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NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS

For weather related and other school closings, as well as other important information will be posted on FaceBook Don't miss out! -- Like us on FaceBook (see contact information above).

Scheduled Closings

Thanksgiving – November 27 through December 1

Classes will resume Monday, December 2

Christmas – Sunday, December 22 through January 5, 2014

Classes will resume Monday, January 6, 2014

NEW TUITION PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS & BILLING

Effective Immediately: Grandmaster Smith will do all billing. All accounts must be a debit or credit card –

NO EXCEPTIONS. Cash payments have not been made on a timely basis. Some students have not signed their contracts.

Someone will contact each student to update accounts. Continue to pay Professor Young or Christine Kelemen as we transition to this new system.

Grandmaster Smith will continue to work with scholarship students, as needed.

Swimming

The pool will be open to all students and their parents at specific times to be announced.

There is no extra cost to your program.

New “Weapons” Program

This program is for a limited number of students. READY Taekwondo will be starting a weapons class.

A) Samurai Sword, and B) Bongo “Stick fighting” (padded stick)

These weapons will be included in tournament competition, as well as rank implement.

NOTE: See Grandmaster Smith, Professor Young, or Christine Keleman about the cost of the class and equipment.

Testing

No Taeguek or Kei Bon forms will be required. Every 1 to 2-years, students will be required to do other requirements for Belt Ranks. Some examples include:

- A) Some students must defend themselves against 2 or more people.
- B) Power Board Breaking – Students will break 2 or more boards, depending on rank.
- C) Brick Breaking- Some students will break concrete bricks
- D) All students will be required to do technique and floor drills in place of forms.
- E) Some students must break boards while blindfolded.
- F) Some students must defend themselves against knife (rubber), guns (rubber or plastic), and barehanded.

NOTE: Students will have to show their ability to defend themselves against one or more assailants with or without weapons, in addition to their power and accuracy to break boards or bricks, which is equivalent to breaking bone and muscle.

Students will be required to perform things not yet required of them. This is a true test of what they have learned.

Date: Saturday, December 14 @ 3:00 PM

**Place: Benton Harbor location-
Charles Grey Recreation Center
801 Ninth St.**

Belt Ceremony / Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 21st

Time: 2:00 pm

**NOTE: All report cards and progress reports are required-
Turn them in to Professor Young and Christine Kelemen**

The Christmas party will start immediately after the belt ceremony. Please bring a dish to pass and drinks (pop, etc.).

Christmas gifts are welcome but not required.

REMINDER: School will be closed from December 22 through January 5, 2014

Upcoming Mini-Tournament / Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2014

Place: Benton Harbor location
Charles Grey Recreation Center
810 Ninth St.

Cost: See Grandmaster Smith

Entry Categories: Forms, Sparring, Board Breaking; Weapons
(stick & sword) Competition

NOTE: Funds raised will contribute to the purchase of equipment and material for both BH and Coloma schools.

PROMOTIONAL TESTING INFORMATION

The promotional testing cycle is every three or four months. This places us more in line with Victory Taekwondo Chung Do Kwan Association (VTCDKA), of which R.E.A.D.Y. is a member.

All students who qualify will be tested.

Please make sure your name is on the Pre-Test sheet.

See Sr. Master Young or Mrs. Christine Kelemen for sign-up.

Each school will have their own Promotional Testing.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTIONAL TESTING

The following are requirements for best testing:

- Pay for test fees at least 24 hours before testing day
- The VTCDKA membership form must be completed and membership fee paid (white belts and any new students)
- Turn in "Request to Promote" forms, report cards and/or progress reports

Please note: Students must have all of these requirements completed 24 hours before the test date or student will not be allowed to test.

SPARRING GEAR REQUIREMENT

Sparring equipment will be on sale at the academy. Students can purchase a set of equipment or just purchase each individual item. See Program Director for cost and ordering.

DOJANG ETIQUETTE

Expected Behavior

Behavior in the Dojang has improved but still needs work.

- Please, NO climbing on equipment.
- Students and parents waiting should show respect to those in class by using lowered voices when talking
- Students waiting for class should not run around or rough house, and be disruptive of the training in session
- When class is over, please remain seated OR go home

Students Coming Late for Class

Late arrivals will not be allowed to participate in class. This policy was implemented, effective May 15, 2013. Please be sure your student arrives in enough time to get ready for class and begin on time. Some exceptions have been approved by Grandmaster Smith.