



## Why Christian Education?

How important is Christian education for our children and youth? Prov. 1:7 tells us that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.” If an education is not Christian, then it is pagan and anti-Christian. There’s no neutral in-between. That’s because there is not a solitary corner, a single atom, or any fact in all creation that is not God’s. And our understanding of the “facts” about reality is always tied to our knowledge of the true God. Learning happens in the context of a broader worldview. We think and learn either in submission to God and His word or in rebellion against Him. There are no other options available. Even our concepts of knowledge and truth depend on our understanding of God. This is why, when King Nebuchadnezzar took Hebrew captives and wanted to make them into good “Chaldeans,” he prescribed a three-year education program. (Dan. 1:3-5) While the literature and language of the Chaldeans would include, no doubt, many true and useful things, it would also teach a way of thinking that failed to acknowledge and start with the true God. It would be learning from a pagan worldview, not Biblical worldview. The same is true of modern “secular” education. It’s not really “neutral.” A Christian education is one that starts with a Biblical worldview and subjects all knowledge and learning to the Triune God and the truth of His word.

Pastor Mike Shingler – EWA Board Member

## Welcome To Our Newest Families

Joseph (bottom left) is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Cing (middle) is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Rebecca (bottom right) is in 1<sup>st</sup>.

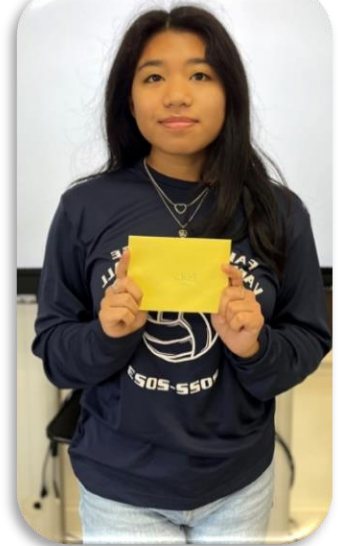
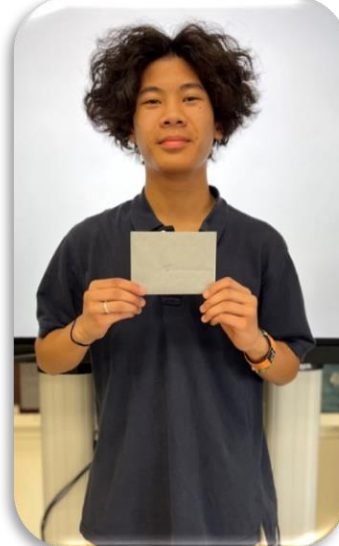
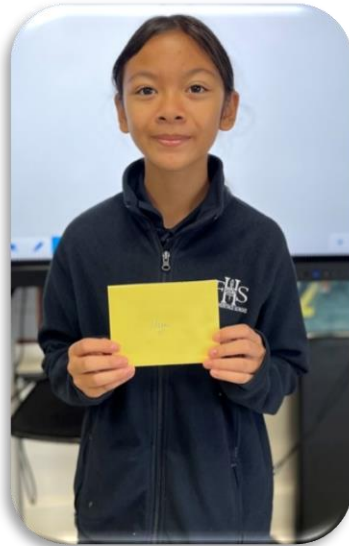
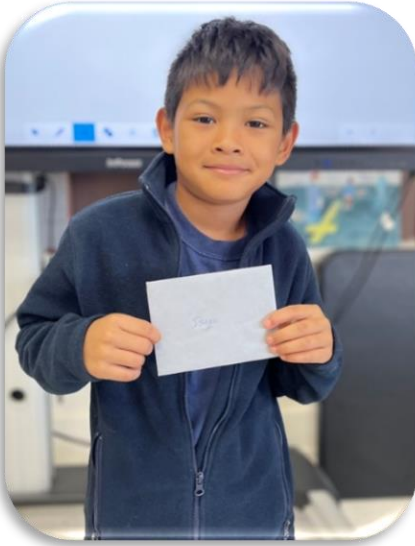


# What Will Set You Apart?

Our students are rewarded for work or behaviors that **set them apart** from their peers. We talk about how this helps to prepare them for the work the Lord has for them. (Ephesians 2:10)

The students below received awards for doing extra assignments over summer break and doing excellent work in a timely manner. Congratulations!

