



# December Newsletter

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## Annual Event Schedule

- Spectacular practice, ALL 2017 testing black belt candidates, Aurora School, 1-3 pm.
- Winter Color Belt Testing, Sat., 12/16/17, 1-3pm.
- Spectacular, 12/17/17, 3 pm. Matea Valley High School, Black Belts NOON, other participants 2 pm.
- New Year's Day Workout, Tues. 1/1/18 8-10am.
- Holiday Party, Sat, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, **NOON**, Fitz's Spare Keys.
- Black Belt Workout, 1/13/18, 1:30-3:30 Naperville
- Black Belt Workout, 2/17/18, 1:30-3:30 Naperville
- Training Bonanza, 3/2-4, 2018. Valparaiso, IN.
- Spring Color Belt test. Sat. 3/17/18 1pm.
- Regional Championships, 4/20-22/18 (tentative). Chicagoland area. TBD.
- Black Belt Workout, 5/12/18, 1:30-3:30 Naperville
- Chicagoland Tournament, 6/3/18, TBD.
- Summer Color Belt test, Sat. 6/16/18, 1pm
- World Championships, 7/13-14/18, Greensboro, NC
- Black Belt Camp, 8/17-19, 2018. Brookston, IN.
- Fall Color Belt test, 9/15/18. 1pm
- Black Belt Workout, 9/22/18, 1:30-3:30 Naperville
- Masters Extravaganza, Oct 2018, TBD.
- Black Belt Workout, 11/3/18, 1:30-3:30 Naperville
- Winter Color Belt test, 12/15/18. 1pm
- Spectacular, 12/16/18, TBD.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, or if you plan to be absent.

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## 2018 Schedule

Items on the 2018 schedule are starting to appear above. We will be adding more and more as things firm up. Please take note and add them to your calendars.

## Winter Spectacular

The Winter Spectacular is what you might call a demonstration or recital for members of our karate family, our personal families, and even our friends and neighbors as well. This show is a chance to highlight your skills to your friends and family. It is also an extremely fun event that leaves everyone energized! We intend to promote December colored belt test candidates there as well. Come show you stuff and support our school! Please note that the December Spectacular is on **Sunday, Dec. 17th!** Matea Valley High School, 1801 N. Eola Road, Aurora. All black belts and blue belt candidates must be at the high school by **NOON**. All other participants must arrive by **2pm**, in order to enter the building, get changed, be seated in your groups, and be ready for the 3pm start.

## Holiday Party

The annual holiday party plans are in the works. It is planned for the January 6<sup>th</sup> at noon-4pm. It is at Fitz's Spare Keys! Master Holly Inoshita formulating the signup form for the event and the overall cost. It will be different than years past, so information should be handed out with this newsletter. Let us know if you didn't receive anything!

## SWAT

Students who are Yellow Belts with a red stripe or higher are eligible to attend SWAT classes. SWAT class will be the first Friday of the month. At these free classes, students will learn how to assist in class, and well as learn additional forms and skills for competition. All students are highly encouraged to develop their leadership skills, and learn to compete.

## New Years' Day Workout

Start the New Year off on the right foot. There will be a workout for all interested parties from 8-10 am on New Years' Day at the school. It is always a wonderful time. Come join us!

## Fall Charity

The Fall Charity didn't go as well this year. I want to thank all that turned in some food. We had 94 food items, 47 books, and some games turned in. Nathan Turner turned in 250 pounds of food himself to the DuPage Township Food Pantry. Way to go Nathan!

## 2018 School Pictures

Pictures will be January 16-17. The sign up schedule will go up in mid-December.

## Timeliness

There has been some issue with chronic lateness of students in the Tuesday-Thursday Classes. It is disruptive both students and instructors to be arriving 10-20 minutes late for class. In addition, students miss both the strength and warm-up portion of classes, which is essential for their overall growth and progress. Although we understand that traffic and trains can be unpredictable, we ask that families work together to be to class BEFORE the designated start times. Thank you.

## Pop-tab Collection

Ronald McDonald House Charities: Please contribute today. Thank you to all who continue to support these efforts!