



Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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'Tis The Season

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Calendar

December '11

- 10-11 Cartwheels & Pinwheels - Dayton, OH
- 17 NEOBGL Meet @ Sokol - Cleveland, OH
- 24-1 Winter Break – OGI CLOSED
- Classes Resume January 2nd, 2012
- 31 Competitive Team May Move Up Date

January '12

- 2 Classes Resume
- 7-8 NEOBGL Meet @ Gym World - Broadview Heights, OH
- 14-15 Windy City Inv. - Chicago, IL
- Sock Hop Inv. - Perrysburg, PA
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – OGI OPEN
- 21-22 Markowski Inv. @ Great Lakes - Avon Lake, OH
- 28 - 29 NEOGL Meet @ North Olmsted - North Olmsted, OH

February '12

- 2-5 USAG Winter Cup - Las Vegas, NV
- 4-5 Beach Bash Inv. – Twinsburg, OH
- 11 NEOBGL Meet @ Emeth – Emeth OH
- 12 NEOGL Meet @ Chalk Box – Ashtabula, OH
- 17-19 AAU Winter Nationals – Geneva, OH
- 20 President's Day – OGI OPEN – No Team

Winter Break

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

Will be CLOSED

Saturday, December 24th – Sunday, January 1st.

Classes will resume Monday, January 2nd, 2012!

Remember, The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. does not offer make up classes or credits for holiday closings. Remember all class fees are due on or before January 1st in order to receive your pre-pay discount. Please stop by the front office to make any payment arrangements or if you have any further questions!

Side Door Entrance

Please keep in mind that the side entrance is limited to handicap and stroller use only. When the temperature outside is less than 60 degrees, we ask that you keep that door closed to keep the temperature comfortable in our facility for all families. Thank You.

Need a Great Gift Idea?

What better gift than a month of gymnastics, cheerleading, or Trampoline & Tumbling lessons! Don't forget to check out our apparel store for great gifts and stocking

December Birthdays



Fallon Amedia	Riley Ashcraft	Holly Beaver	Alaina Bowers	Chris Campana
Maddison Carl	Owen Corey	Ryssa Coudriet	Samantha Cox	Ebony Davis
Ellie Falb	Riley Good	Mia Hammerton	Emily Heino	Hannah Hornick
Gabriella James	Dakota Kasner	Veronica Kist	Rachel Klucinec	Freddy Kolias
Kasia Miller	Brystal Mills	Abigail Morgan	Paige Poznar	Morgan Priddy
Kaitlyn Sahli	Adalyn Sprague	Kherington Stanford	Gabriella Tilton	Madison Votino
Elly Eucker	Kris King	Owen Lolakis	Abby Prvonozac	Murphy Wills
Enrique Martinez				
Staff:	Robin Simeonsson	Alex Tatebe	Donnie Yeager	



Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our December Athlete of the Month is Kamiron Childers. Kamiron, who will be 9 in February, is the daughter of Eric and Stephanie Childers and has a twin brother Trent. She currently resides in Canfield with her family and their brown dog named Hunter. Kamiron is a student at Hilltop Elementary, where she is in the 3rd grade. Her favorite subject is math, and Kamiron tells us she's really good at it.

Kamiron currently practices with our Girl's Level 4 Moderate Team, and has been involved with OGI since 2010, when she was in our Girl's Recreational Beginner class! Kamiron's favorite thing about gymnastics is Floor exercise where she enjoys working on her routines! When asked what she would like to accomplish in gymnastics, Kamiron hopes to get a bigger leap on Beam, and learn a round off back handspring back tuck on the tumble track. According to one of Kamiron's instructors, Ms. Jackie, Kamiron is a very hard worker who never gives up! She recently completed her first level 4 meet of the season, and did very well. She placed 1st on Bars, 1st on Beam, 4th on Floor Exercise, she tied for 3rd on vault, and placed 1st All-Around!

When Kamiron grows up she plans on attending college to become a school teacher, and hopes to one day teach the 1st grade.

Congratulations Kamiron!
OGI's December Athlete of the Month!

Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute is proud to announce that our December Staff Spotlight is Sara Holisky!

Sara, who joined our staff in September, moved to the area over the summer, and is a Colorado native. She currently resides in Columbiana with her family.

Sara began coaching gymnastics when she was 16 years old, and has 12 years of experience working with preschoolers all the way up to USAG Level 4's.

After graduating from high school, Sara received her Medical Assisting Certificate and did her undergraduate studies at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. She then worked for an Occupational Therapist for 2 years before returning to coaching gymnastics.

Some of Sara's greatest accomplishments are getting married and being a mom. She has been married to her husband for 12 years and they have a 5 year old daughter Gwen, who was in our Jungle Gym program as a Leaping Lion. Sara is also proud that she was voted Most Inspirational by her high school gymnastics team.

When Sara is not coaching here at OGI, some of her favorite things to do are to ride mountain bikes and snowmobiles, paint, design jewelry, cook, hangout with her daughter Gwen and help take care of their pet fish Milo.

