



# HOUGHTON ACADEMY

LIVE - LEARN - LEAD - LOVE

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## Follow the New HA Podcast



Join us as we delve into the unique experiences, challenges, and triumphs of attending an international Christian boarding and day school. Our podcast, which features interviews, personal narratives, and expert insights, explores everything from navigating cultural differences to deepening faith.

We bring insightful discussions from our community, sharing personal stories, perspectives, and advice on thriving in this diverse environment. Whether you're a current student, a prospective student, an alum reminiscing about your time here, or simply curious about the intersection of international education and Christian faith, this podcast is for you.

Where to listen:

- [Apple](#)
- [Amazon](#)
- [Spotify](#)
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The HA What Podcast is hosted by David Pritchard, ELL Coordinator, Melissa Pritchard, Boarding Program Coordinator, and Renita Buss, Spiritual Life Coordinator.

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## Why HA is a Phone Free School



Protect Young Eyes provides a [free resource](#) with links to the research supporting eliminating personal digital devices in school.

The research findings are clear. Schools that eliminate student cell phone use during the academic day realize the following benefits:

- Increased happiness
- Increased academic scores
- Increased positive mental health
- Decreased depression and anxiety
- Increased sleep
- Decreased cyberbullying

The [cell phone use policy](#) at Houghton Academy is grounded in the above research findings. Please share this resource freely with others. For more information on Protect Young Eyes' work, visit [www.protectyoungeyes.com](http://www.protectyoungeyes.com).

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## Pray For the Sompie Family



We are pleased to announce that Rene and Melani Sompie and their three sons will join us at Houghton Academy this summer. They have been serving in a Christian school in Indonesia since 2006 and will move to Houghton in July.

Rene holds an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Calvin University (Grand Rapids, Michigan), an M.A. in Christian Education from Singapore Bible College, and a B.S. in Mathematics. Rene will be teaching Bible and Christian studies, as well as assisting HA with curriculum development.

Melani, who also holds undergraduate and graduate degrees, speaks seven languages and will serve as the Lead Resident in the Girls' dorm.

We are eagerly anticipating the Sompie family's arrival and their significant contribution to our growing and expanding ministry. As they prepare for their international move over the coming weeks and months, we kindly ask you to keep them in your prayers. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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## Our New Online HA Sideline Store is LIVE

**GET YOUR PERSONALIZED  
PANTHERS SPIRIT WEAR HERE**

**SIDELINE STORE** **GRAND OPENING SALE**  
20% OFF SITEWIDE | USE CODE SPIRIT20

Take advantage of the Grand Opening Discount of 20%. Click [HERE](#) and bookmark the store for future shopping. Thank you!

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## Coming Soon...

### MAY

- **12 - Mother's Day**
- 14 - Middle School History Field Trip
- 15 - Houghton University Fall Course Early Registration
- 16 - ESO Logo Competition Assembly
- 16 - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 17 - Junior/Senior Prom
- 20 - Middle School Math Field Trip
- **22 - Night of Praise** - Led by HA Worship Team
- 27 - Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL** - Student Council Six Flags Darien Lake Trip
- 28 - Review Day - **NO DELAYED START**
- 28 - Grade 8 Earth Science Field Trip / Grade 6-7 Moss Lake Field Trip
- 29 - Middle School Awards
- 29-30 - High School Final Exams
- 30 - Last Day of Classes
- 31 - Baccalaureate



### JUNE

- **1 - Commencement Ceremony**

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

View the Athletic Calendar [HERE](#).

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# night of praise



WEDNESDAY  
May 22, 2024

7:00PM

Houghton Student Worship Team  
welcomes the Community



## Please Post Your HA Review



Reviews and testimonials that publicly share stories about parent/guardian, student, teacher, and administrator experiences at Houghton Academy (HA) are critical for helping new families discover our school and understand what it's really like.

Please leave a brief review on Niche to help other families consider HA for their child. **Click [here](#) to be taken to a web page where you can leave your review.** It only takes a few minutes!

Here are a few helpful tips for a helpful review:

- It doesn't need to be lengthy—2-3 sentences is plenty!
- Be specific about your role in our community (e.g., parent/guardian, grade, how many years you've been a part of the HA community, etc.)
- Write about your experience interacting with students, teachers, and staff members.
- Write about your experience in and out of the classroom or personal/social/emotional growth

- Write about the HA community/culture.

That's it!

**As a bonus, you'll be entered to win \$1,000 from Niche for sharing your story.** Click [here](#) to leave your review today!



**THANK YOU FOR POSTING A REVIEW!**

We value your input. Share your review so everyone else can enjoy it too.

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# GIVE WITH PURPOSE

## 2023-2024 ANNUAL FUND

**We are less than \$5K from reaching 50% of our goal!**

Your [donation](#) to the **Annual Fund** of any amount is deeply appreciated and assists the Academy in many ways (e.g., scholarships, resources, curriculum, improvements, expanded programs).

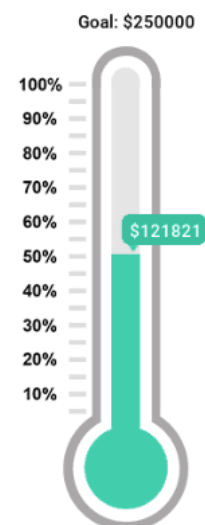
Thank you for your partnership in the vital ministry of Christian Education, where we challenge and develop students to LIVE Authentically, LEARN Deeply, LEAD Globally, and LOVE Boldly.

We need to **reach \$250,000 in donations by June 30, 2024** to stay on budget.

**Just 51 more days to reach our goal!** Your donation today matters!

[DONATE SECURELY ONLINE](#) or mail your donation to Houghton Academy Annual Fund, 9790 Thayer Street, Houghton, NY 14744.

**Thank you!**



Donate

# we are hiring

## OPEN POSITIONS

- Academic Dean
- IT Manager/Technology Teacher
- Cafeteria Manager / Cook
- Boy's Dorm Resident Assistant
- Girl's Dorm Resident Assistant
- House Parent
- Music Teacher
- Substitute Teacher
- Events and Activities Bus Driver

APPLY NOW



## Follow Us on Social Media

Below are recently posted highlights...



HA's middle school takes their living curriculum out into the field exploring the Canal's Big Cut series of seven locks and Portageville's canal aqueduct ruins.

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Members of the HA Worship Team in rehearsal as they prepare for the May 22 Night of Praise!

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Art work and poster by one of our students, celebrating and honoring our teachers for Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week.

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Houghton Academy Student Council came out to support Accord's local food distribution. Many hands make light work.



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Join us on...

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## 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.



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

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