



HOUGHTON ACADEMY

Weekly Update



August 18, 2023

Hello {vc:first_name},

Yesterday and today, a number of us from the Academy are participating in the [Houghton University Summer Symposium](#). It has been a great time of encouragement and reminders of authentic Christian education's value, significance, and critical importance. Christian educators from around the region joined us, representing ten Christian schools. Thank you, Houghton University, for hosting this excellent event!

Last weekend, I also had the privilege of connecting with a number of Academy Alum from **the Class of 1963**. It was great to listen to their memories and celebrate what God has done and how the Academy significantly shaped their life journey.

We are just 10 days from the launch of the 2023-2024 school year. We continue enrolling new students daily, and our international students are now arriving in preparation for the Boarding Student Retreat/Orientation next week.

Your prayers are appreciated as we prepare for the launch on Monday, August 28.

Dr. Travis

Staff Spotlight

Welcome Jasmine Jacob, our new Admissions Assistant. She recently graduated with her degree in Theater Arts and holds



a certification in Juvenile Justice Ministries.

She is originally from Hawaii, moved to Boston for college, and now lives and works here at Houghton Academy after getting married.

She recently shared, *"I am part Native Hawaiian and Puerto Rican. I was adopted and grew up in a multicultural household. My adopted father is Chinese and Filipino, and my adopted mother is Native Hawaiian, Puerto Rican. Fun fact, many of my cousins are mixed race, some being Portuguese, Japanese, and many other cultures. Family parties are always fun and very diverse."*

You can contact Mrs. Jacob at jasmine.jacob@houghton.academy.

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!

Updated Bell Schedule



As we continue to "fine-tune" the schedule for the upcoming school year, we've made some improvements to support even greater course offerings and opportunities for our students.

Be sure to check out the new schedule [HERE](#).

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New Dual Enrollment Course Offerings

We are pleased to announce that through a partnership with CampusEDU, we are able to offer additional fully accredited college-level courses available to our students.

The new course offerings can be viewed [HERE](#).



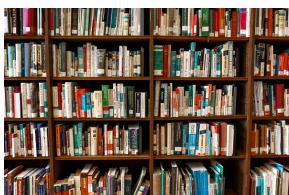
Coming Soon...

- 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
 - **New Student Registration**
 - **New Student Orientation**
 - **All School Picnic** (see details below)
- 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.

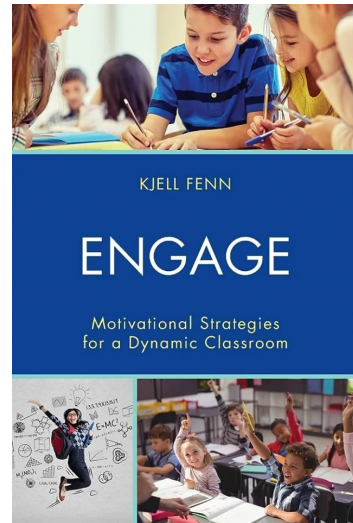
The books and resources are FREE, although a [donation to the Academy](#) is always appreciated.

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.

All School Picnic: 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.

From the Athletic Director



Houghton Academy Families and Student-Athletes,

Here is the information needed for pre-season sports at Houghton Academy. The dates for Volleyball and

Soccer will be August 21-25th Volleyball will be practicing from 5:30-8:30 pm every weekday. Soccer will practice from 5-7 pm every weekday (in case of rain, then practice will be indoors

4-6 pm), except Friday, which will be earlier due to the boarding student retreat.

All of our games are listed on the Section V website and can be accessed by this link:

<https://www.sectionvny.org/public/genie/783/school/6076/>

An important reminder that every athlete will need an updated physical to play. Here is a link to the physical form that needs to be filled out by the physician:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R6CbADobWCThLGEsjWV13wrODcWQTjLt/view?usp=sharing>

As of July 1, 2022, NY State passed a new law that requires this form to be filled out if your physical was completed more than 30 days ago. This form would be completed by the parent/guardian only, not the doctor. The Academy needs this form on file for each athlete.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wk5_c1QQR-HlotQYMkaCL5OX-CTmyhCD/view?usp=sharing

All student-athletes should show up to the first practice in athletic wear. This means cleats, shin guards, athletic shorts, and t-shirts for soccer. Volleyball players need rubber-soled shoes, knee pads, athletic shorts, and t-shirts. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you soon on the court/fields.

Sincerely

Coach Prentice

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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