# Chalk Talk

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#### September '11

- 6 Fall Schedule Begins
- Ferris-Roeske Wedding at the Naval Academy @ Annapolis, Maryland
  National Gymnastics Day!
- October '11
- 2 Red, White, & Blue Intrasquad Meet
- 22-23 Annual Team OGI Halloween Party For Competitive Team

#### November '11

24-26 Closed for Thanksgiving



## Red, White, & Blue Mee,

Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Don't miss this opportunity to see the TEAM OGI Competitive Team compete head to head at this fun in house tradition!

### 2011 Banana Split Club Members

Alexis Charles Morgan Cheeks Ron G. Ferris Alise Kent Brooke Makara Sydney Russell Kasey Solic Alex Tatebe Donald Yeager Kelly Charles Christina Danko Hope Karash Madison Leone Madelyn Merlo Alexa Simeonsson Mackenzie Solic Paige Weiland

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### Congratulations to the Newest Members of the Team OGI Competitive Team

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### **Pre-Competitive**

Madison Beaudis Freddy Kolias Mindy Brown Savanna Slater Chris Campana Alexia Stoy





Kacie Arner Abigail Berkenyie Anastasia Dilts Josselyn Frazier McKenna Hogan Anna Loychik Alexis Paolone Emme Rubin Mariano Sylvester Brandon Atwell Lara Bodo Madison Dinger Quinn Fulmer Isabella Kent Rachel Lucarielli Kara Pirone Allyson Schwendeman Aniah Bankhead Mary Bonamase Eliza Farr Kendall Gorby Jared Klucinic Anthony Orbovich Layne Poe Logan Scoville Madison Beaudis Addison Campbell Brittany Floyd Courtney Gunger Katelyn Lesko Isaiah Pace Olivia Robinson Ella Swartz







We are proud to announce that our September Athlete of the Month is Savannah Grove. Savannah, who will be 7 in February, is the daughter of Betty and John Grove. Savannah currently resides in Austintown where she will be attending 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Lloyd Elementary this fall. Savannah has 4 siblings; older sister Cheyenne, who currently attends our cheerleading program, and 2 brothers, Dylan who is 10 and baby brother Dakota.

Savannah, who began at OGI in March 2011 as a Bouncing Bear, quickly moved up the ranks and is currently attending our Girls Novice class. In the gym, Savannah's favorite event is the Uneven Bars because she loves to flip around them. Savannah enjoys working her Front Hip Circles and hopes to one day do her Back Handspring by herself! The one skill Savannah can't wait to master is her Pullover on the Uneven Bars, and then she will receive her Beginner Trophy!

When Savannah is not in the gym, she enjoys exercising on the Wii, knee boarding, tubing, swimming and water slides. Savannah also loves dance and basketball, as well as spending time on her Trampoline practicing her flips!

When Savannah grows up she would like to attend college and become a teacher so that she can work with kids.

A few fun facts about Savannah are that her favorite color is pink, her favorite food is spaghetti, she has a dog named Maddie, and that she loves clothes and the beach!

When we asked Savannah what is one thing that people might not know about her, Savannah's response was...nothing, because I tell everyone everything!

> Congratulations Savannah Grove! OGI's September Athlete of the Month!



The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our September Staff Spotlight is Kyle Haidet.

Kyle has been a part of the Team OGI staff since 2002. He is currently the front office assistant manager, and is usually referred to as the "Office Go to Guy". Kyle is also AED and CPR certified.

Kyle, who is a 2003 Fitch High School graduate, currently resides in Austintown with his family. Kyle is the older of two children; younger brother Jake attends The University of Akron. One of Kyle's favorite family members is his Chocolate Labrador Retriever Samantha! He also has a 120 gallon salt water reef tank, which is the home to several unique tropical fish and other sea life.

Although Kyle never dabbled in the sport of gymnastics, he won several awards for his participation in baseball, basketball, and wrestling. He also tried basket weaving for a while, but it wasn't his cup of tea!

