



Head of School Memo



August 4, 2023

Hello Houghton Parents & Students!

We are one week closer to the start of the new school year, and the activity on campus continues to increase with...

- New international students arriving for English Camp
- Faculty and staff are beginning to prepare their classrooms and offices
- Overall general cleaning and organizing in preparation for the launch of the school year,
- Updated bulletin boards (Thank you, Kerrie Davidson!)
- Local student interviews and campus tours

Your continued prayers are appreciated for the faculty and staff, as these days are full, with much to accomplish over the next three weeks. Thank you.

- Dr. T.

P.S. There were several typos in my haste to communicate last week. Note the corrections below in the "Updates," thanks to those who helped me identify those errors.

Updates

- **Student arrival time on Tuesdays (late start day) is 9:15 am** (not 8:45 am). However, students may arrive as early as 7:30 if that is helpful to parents.
- The Family Cookout / Homecoming will be on Saturday, **September 23**.



Local Student Interviews Now Occuring



If you are a local family applying for your child to attend Houghton Academy and have not yet scheduled an [interview with Dr. Travis](#), or if you know local families who desire to enroll their children, please encourage them to do so immediately by:

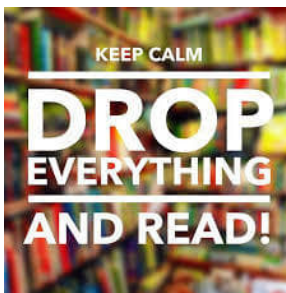
1. [Completing the Online Application](#) and
2. [Scheduling an Admissions Interview](#)

School Supply List

The School Supply List is now available [HERE](#). Please let us know if you have a question or need clarification on any of the items.



D.E.A.R. Fridays



As you will see on this year's [Bell Schedule](#), each Friday, Period 9 will be dedicated to increasing the literacy of everyone on campus. That means the school's operations will STOP for approximately a half-hour weekly. Faculty, staff, and students will wrap up the end of the week by enjoying a book during that time.

Many classrooms and offices will have books for lending to students, and students will have access in advance of D.E.A.R. to check out books from the Houghton University Library. In preparation for the first week of school, however, we recommend having a chosen book pre-selected for the first D.E.A.R. on September 1.

Student/Family Handbook Reminder

Please review the Student/Family Handbook before the first day of school.

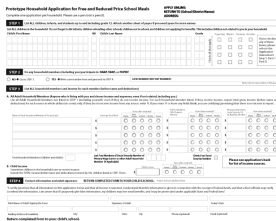
- You can view/download the Handbook on the Academy [website on the "About" page](#).
- Any policies or procedures updated for the new school year are identified with a **[Month Year]** in brackets following the policy heading.
- Be sure to review policies regarding dress code and cell phones.



ACTION ITEM:

After reviewing the Handbook, parents and students must print the Acknowledgement Page (last page), sign, date, and return it to the student's Homeroom teacher or the Main Office. Thank you!

URGENT: Local Families Required Info Form



All local school families must complete the [Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals](#) **even if the household is not requesting assistance**. Please follow the above link to download and print a copy of the form. Or stop by the school office for a copy.

[The form](#) must be completed and returned to Houghton Academy by Friday, August 4. Our apologies for the short time notice.

The data from these forms will be submitted to the Local Educational Agency (LEA) to determine the funding amount that the school will receive through Title 1, which makes a substantial difference to our operating budget. Prompt response is greatly appreciated.

ACTION ITEM:

Local parents, please complete and return [the form](#) by Friday, August 4. THANK YOU!

Did you miss an earlier communication?

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



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