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ORANGE KARATE CENTER FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF SENSEI BECKY



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR! Personally, I have always loved this time of year - the gathering of school supplies, new clothes/uniforms, the excitement of figuring out which teacher you'll have and who will be in your class...brings back wonderful memories! As we shared in the dojo the last weeks in August, a new year is a great time to make new friends, adopt better study habits and commit to making this the best academic year ever! To all of our students we wish you success as this new school year begins. Just think of how

much more you will know as you move forward in your studies! Don't forget to bring in your academic achievements (report cards, special recognition awards) to share with us – we love celebrating with you!

This new school year also marks a big beginning for many of our OKC Black Belts, as they head off to universities. Sensei Deanna will be headed up to Washington, Sensei Anthony will be going up to Santa Barbara, Sensei Zak will be making his way to CSULB (a campus dear to our hearts, too!) To all of our dedicated Senseis, whether college or high school bound, best wishes to each of you!! For those going away to school, please know we will miss you, but we will hope to see you on winter and spring breaks!

SO WHAT'S NEW AT OKC!!!



OUR CLASS SCHEDULE...THAT'S WHAT! Beginning September 6th, OKC will be offering Saturday morning class times – please check out our [new class schedule and download your copy](#) today. Now it's even easier to get your training time in at OKC – hope to see YOU in class!

OUR DOJO RE-DESIGN...THAT'S WHAT! We are almost finished with our dojo redesign and we really hope you love the changes as

much as we do! Most of what's left is stuff "behind the scenes", but you may notice some changes in our retail area coming soon! A BIG THANK YOU to Sensei John and Sensei Chuck for all of their help through-out this process (work actually began back in May!!!) We are so grateful to have such a beautiful studio as a place for our students to train!

SENSEI KATHRYN IS GETTING MARRIED....THAT'S WHAT! Many of our more senior students will remember training under Sensei Kathryn Davis, she taught with us for many, many years. We are pleased to announce that she will be getting married to Mr. Aaron Rand on Saturday, September 13th, 2014 in Los Angeles...you guessed it, there will NOT be class on that particular Saturday. We are so happy for them and wish them every blessing as they begin their new life together!

WHERE HAS YOUR OKC T-SHIRT BEEN???



THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...be sure to bring in your photo showing where your OKC T-shirt went over summer vacation. Any activity that you did sporting your OKC T counts – whether that meant traveling to different countries, camping, beaching or just plain old working around the house – bring your photo in so you can be part of the fun! We will be collecting pictures through the end of September and proudly posting them in our studio lobby.

SUMMER RE-CAP ! This summer OKC students had 2-tons of fun attending our monthly Summer Camp Days, spending their cash at the Dojo Dollar Store AND bringing their friends to class on our OKC Buddy Days. Our Senseis had so much fun at these too and want to thank our GOLD TEAM Sempais for their help during these special events – you guys made it so much easier for our Black Belts and so much fun for our students! Way to Go!

OKC'S G.O.L.D. TEAM! Guidance On Leadership Development.

Our OKC Gold Team continues to grow as more Sempais are added to our membership. We are proud to announce the following students who have achieved their 3rd kyu brown belt and who have been inducted into our OKC's GOLD TEAM:

Sempai Mostafa Elmallah
Sempai Emilie Daugherty
Sempai Angel Alonso
Sempai Abubakr Elmallah
Sempai Daniel Durfee

Sempai Claudio Castillo
Sempai Luke Fordham
Sempai Matthew Brown
Sempai Vincent Paonessa
Sempai Jairo Castillo

Building responsible leaders is one of OKC's primary goals for its students. Providing continuing training in leadership and offering opportunities for our sempais to develop into dynamic instructors is what we do. We are pleased to have these new additions to our TEAM! Welcome Aboard!

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE to all of our families who continue to pay their tuition on time. I sincerely want to thank you for helping us in this way. Small businesses, like ours, can "take it on the chin" sometimes if/when tuition payments fall behind, as is often common during times of vacation. We, at OKC, greatly appreciate our families who honor our tuition agreement by ensuring their tuition is paid not later than the 15th of every month. It makes all the difference to our studio's operation and we are very grateful to you!

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2014 EVENTS...

- BBC/GOLD TEAM MEETING: Friday, September 5th, 6-7 PM
- Saturday Classes begin: September 6th – check class schedule for times
- Our studio will be **CLOSED** on Saturday, September 13th for Sensei Kathryn's Wedding
- OKC Fite Nite: Friday, September 19th, 6-7 PM
- BBC/GOLD TEAM MEETING: Friday, October 3rd, 6-7 PM
- Shodan Candidates Essays Due: Friday, October 10th – no exceptions!
- OKC Fite Nite: Friday, October 10th, 6-7 PM
- Columbus Day: Our studio will be **OPEN** on Monday, October 13th.
- HALLOWEEN COSTUME DAYS: Choose EITHER Wednesday, October 29th OR Thursday, October 30th. No "face paint" and no "gory" or "overly scary" costumes, please.
- Our studio will be **CLOSED** on Friday, October 31st.

BARK-BYTES FROM OLIVIA!



"Woof! Woof!" Summer is OVER and now it's time for... FOOTBALL!!! You can see by my photo that I am a Notre Dame Fan!! "GO IRISH!!!"

What I LOVE about football games at my house are the treats! Sliders, nibbles from the grill, it's always a great feast day for me!!! So, fire up the BBQ!!Cuz' I'm ready to tail-gate!! (Get it? "Tail"-gate!!)

While all of you kids are going back to school, I will be learning my own lessons too ...like how to come when I'm called! Sensei Becky continues to work with me on that one, but I get side-tracked pretty easy...it's all those darn squirrels that keep running across our fence...they are a huge distraction for me! I have mastered "sit" and "stay" very well though, I must say. Sensei Becky is always very

complimentary to me whenever I get those commands right! So, I will be thinking of you as you do your home-work and study for tests. You think of me, too, as I try to learn how to follow directions!

I hope to see you soon. Oops! Gotta run! Notre Dame's first kickoff of the season begins in just a few minutes and the pizza guy just arrived!!! Until next time..."chow"!

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