

YIM'S TAEKWONDO

NEWS 2011

New Year Greetings! We hope that you and your families enjoyed a happy holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in class as we review previous studies and continue with new lessons.

*2011 was busy with special events, promotional tests and a very full class schedule. MANY NEW BLACK BELTS were earned, including advanced 5th and 6th degrees. Many students progressed to UPPER LEVEL COLOR BELTS and COMPLETED FIRST DAN BLACK BELT testing. **We are very excited and proud to have so many accomplished students!***

Some school members took advantage of the opportunity to participate in Texas tournaments In March, Both spectators and participants had a great time. In May, we held our 36th Annual Junior Students Scholarship Awards event in conjunction with the 36th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SCHOOL....Our annual school Championships in December featured a more efficient schedule format and electronic scoring run by our wonderful volunteers. Guest Grandmasters, Masters and Texas Referees declared our school volunteers to be the BEST! Congratulations to all participants!

Check for pictures at www.yimstaekwondo.com and if you have photos or video clips you would like to share for display on the website, please let us know!

We again want to extend our thanks to all family members, friends and students who volunteered to help with the 2010 special events. Your willingness to share your time and energy made the activities possible. We appreciate the support of the participants and families members, and of all our volunteers. Yim's TaeKwonDo Institute is very grateful to each one of you.

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CLASS SCHEDULE NOTES: Regular weekday classes resume on Monday, January 03, 2011. For all classes, please be in the classroom and suited up 5 minutes early to begin warming up.

The WOMEN'S CLASS will resume on January 4th, continuing Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY MORNING CLASSES with Master Lee will resume on January 8th:

10:00 a.m. -- All adult students (both Black Belts and Color Belts)
11:00 a.m. -- Juniors and Family (kids and parents) Color Belt class

The Saturday classes provide an excellent opportunity to make up missed lessons or for additional training and practice to polish TaeKwonDo skills.

Adult students, please remember that all Senior Black Belts are required to help with at least one school activity or special event per year in order to maintain school membership. Such assistance is part of ancient TaeKwonDo traditions. We are grateful to the dedicated “troopers” who show up repeatedly to offer their time. We’d like to see everyone share in this TaeKwonDo spirit and camaraderie, but we know how busy people are! Once per year is a minimal commitment, but a major way to show support and encouragement to fellow students and particularly to the kids! There are many opportunities to help, so please check with Grandmaster Yim for upcoming event scheduling so that you can plan ahead and find a date and event that suits your calendar. We appreciate whatever time you can share!

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Special Awards Activity for TaeKwonDo Kids –

KIDS CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM -- Youngsters thrive on the appreciation and approval they receive for good behavior. Such positive reinforcement leads to increased self-esteem and self-confidence which can lead to more good behavior. To promote this positive cycle of development, we invite families of all junior students to participate in the YIM’S TAEKWONDO KIDS CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM. With parental help, children use a score sheet to record the completion of some simple daily responsibilities. Youngsters earn special recognition and awards for participation in the program. This system of encouragement and praise for the children’s efforts can be helpful to parents while it also contributes to a student’s eligibility to qualify for promotional testing for Black Belt rank. **A student’s first total of 100 points will earn a bronze medal and a gift certificate good for one year for a free TaeKwonDo birthday party** (a \$150 value; no cash value). See Grandmaster Yim for details.

[Parents: before returning Kids Citizenship Awards Program progress charts to the school office, please be sure that your child’s FIRST AND LAST NAME ARE CLEARLY PRINTED ON IT, indicate his or her BELT COLOR, and please provide your signature. Thanks for helping us to maintain our records better.]

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ENJOY THE RED CARPET ROOM! Please take advantage of our special space available for play or study activities while parents and youngsters wait for junior students attending class. Feel free to bring books, coloring books, small toys, puzzles, or games, etc. **Very little ones can be noisy and the door can be closed so families can be less stressed about this.** The room is located behind the south wall of the waiting area and is visible through a large window. The door is to the left of the water fountain. We hope this will make your waiting time more comfortable and convenient.

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WEBSITE PHOTOS -- If you are interested in copies of pictures on our school website please feel free to download and save or print for your needs. Visit www.yimstaekwon.com to view available photos. Check regularly for updates.

LOST AND FOUND -- every week, we accumulate personal items of all kinds left in the classroom, waiting room and restrooms. PLEASE BE SURE TO RETRIEVE ALL OF YOUR OWN OR YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, SHOES AND OTHER POSSESSIONS, OR TO PUT UNWANTED ITEMS IN THE TRASH CANS BEFORE LEAVING. We are not able to hold on to forgotten items indefinitely. Also, cleaning up litter or discards from the floor, shelves and restrooms is very time consuming after a long day of classes. **We sincerely appreciate your help.**

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Students, please remember to remember that **shoes must be removed before entering the classroom**, a very old TaeKwonDo tradition. Signs are posted in the school as a reminder. Our classroom floor mat is made from an impact-absorbing material with a surface that requires special care. **We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in protecting the classroom floor as well as respecting an ancient custom.**

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Youngsters (and even some of us adults!) can find it difficult to ignore all distractions, so we try to create a learning environment that provides opportunities for success. We ask that all pager and cell phones be turned off or set to silent/vibrate mode, and request ALL family members to sit in the waiting area during class time. If this space is full, please feel free to sit in the "red carpet room" behind the water fountain. Please conduct all conversations in a soft voice. The beeping, ringing and musical tones of communication devices as well as the noise level of simultaneous conversations are all readily carried through the building and can create serious distractions, especially for young students. We appreciate your understanding and your help with this situation.

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A few brief notes to parents - If you happen to be near the phone when it rings, we would be delighted if you would answer the call and just take a name and phone number and let us know after class so that we can return the call. A message pad and pen are on the table near the phone. Many thanks! We request that you **please do not take your children out of class before the session is over unless prior arrangements are made** with Grandmaster Yim or Master Lee. This will allow us to minimize distractions and interruptions. **Safety reminders: please be sure that youngsters wear shoes to and from class to protect their feet outdoors. Youngsters should wait inside in the waiting area to be picked up after class.** Please keep the school phone number with you in case you're running late. Lastly, if you notice that your child's interest in TaeKwonDo is waning, please discuss the situation with Grandmaster Yim. Sometimes a change of routine is helpful.

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Be sure to check the Black Belt testing schedules and to look at the Yim's TaeKwonDo Institute 2011 Schedule of Upcoming Events to stay informed about the year's planned activities. Watch for details about our Board Break-a-thon Benefit event! Visit us on the web at www.yimstaekwondo.com and please do call our office if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you and wish you a healthy, happy and fulfilling 2011☺