Kyle is currently attending Youngstown State University where he is working towards his bachelor's degree in Business Technology with a minor in communications.

When Kyle is not working at the gym, he enjoys watching his two favorite teams, the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Indians!

Kyle's hobbies include movies, music, and hanging out with friends. Kyle also enjoys spending time golfing.

Kyle's future goals include graduating from college and taking a trip to Europe! He hopes to one day work in the radio and broadcasting field.

One thing most people don't know about Kyle is that he would love to become a contestant on American Idol.

Congratulations Mr. Kyle! Thank you for helping things run smoothly here at Team OGI!

#### Success at the AAU Junior Olympic Games

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. took home 2 All-Around National Titles from this year's AAU Junior Olympic Games, which were held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Open Optional gymnast Alexis Charles of Liberty earned the All-Around Gold Medal for her performance this August. Alexis, who will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at W.S. Guy Middle School, is the 11 year old daughter of Tim and Kellie Charles. Alexis has been with the Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. for almost 8 years, where her favorite event is the Floor Exercise. Alexis also earned gold medals for her performances on the Balance Beam and the Floor Exercise, as well as silver medals on the Vault and Uneven Bars.

Emily Wyant, of Austintown, also earned the gold All-Around Medal, as well as a gold medal on the Vault for her performance in the Intermediate Optional division. Emily, who will be 17 in April, is the daughter of Rob and Patty Wyant. Emily is currently a junior at Fitch High School, where she participates in golf, band, and flag line. Emily has been with Team OGI for 10 years, and looks forward to earning her Senior Award in 2013!

Victoria Wolfe, or Tori as she prefers, took home a gold medal for her performance on the Uneven Bars in the Level 8 division. Tori also took home bronze medals on the Balance Beam and the All Around. Tori, who is a sophomore at Jackson Milton, is the 15 year old daughter of Victor and Barbara Wolfe. Tori began at OGI in 1999. She looks forward to this upcoming season so that she can show off all the new skills that she has acquired this past summer.

Kasey Solic, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Austintown Middle School also took home a bronze medal for her performance on the Vault in the Level 8 division, while Jada Clark had a 5<sup>th</sup> place All Around finish in her first Level 7 competition.

Congratulations ladies on a great finish to your 2010-2011 competitive season!



Be sure to check out the Team OGI Apparel Store for new merchandise!

#### New Faces at OGI!

Throughout the month of September you may notice some new faces in the gym. That's because here. at The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. we are always looking for ways to make our facility a safer and happier place for you in your family. There are several new Team OGI staff being trained in the gym, as well as in the front office. Please know that each staff member goes through extensive training in not only gymnastics, but also in equipment setup, facility management, and safety prevention. More staff means more available classes, which makes our program just that much more convenient for your busy schedule!







You may have noticed a little ringing in your ears while observing your child's class. That is the Team OGI Bell! This bell was initiated by Team OGI back in 2003, and quickly became a tradition. Whenever a student accomplishes a new skill, we acknowledge that by allowing them to ring the bell. That way, other students and spectators can recognize that and applaud in their success! The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is currently constructing a device that will display a bell, a buzzer, and a siren, allowing students the option to choose which sound they would like to alert the gym with for their new accomplishment! Look for new ways your child can celebrate their accomplishments this September!

# Students Say...

I líke OGI because ít ís fun! I really enjoy gymnastics because I get to learn a lot of things and I get great encouragement from my coach, Mrs. Alíse!

- Sarah K. ~ Girls Intermediate, Age 11

I like gymnastics because it gives me my exercise! I love working all of my jumps on the Trampoline!

- Marina K. ~ Tumbling Tigers, Age 4

I like OGI because the teachers are so nice! I like gymnastics because it's fun and there are a lot of new things to try!

- Kiara B. ~ Girls Beginner, Age 9

## School Days

It's that time of year where we must pack up those book bags and head back to school. Why not take some time to quiz your brain and see if you can solve our Back to School puzzles.



