



**ST. DOMINIC SAVIO MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY 2010**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

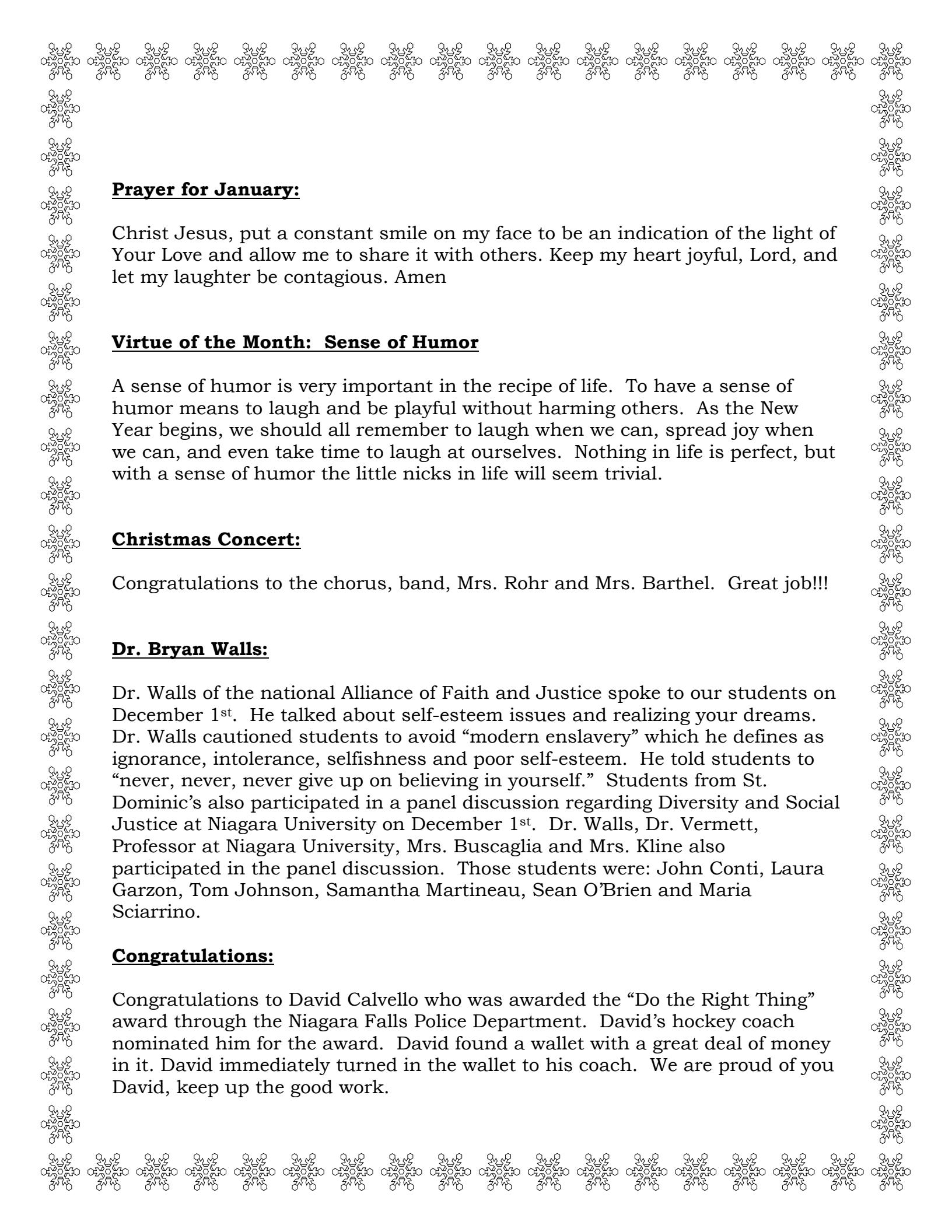
As the New Year begins we are reminded of the many blessings we have here at Saint Dominic Savio Middle School. We are reminded of the commitment to Catholic Education all of us have made. It is the commitment of the parents, faculty, staff and students that makes our school a school of excellence.

Beginning at the end of January we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is "Dividends for Life." I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people who work so hard to help our students build up the dividends for life that they will need. Together we have made a difference here at Saint Dominic Savio Middle School and in our world.

