

A New Year of Ministry Begins



August 25, 2023

Hello {vc:first_name},

In just a few days (i.e., Monday, August 28), we will launch the 140th year of Christian education ministry at Houghton Academy!

Yesterday, our faculty and staff gathered together to meet with new students (pictured here). It is exciting to see the team God has brought together for this historical time in the story of the Academy.

Please visit, bookmark, and frequently visit the <u>Faculty Profile page</u> and the <u>Staff listing</u> <u>page</u> of our website as a prompt to pray for each member of our team throughout the school year. Thank you!

Thank you

Dr. Travis

Schedule Supports Pursuit of Excellence

Over the past couple of months, and more specifically over the past few days, we have modified and updated this year's Course Schedule to support our pursuit of excellence in several key areas:

 Build in time each week for faculty/staff development to ensure the highest quality level of instruction, assessment, and Christian worldview integration.

- Accommodate more time for personalized learning (e.g., electives, language, and academic support).
- Align with Houghton University so students can access inclass offerings of over sixty dual-enrollment opportunities.

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What Students Need to Know for Monday



- Review the <u>Student/Family Handbook</u>.
- Print, sign, and bring the Handbook <u>Acknowledgement Form</u> with student and parent signatures. (The form can also be emailed to <u>Mr. Mulema</u>).
- Arrive on campus between 7:30-7:45 am.
- Report to the Auditorium for the First Day Assembly at 7:45 a.m. (parents/guests are welcome).
- Bring your laptop or contact Mr. Holden if you need to sign out a computer for the school year.
- If you have not yet had your Academy I.D. picture taken, you will do so immediately following Period 1 and before Period 2 in the Auditorium with Mr. Jacob.
- When you enter school, you will receive an updated course schedule from Ms. Staton.
- Requests for Drop/Add of courses will begin on Wednesday, August 30.

Coming Soon...

- August 28 First Day of School
- August 30 Drop/Add Begins
- August 31:
 - D.E.A.R. Begins
 - Welcome Night/Parent Orientation at 5:30 pm
- September 4 No Classes
- September 5-6 MS/HS Retreats
- September 23 (11 am) Family Cookout / Homecoming (Student Attendance Required)



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 <u>Willard J. Houghton Library</u>. 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.

Support the Annual Fund

Since 1883, Houghton Academy has prepared students to live authentically, learn deeply, lead globally, and love boldly for the Glory of God. Your support allows the Academy to continue this honored tradition.



Please click <u>HERE</u> to donate to the Houghton Academy Annual Fund today! **Thank you!**

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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