



DECEMBER 23 GMA NEWSLETTER

Congrats to our newest black belt: Mr. Levi Elmore. Congrats to our newest lil dragon graduate: Braxton Kirk

Upcoming events:

Dec 2 nd	Bloomington Open BJJ tournament
Dec 2 nd	Leadership team Xmas shopping outing 2:30 (meet at school)
Dec 9 th	Black belt and black belt stripe retesting 9:00-10:30
Dec 9 th	Demo team 10:30-12:00
Dec 9 th	Be Safe FAST adult basics course 1:00-4:30
Dec 14 th	Christmas Party and Awards Banquet at Fairgrounds 6:00 pm
Dec 16 th	Tentative BB ceremony- 9:00 am
Dec 16 th	Demo Team performance—MHS halftime. (meet at 4:00)
Dec 19 th	Demo Team performance at Indian Creek—no black belt class
Dec 21 st	Winter Weapons Camp—Rope Dart 9:00-3:30
Dec 23-26 th	No class, Merry Christmas. Classes resume Dec 27 th .
Dec 27 th	Tai Chi curriculum intensive 9:00—3:30
Jan 6 th	Catch up camp 9:00-11:30
Jan 6 th	POSSIBLE Stress Shooting FAST course 12:00-4:00
Jan 6 th	Spar Wars Kendo/Saber night 5:00-9:00 pm

Xmas Party, Dance and Awards Banquet

This year's Christmas party/awards banquet and dance has been scheduled for Dec 14th at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Arrival and set up will be from 5:30-6:00. Following the awards, there will be some games and a dance that will continue until 8:30 or 9:00 pm. This is a chance to join in some fellowship, recognize some key students and parents. There will be a pitch in for dinner, and signups will be posted soon. We also need a very close idea of people attending for seating arrangements. No classes will be held that Thursday. We hope everyone will be able to share in our annual event. We also need signs up to set up at the fairgrounds that morning.

Winter Camps Coming Up Fast

Rather than having the kids sitting around stuffing themselves with candy, we take the vacation time to offer something special. Don't forget you can also make it a X-mas present, and you can put the gear under the tree!

Winter Weapons camp: ROPE DART Dec 21st. Everyone who participated in our summer rope dart camp loved it, so we are bringing Instructor Bensei back for a follow up one day workshop. If you missed the last one, there will be multiple levels to the class. **Rope darts must be ordered by Dec 5th if you are going to purchase instead of make one.**

Catch up camp Jan 6th. Fallen behind or gotten a little rusty on account of the holidays? Or maybe you just want some extra practice? It is a busy time and people get out of the routine. Here is your chance to get the new year started right with extra help focused on testing requirements. We keep it cheap to give everyone a chance to get extra work in.

Spar Wars NIGHT! Jan 6th We will also be having a SPAR WARS/ parents' night out on Sat, Jan 18th from 5:00-9:00. Jedi and light sabers were largely based on Eastern martial arts themes and the art of Kendo. The night will include pizza, basic kendo instruction, sparring and games, and we plan to teach a choreographed light saber duel which you can film. The event will include an action flex light saber that is safe and durable for actual sparring (but unfortunately not cheap—this is an actual training weapon with a Star Wars theme). Participants are encouraged to dress up in a Star Wars theme as much as they want. There will need to be a minimum number of sign-ups, which must be done in advance to get the light sabers. Previous Spars Wars night or Weapons camp with the light saber will obviously get a huge discount.

And the NOMINEES are:

This year we are announcing those students who are nominated for our yearly awards:

Student of the year: *Darien Troxell, Wyatt Northern, Rylee Bryant, Nick Lieffers, Chuck Goforth*

Black Belt of the year: *Nathin Plummer, Caliegh Allender, Jack Higgins*

Most Improved Student: *Evie Kaufman, Jonas Stewart, Lynn Stewart, Lincoln Smith*

Competitor of the year (TKD): *Jenna Berry, Jack Higgins, Finn Vandewalle*

Competitor of the year (BJJ): *TBD after the Bloomington Open*



Please Plan ahead for Xmas Items

If you have any last-minute Christmas shopping to do (don't we all) or need that stocking stuffer or whatever, just a reminder to please plan in advance. Many of our suppliers go out of stock of seasonal items and we want to make sure we minimize the delays in getting any special orders to you! *The last day to order Xmas items to ensure shipping (assuming availability) is Dec. 9th. Keep in mind, some things are already back ordered past the holidays.*

Give another person the chance to “be more” this Christmas.

