



The Greatest Commandment

When I think about the Ten Commandments, one of the first images that comes to mind is always Moses (on a flannelgraph) holding up those stone tablets! It's usually followed by a list of things we "shall not" do.

In EWA devotions, we have been going through the Ten Commandments. We started by looking at the timeline of when they were given and why. I rarely had thought of these commandments as loving, but when we look at the context of when God gave them and why, we can see His love! His covenant with Israel and desire to set his children apart from other nations, His knowing they would not be able to keep all these laws, (which they proved over and over) and ultimately His great love by sending Christ to fulfill the law, giving us eternal life through Christ! Ezekiel talks about our need for a new heart and spirit, (Ezekiel 36:26) and Isaiah prophesies about a coming Messiah, one who is pierced for our transgressions. (Isaiah 53:5) God knew our need for a Savior long before the Messiah came as a baby!

In Matthew 22, we see the Pharisees questioning Jesus, trying to "entangle Him in His words." They must have been getting frustrated because Scripture says, "they gathered together, after Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, and one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him." The question was, "Teacher, which is the **greatest commandment** in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the **great and first commandment**. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and Prophets."

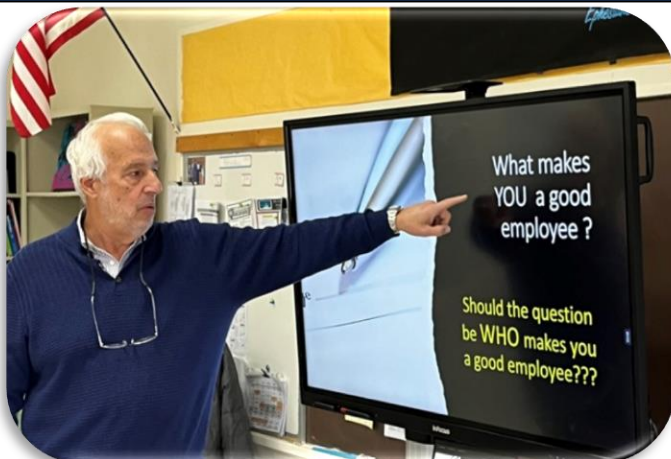
Loving God and others are the greatest commandments. Jesus could have quoted any of the myriad of laws in the Old Testament, but He didn't. He told the Pharisees to Love God and love others. Just like the Israelites, we all fall short of His commandments. How thankful we should be for the work of the Spirit and the righteousness we have in Christ, that covers us and empowers us to live out His commandments. ~ Stephanie Dow

Life Skills

Mr. Lou Bregou came to speak to our students about the life skill, "What makes you a good employee?"

As the retired Director of Operations at Driver's Village, Mr. Bregou talked about the character qualities of a good employee (being a hard worker and responsible.) He also spoke about Joseph in the Bible and how he handled the work given to him.

Thank you for coming to share about this critical life skill with our scholarship students!



Congratulations to Esther (L) and Meelakh (R), for being inducted into the National Honor Society! Students inducted must demonstrate the 4 pillars of the NHS; scholarship, service, leadership and character.

EWA is organizing and bringing in monthly Career Speakers for all 6-12th grade students at FHS.

This exposes students to the opportunities available to them upon graduation.

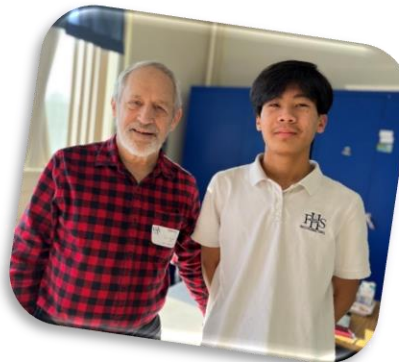
Career Speaker Spotlight

Mr. Chris Thompson, Marine veteran, distinguished associate, and multi-disciplined technician at Corning LASER Process Engineering, came to share about his career in November. Mr. Thompson works with designing and laser cutting at Corning. Students were able to talk to Mr. Thompson after the presentation and see the products he makes at Corning.



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OUR VOLUNTEERS

Pictured below are some of our early morning volunteers and prayer partners. Our early morning volunteers come to work on Bible memory verses, math facts or any area of support that might be needed. Our prayer partners pictured come to have lunch and visit, sharing prayer requests, and getting to know each other better. Thank you for all you do!