(left to right: Isaac, Maan, Saw, and Esther)



## In Memory Of...

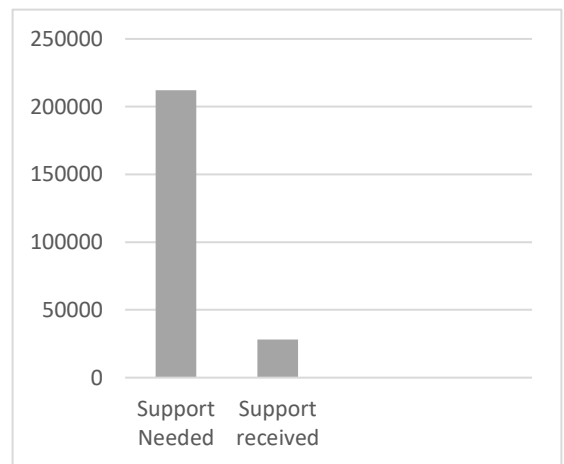
We recently received a donation in **memory of Ben Carsten** from someone who wishes to remain anonymous. The Lord took Ben home to be with Him in 2019 as a young man passionate in his love for God and his desire to make Him known to those around him. While he is greatly missed by his family and friends, may they find a measure of comfort and encouragement knowing that a gift like this is helping young people financially be able to attend a Christian school where they are learning to know, love, and serve our living Lord God! May these young people mature in a manner that Ben did, in their desire to serve the Lord Jesus!



## EWA '24 -'25 Finances at a Glance

This is the Lord's ministry, and we rely on Him to provide all we need. We truly thank Him for raising up a wonderful "family of supporters" that He has used each year to meet all of our expenses to date. Thank you to all who are part of the answer to prayers! **David Shipe**

- ❖ **Support needed from July 1, 2024 -June 30, 2025:** \$212,250
- ❖ **Support received as of end of August 2024:** \$28,114
- ❖ **Amount from EWA parents for the '24-'25 FY:** \$31,250.00
- ❖ **Amount EWA pays in tuition to FHS each month (for 10 months):** \$19,536.20



## Reflections on Going into Our 17<sup>th</sup> Year of EWA Ministry

“and the king answered and said, ‘Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?’” Daniel 4:30 ESV

About twelve months prior to King Nebuchadnezzar saying these words, he had a dream which Daniel interpreted for him. The dream contained a warning to repent and turn to the Sovereign God, otherwise judgment would be coming. The Lord granted an entire year of mercy before enacting the punishment, as the king only exalted himself more and gave no glory to God.

After listening to a sermon emphasizing God’s glory, we began to reflect on the many years of EWA’s ministry to families in Syracuse. If we were to give a detailed account of how HE started this work and has sustained it all this time, it would take pages to write. But, to summarize it, we can honestly say that He used imperfect, weak believers who, often times, were “learning as we were going and growing,” to accomplish all that EWA is today. This is not a negative reflection on anyone who worked or volunteered with us (or currently is with us), but a stark reality of how the Lord kept us humble and dependent on Him so that HE gets all the glory! And, as EWA continues to be in operation, we trust that He will keep those involved in this ministry from becoming prideful, by allowing us to experience our weaknesses, so that we have to depend on Him to accomplish whatever role He wants us to fill.

The staff, board members, volunteers, prayer partners, and donors (whom we call our EWA family) are all being used by Him to do His work, and it is our prayer that He receives all the glory in the upcoming seventeenth year of EWA’s ministry. There are some incredible things happening in and through EWA that can only be explained by God sovereignly ordaining things to be so. The people He has raised up as part of the EWA family, including our students and their families, are amazing. May we, like the apostle Paul, be able to say, “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” II Corinthians 12:9b ESV

-David and Anna Shipe



We praise the Lord for His provision, as we were recently awarded a grant from the **Jon Ben Snow Foundation** in the amount of \$12,000. This money will go towards our tuition payments. Thank you for your generosity!



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Thank you to **ALL** who support this ministry with **prayer, time, and donations**. We praise Him for YOU and are thankful for the blessing of partnering with you to do His work.

*Stephanie Dow –  
EWA Administrator*

*\*EWA’s conflict of interest policy and financial statements are available upon request.*

# EWA STUDENTS 2024-2025



Esther 11<sup>th</sup>



Meelakh 11<sup>th</sup>



Deborah 10<sup>th</sup>



Umaima 10<sup>th</sup>



Saw 9<sup>th</sup>



Dawn 9<sup>th</sup>



Sarah 7<sup>th</sup>



Aaron 6<sup>th</sup>



Philus 6<sup>th</sup>



Mary 6<sup>th</sup>



Maan 6<sup>th</sup>



Cing 5<sup>th</sup>



Caleb 5<sup>th</sup>



Rory 5<sup>th</sup>



Sybella 5<sup>th</sup>



Sarah 5<sup>th</sup>



Eunice 4<sup>th</sup>



Job 4<sup>th</sup>



Joseph 3<sup>rd</sup>



Abed 3<sup>rd</sup>



Ellie 2<sup>nd</sup>



Grace 2<sup>nd</sup>



Christopher 2<sup>nd</sup>



Isaac 2<sup>nd</sup>



Joshua 2<sup>nd</sup>



Jonathan 2<sup>nd</sup>



Rebecca 1<sup>st</sup>