Don't forget that you can get a gift certificate for a uniform and month of classes –130.00 value, for only 35.00 cost to you (BJJ uniforms more). If you know anyone who has ever “thought about” doing martial arts, or if there is someone you know who “this would be good for,” this is your chance to get them off the fence and really reap the benefits of training.

Quotes of the Week: This month, with goal setting around the corner in Jan, we will be talking about the differences between the habits and behaviors of successful people and unsuccessful people.

Training Anniversaries

Kylie Yoshida (TKD 15 yrs.)	Ryder Demott (TKD 2 yrs.)	Casey Lafary (BJJ 1 yr.)
Isach White (TKD 1 yr.)	Miyah White (LD, TKD 1 yr.)	Connor Ennis (TKD 1 yr.)
Cameron Sylvester (BJJ 1 yr.)	Aurianna Bastin (HKD 1 yr.)	Avery Grounds (TKD 1 yr.)
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GMA Wishes a Happy Birthday to:

Rebecca Watkins	12/02	Austin Schneider	12/02	Devin Krueger	12/02
Kinzie Ingram	12/03	Maura Watkins	12/05	Lee Ledford	12/05
Joseph Runnebohm	12/07	Everett Malling	12/08	Casey Lafary	12/13
Lily McDonald	12/14	Annika Gray	12/17	Edit Vagedes	12/17
Noel Voorhees	12/19	Andrew West	12/19	Levi Elmore	12/21
Owen Hacker	12/23	Eli Voorhees	12/25	Jaxson White	12/25
Mrs. Yoshida	12/26	Dakota Stroup	12/26	Declan Gayde	12/28
Walker Hendrickson	12/29	John Gens	12/29	Faowyn Mascoe	12/29

Class Cancellations for Holidays, class adjustments, and general policies

- No class on Tuesday, Dec 14th on account of the Christmas party...see you there. No black belt class on Dec 19th on account of the demo
- Holiday class cancellations: No class on Dec 23rd-Dec 26th on account of Christmas. Classes will resume Dec 27th. No class on Jan 1st on account of New Year's.
- Also, a reminder of our general policy regarding severe weather. We try to follow the lead of local schools—if they cancel school that day, cancel evening events or let out early, so do we. If there is a morning delay, we will meet as normal. This applies to universal problems such as snow and ice, not things like flooding or other issues that may be more regionalized. The only exception to this may occur when the school cancels in advance of a huge storm and the forecast is *clearly* incorrect, or when crews have all day to work on the roads. When in doubt, simply call, check the website and Facebook, check your email for announcements.

Tournament results

We had 16 students take home a total of 22 medals at the Crays Covid Cup tournament in Noblesville: good balance with 11 forms and 11 sparring medals. Congrats to the following:

Isach White	2 nd Sparring	Jonas Stewart	3 rd sparring 2 nd forms
Clara Gibson	3 rd forms	Caitlyn Gibson	3 rd sparring
Wyatt Northen	3 rd sparring 3 rd forms	Ryder Demott	3 rd sparring
William Yoshida	1 st forms	Kylie Yoshida	3 rd sparring, 1 st forms
Jenna Berry	2 nd forms, 2 nd sparring	Sara Gile	3 rd sparring
Jack Higgins	2 nd forms, 3 rd sparring	Nathin Plummer	2 nd sparring, 1 st forms
Ryan Spires	1 st sparring, 2 nd forms	Hope Bennett	1 st sparring, 3 rd forms