Sara's future goals are to finish school and obtain her bachelor's degree. She would also love to travel as much as she can with her family and eventually design and build a house together.

One thing you may not know about Sara is that she would one day love to be able to walk a tight rope, just once, just to say she did it.

Congratulations Sara!
Welcome to the Team OGI Staff!





2011 N.E.O.G.L. Meet



All-Around Winners:

Josselyn Frazier – IO Gloria Hartzell – Level 4, 11 & older

Atianna Caggiano – Level 6, all ages

Paige Weiland – Level 4, 9 yr. olds

Madeline Gumino – Level 3, 8 yr. olds

Kamiron Childers – Level 4, 8 yr. olds

Congratulations to:

Hope Karash, Giovanna Dilts, Madison Leone, Lea Brown, Carissa Slater, Kacie Arner, Madisyn McVay, & Madeleine Wills for doing great in their first gymnastics competition.

Class Make Up Policies

Remember that Make Up's are a Privilege. All Make Up Lessons must be arranged through the office. Missed Classes will be offered a Make Up opportunity only when the following conditions apply:

- **The Office Must be contacted no less than 15 Minutes prior to the start of the class that is to be missed. (any excuse is acceptable, just let us know)**
- **Student must be on active status (enrolled in a class & current on their fees) in order to be offered a Make Up opportunity.**
- **Class Make Up Card Must be presented to the Coach on day of the Make Up in order to be allowed to participate in class. NO Exceptions! (If your card is lost or misplaced you can purchase a replacement card for \$5)**
- **Missed classes may be made up in another class of the same program and skill level when space is available.**
- **Missed classes should be made up as soon as possible (Maximum of 3 months from the date the Make Up was issued)**
- **Missed classes are not a substitute form of payment for upcoming months fees**

Winter Weather Policies

Weather emergency closings are very rare. Typically we will close whenever Austintown Township Schools close. We have, in the past, been able to safely open later in the day once the roads have been cleared. We will attempt to remain open whenever possible. A final decision will be made by 3:00 pm that day. If in doubt, call 330-652-4386, and we will either have a message on the answering machine or we will personally tell you what we will be doing with regards to the weather emergency. The major indicator here is safety: if you feel unsure about heading out in bad weather, simply call in for an excused absence. Weather emergencies may be made up at Open Gym Times and require pre-registration.



Remember
The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. offers
Gift Certificates!!!
Stop by the office for more information.

Students Say...

I like gymnastics because there are lots of cool routines!

- Landon F. ~ Boy's Team Level 4, Age 8

I like gymnastics because I like trampoline and working on my back handsprings!

-Sabrina B. ~ Just Back handsprings, Age 12

I like gymnastics because I like climbing the rope, jumping on trampoline, and doing straddle splits!

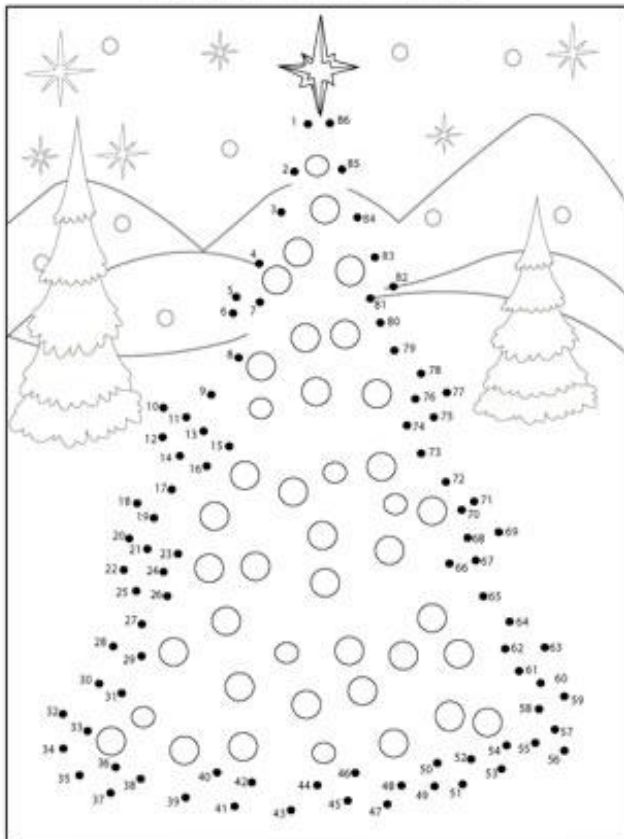
-Olivia K. ~ Girl's Novice, Age 7

I like gymnastics because I like having challenges, and being able to accomplish them!

-Megan R. ~ Girl's Advanced, Age 13



Congratulations to Miss Lauren and her Husband Marquis on the news that they will be having a baby Boy in April.



Make Santa's Christmas merry and bright
By helping him through this maze of lights!