David Leighton Memorial Scholarship Recipients 2023

Scholarships are awarded to EWA graduates who pursue a college/career track, who demonstrate that they love the Lord God and who have set themselves apart by diligently preparing for the work that God has prepared for them to do.

[DLM SCHOLARSHIP – Eagle Wings Academy](#)

“Dear Eagle Wings Academy,

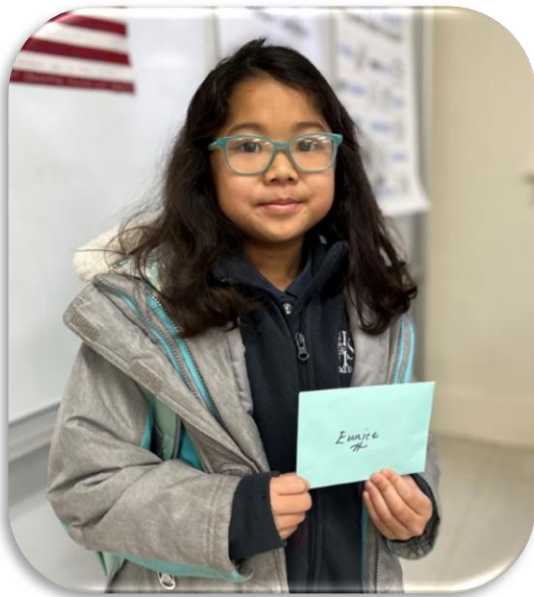
I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the David Leighton Memorial Scholarship. This generous award has been instrumental in supporting my academic journey at Syracuse University. Your investment in my education has not only lightened my financial burden but has also reaffirmed my commitment to learning and growth. The funds from this scholarship have been instrumental in covering my university bursar fees, allowing me to focus wholeheartedly on my studies and academic pursuits. Your support has alleviated the stress associated with educational expenses, enabling me to immerse myself fully in my coursework and extracurricular activities.

Moreover, I am profoundly grateful to God for providing me with the opportunity to receive this scholarship. I believe this assistance is a blessing that will not only aid me in my educational endeavors but also inspire me to pay it forward and contribute positively to my community in the future. Once again, thank you for your generosity and belief in my potential. Your support has had a profound impact on my academic journey, and I am truly honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the David Leighton Memorial Scholarship. With sincere gratitude,
~ Zaukat”



“My name is Anna and I graduated from Faith Heritage in the class of 2023. I want to express my extreme gratitude toward EWA for their generous scholarship. The David Leighton Memorial Scholarship has helped me so much on my college journey. With the money from the scholarship, I was able to buy a laptop and some textbooks for my classes. I use them every day and would not be the student I am without them. So, again, thank you EWA for your kindness and generosity. I will always appreciate it.
~ Anna”





What Will Set You Apart?

Our students are rewarded for work or behaviors that **set them apart** from their peers. These students received awards for doing extra assignments over school break and making the right decision even when it was difficult!

Congratulations to these sisters, (L) Eunice, and (R) Sarah.



In Honor Of

A Christmas gift donation, honoring Mrs. Beatrice Maser, was given by David and Anna Shipe. Anna has known the family for 66 years, and this gift is a way of thanking the Lord God for using her to bring Anna and her family to Himself! Beatrice is 98 years old and still walking with her Lord & Savior, Jesus!

A donation was made to EWA by Tanya Lilly in honor of her close, longtime friend, Marti Ciccone. Tanya says, "We are blessed to have shared over 60 years of faith and friendship." Not only is this wonderful for Marti, but EWA considers it a real blessing to be used as a way of remembering someone so special. We are grateful to the Lord for this."



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We are honored and grateful to be one of the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation grant recipients in the amount of \$10,000! Thank you for allowing us to continue serving students and families in Syracuse.

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Thank you to OnPoint For College, for helping one of our EWA Scholarship seniors in navigating and submitting necessary financial documents to for college! Your staff has been incredibly helpful.

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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 being able to partner together to do His work.

*Stephanie Dow –
EWA Administrative Support
Coordinator*

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