools and camps has made a profound impact on me*

*and is consequently why I am passionate about the ministry at Houghton Academy and desire to be a life-long learner so others might benefit from my service."*

*"I have learned that my brain handles learning situations much like a puzzle, like Sherlock Holmes, if you will. It thrives on the opportunity to observe, process, develop questions, and then observe for the answers to those questions. I want to find the answers through observation. I want to understand something fully and not just be able to recite back something. I want to understand it. I want to know the inner workings of the object/situation/subject. I think a highly diverse community such as Houghton Academy is an excellent environment for learning and understanding and a great opportunity to better ourselves and get better at being comfortable asking questions." - Mr. Holden*



### Thank You Mr. Holden!

Mr. Holden's contribution to the revitalization of the Academy's campus and technology cannot be overstated. In addition, I must add that his contribution to the environment and culture of the Academy has had an equal impact.

Unfortunately for the Academy, however, God has called Kelly and his family to join a Christian camping ministry in Texas. Thus, they will be leaving our community in early March.

We wish the Holdens all the best and will be forever grateful for the investment they have personally made to the Academy if even for a brief season. Thank you, Kelly! God's blessings!

~ Dr. Travis

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# **GIVE WITH PURPOSE**

## **2023-2024 ANNUAL FUND**

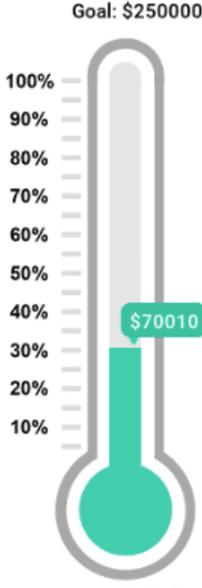
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Celebrating Lunar New Year!





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



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