



Oct 05 Newsletter for Gentry Martial Arts

Upcoming Events:

Oct 1 st	Tai Chi seminar series. 9:00 am-12:00 am
Oct 1 st	Ciaque BJJ seminar in Bloomington 12:00-4:00
Oct 1 st	Black Belt and Black belt prep class 1:00-2:30
Oct 6 th	Extra demo team practice
Oct 7 th	Fall Foliage demo on the square 6:30...see class adjustments
Oct 8 th	DPU Horangi Cup (College only, though others can watch)
Oct 9 th	Fall Foliage parade (see below for details)
Oct 10/11 th	Picture day—individual and groups for the yearbook
Oct 10 and 12 th	USHF testing at DePauw University
Oct 15 th	USHF Hapkido Fall seminar: 10:00-5:00 at IU. Happy National Martial Arts Day
Oct 22 nd	TTCA black belt testing. Start time is 1:00 Louisville time. Good luck to Raven, Miki, Alex, Jared, Catie, John Michael, Mr. Yoshida, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Sieg, and possibly a few others who will be testing. This is also an alternative testing date for any colored rank
Oct 24 th	Tentative date for USHF colored belt testing at GMAM
Oct 28 th	TTCA colored belt testing (tentative) 5:30.
Oct 28 th	School Halloween party 7:30-9:00
Oct 29 th	Lil Dragons testing: beginners from 9:00-10:30, all others from 10:30-11:30
Oct 29 th	Project Action Kick a thon from 12:00-1:00
Oct 29 th	Demo Team Performance 2:30 for the Family Bash at First Nazarene Church.
Oct 31 st	Costume class for those who have class
Nov 4-6 th	Chin-na seminar with Aaron Damus at DPU

Class Adjustments/Cancellations

Please make note that we have to juggle the schedule on account of a few events. Fall Foliage Demo forces us to change a few things:

- NO BLACK BELT CLUB class on Thurs Oct. 6th. We need that time to put the final touches on the demo.
- Friday Oct 7th is the day of the demo at 6:30. There will be NO TKD class that evening, as we will be at the demo or setting up. We do plan to have Hapkido and Brazilian jujitsu that night, although HKD will be starting late as the demo will be finishing up right around 7:00
- Oct 28th will be the Halloween party after testing. No regular classes will be held, but we do hope that you will join us for the party.

Demo Team News

- Make sure you pick up your new uniform and have a white t-shirt with it for the demo. The music is also available for you to pick up.
- Very important practices for the first show. Friday night practices are crucial. Also, practice on Oct 6th from 7:45-8:30. We will be setting the lines and making cuts at this time.
- Demo on Friday, Oct 7th at 6:30. Our plan is if it is at all possible for you to make it, please be at the school at 5:00pm. We will run through the show twice and then pack up and go over to set up.
- Also, we have another performance on Sat, Oct 29th from 2:30-3:00 at the Family Bash, sponsored by Mocha Ministries at First Nazarene Church.



School Photos and Yearbook Update

Picture day at the school will be Oct 10-11th (Mon-Tues). We want a group photo of each class for the yearbook, and these will be taken during your regularly scheduled class time during those nights. Individual picture opportunities will also be available during your class times. A wide selection of packages or single options can be purchased. Forms will be available for you to look at options in advance. We hope everyone will do their best to make it to their class (and on time) that evening to include you in the group shot. If it is absolutely impossible for you to make the group shot during your class time, but you can come in another day or time, you can still get an individual setting.

FALL FOLIAGE PARADE

Once again, we are proud to be marching in the fall foliage parade, as you will be able to tell by the marching practice we will be doing. Here are some pertinent details. Students will meet at the high school/middle school at 12:15. We are very early in the parade (division 1) so we may be lining up by the middle school instead of the high school. Students will be picked up at the same place. Students will not be allowed to leave on their own and walk back unless this is explicitly discussed with an instructor beforehand and is a reasonable distance, etc. Parents should take into consideration the parade route and congestion in traffic when planning on picking up their children. Keep in mind the parade is long and we are typically done while the parade is still passing some people. Do not necessarily wait until the parade is finished to pick up your child. Unattended children will be abandoned to the Shriners 😊

Little dragons will be riding in a float; lil dragons will wear full uniform. Anyone (Students and parents wanting to help decorate the float please be at GMA by 10:00.

This year's theme is a carousel of colors. We happen to think our belt ranks are a progression of colors. Every rank will wear dobok pants, their belt, and a T-shirt of the same color of their belt. Make sure this is a solid or near solid t-shirt with minimal graphics otherwise. It is not enough to have our green belts wear a shirt "that has green in it"; it needs to be a solid green shirt with maybe something on the pocket.

GMA Wishes a Happy Birthday to:

Jared Holt	10-4	Dakota Jackson	10-15
Kevin Fowler	10-5	Devin Arthur	10-16
Darian Crites	10-8	Tylor Martins	10-17
Renee Parker	10-10	Isaac Honaker	10-20
Sam Greencorn	10-12	Jared Hamilton	10-21
Mr. Sieg	10-12	Isaiah Sherfick	10-27
James Conklin	10-14	Ethan Rupert	10-28
Tiffani Pierce	10-15	Tony Stuard	10-30

Training Anniversaries

Special Congrats to those who started with us a year or multiple years ago.

Shawn Burkes (HKD, 3 years)	Logan Scott (TKD, 1 year)
Obed Soto (HKD, TKD 3 years)	Kyle Wells (TKD 1 year)
Tyler Hilt (HKD, 2 years)	Kira Weaver (TKD 1 year)

Quotes of the Week--Perseverance

This month we have a several key events that are great examples of perseverance, and offer great lessons to our students. Whether it is marching our legs off in the parade or kicking them off at the kick-a-thon, we have opportunities to push ourselves past our preconceived limits. We also have black belt testing, which is a great example of perseverance in the martial arts, over the long haul. This month, we are hoping all of our students will learn a bit more about the importance of not giving up.



Kick a thon info

We will be holding our next Project Action kick a thon on Sat Oct 29th from 12:00-1:00. We know that you are constantly asked to fundraise, and with the Hurricane disaster many of us have already given more than usual. But at the same time, kids across the country—and some in our school—are counting on scholarships to continue their martial arts journey.

Our schedule conflicts with the national event, so we won't be part of the world record attempt this year, but after completing over 91,000 kicks last year, we have this year's goal at 100,000 kick in just one hour. Obviously, we need many peoples' support to help reach it. Info packets and sheets will be handed out in class in mid-October.

Halloween Party and Costume Class

Our annual Halloween party will be from 7:30-9:00 on Friday, Oct 28th after testing. While we know for a fact that our students can be scary, we encourage our students to dress as heroes or role models or something fun.

Those students who have class on Halloween night (the 31st), feel free to wear your costume to class that night. Keep in mind it is still a class, so please no fake limbs that will go flying, spikes off your back that will poke your partner in the eye, etc.