May God bless you with a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rose Mary Buscaglia



**Prayer for January:**

Christ Jesus, put a constant smile on my face to be an indication of the light of Your Love and allow me to share it with others. Keep my heart joyful, Lord, and let my laughter be contagious. Amen

**Virtue of the Month: Sense of Humor**

A sense of humor is very important in the recipe of life. To have a sense of humor means to laugh and be playful without harming others. As the New Year begins, we should all remember to laugh when we can, spread joy when we can, and even take time to laugh at ourselves. Nothing in life is perfect, but with a sense of humor the little nicks in life will seem trivial.

**Christmas Concert:**

Congratulations to the chorus, band, Mrs. Rohr and Mrs. Barthel. Great job!!!

**Dr. Bryan Walls:**

Dr. Walls of the national Alliance of Faith and Justice spoke to our students on December 1<sup>st</sup>. He talked about self-esteem issues and realizing your dreams. Dr. Walls cautioned students to avoid “modern enslavement” which he defines as ignorance, intolerance, selfishness and poor self-esteem. He told students to “never, never, never give up on believing in yourself.” Students from St. Dominic’s also participated in a panel discussion regarding Diversity and Social Justice at Niagara University on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Walls, Dr. Vermett, Professor at Niagara University, Mrs. Buscaglia and Mrs. Kline also participated in the panel discussion. Those students were: John Conti, Laura Garzon, Tom Johnson, Samantha Martineau, Sean O’Brien and Maria Sciarrino.

**Congratulations:**

Congratulations to David Calvello who was awarded the “Do the Right Thing” award through the Niagara Falls Police Department. David’s hockey coach nominated him for the award. David found a wallet with a great deal of money in it. David immediately turned in the wallet to his coach. We are proud of you David, keep up the good work.



**Awards:**

Ryan Prawel's name was inadvertently left off our honors awards list last month. Sorry, Ryan.

**Spelling Bee:**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we will hold our school Spelling Bee. Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will participate. Good luck to all the students who qualify.

**Report Cards:**

Report Cards for the second quarter will be mailed on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our awards assembly will take place on Monday, February 1.

**Catholic Schools Week: "Celebrate Service"**

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 31-February 6. A notice of the various activities being planned will be sent home at a later date. We look forward to celebrating with your children.

**Mass with the Bishop:**

Bishop Edward U. Kmiec will be celebrating Mass for the Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm. We are much honored to have Bishop Kmiec help us begin our Catholic Schools Week celebration.

**Book Fair:**

Our book fair this year will be held during the Week January 25<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to purchase books in school. Parents may view and buy books the night of our H.S.A. meeting.

**Intramural Program:**

Mr. Kreger is running an intramural program, which will be held on Wednesday's after school from 2:40pm until 3:30pm. This is an optional program and is offered to all girls and boys that are in good academic standing. Attached is a list of dates.



**Alumni Information:**

See attached sheet regarding information on connecting with our Alumni.

**Fundraising:**

The **Easter Candy Sale** begins on January 8 and ends on January 29. This is a Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls fundraiser. **All orders must be in the school office by January 29.** Our school fundraiser for the second part of the year will be **Zap- a- Snack.** Please help us continue to enhance our school programs and offset tuition costs.

**H.S.A. Meeting:**

The next Home School Association Meeting will be on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This month's meeting will be held at Saint Dominic's campus. Please come and support the home school association board, your child, and our school. **We need you!**

**Reminder:**

Please remember to call the office between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. on the days your child will not be attending school. It's also helpful if you can call when they are going to be late. Thank You.

Christmas break is December 23- January 3.

**School will resume on Monday, January 4  
January 22 is a 11:30 Dismissal**

**Dates to Remember:**

January 8 Easter Candy Sale begins

January 18 Martin Luther King Day/No School

January 22 Report Cards Mailed  
Grade 5 Shadow Day  
Dismissal 11:30 am

January 26 H.S.A. Meeting (7:00 pm) at SDS

January 31 Mass with the Bishop 1:30pm

January 31-February 5 Catholic Schools Week

February 1 Prayer Service/Awards Assembly

February 3 Spelling Bee

February 29 Easter Candy Sale ends



