



Chalk Talk

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Dates OGI Classes will Close:

10/31/13—Halloween
 11/28 to 30/13—Thanksgiving
 12/24/13 to 1/1/14—Winter
 Break

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Fall 2013—New Classes, New Friends, New Teachers, New Challenges!

Welcome to the Fall Schedule of classes here at the Ohio Gymnastics Institute. We are honored that you have chosen OGI for your children. If your children were lucky enough to attend classes or one of our Summer Day Camps over the last few months you have seen a lot of small but important changes.

Back to school can be a challenging time—a mix of fun, learning, curiosity, stress, and intimidation. We want your children’s experience here at OGI to be positive and productive. There are lots of new things for your children to experience here at OGI. To

ease the level of stress, please make sure to budget enough time to get your child to the gym prior to classes so that there are no concerns about being late or missing part of class. Our staff knows that things get in the way despite the best plans, so we never put your children in an uncomfortable position. Remind your children that everyone at OGI wants our students to have the best experience possible.

We would like to welcome several new members of our staff—Alex Prassinos, Amanda Yeager, Amanda Fincham, Stacy Emch, Andrea Dilts and Everett

Byers. Check the OGI website later this month for information about our newest staff members.

Remember that we now offer ACH (pre-authorized checking withdrawal) so that you can always receive your “Early Pay” discount of \$5.00 per registered student. Stop by the office and pick up a form.

We do Birthday Parties! Your child can be the envy of all their friends with an OGI Birthday Party—we do the work—you and your children have all the fun. Stop by the office for more details.

REMEMBER:

- * Smoking is not allowed within 50 feet of our building. We recommend that if you need to smoke, you do so in your car. Smoking while standing near the doors or large garage doors is not permitted.
- * During bad weather the side entrance is only used for Handicapped access.

Akron Children's Hospital Change Bandits Are Heading Our Way!



Beginning September 11, 2013 your children can participate in the Akron Children’s Hospital of the Mahoning Valley Miracles and Promises Radiothon. Please encourage your children to participate by gathering donations from

friends and family. When your athlete comes to class he or she can place the money into a bucket representing each of our Programs: the Jungle Gym, Gymnastics, Cheerleading, Trampoline and Tumbling and Freestyle Acrobatics!

We will let you know how each program does. To get things started OGI has placed \$50.00 into each of the 6 Change Buckets! Our goal is a total of \$1,000.00 by Friday September 20th. Show your program spirit and help a worthy cause!

New Skills Charts For All Programs!

Very soon you will see new Skills Charts popping up throughout the Observation area. Skills Charts list many of the skills which are trained at each level for each of our six programs.

Skills Charts allow our students, their parents and the athlete's instructor to track each athlete's progress through our curriculums. Athletes also



In the fall of 2013 the Ohio Gymnastics Institute will provide skills charts for all it's programs

enjoy a sense of accomplishment each time that a skill is mastered. Mastery of a skill is determined by the athlete's coach and requires the athlete to consistently demonstrate at least three critical performance criteria for mastery.

Each of our six Programs have different charts even though

many of the entry level skills are the same from program to program. Athletes are typically considered ready to advance to the next program level once they have acquired at least 75% of the skills mastered within a given program. Often times several "Key Skills" must be mastered prior to advancing regardless of the percentage of skills mastered. Once 100% of the skills have been mastered each athlete is awarded a trophy to recognize all their efforts. Updates to the charts are made beginning the 3rd Monday of each month.

~ Facility Improvements Here At OGI For You & Your Family ~

A new Birthday Party Room, new lights, an overhead spotting suspension and new mats are just a few of the improvements we have been making here at OGI for your children.

Check out the Overhead Spotting Suspension we have just installed at the Jungle Gym Tumble Track. This training aid permits athletes to safely

test their abilities while their coach can provide an instant spot from a distance. This allows our students to gain confidence as they test their courage to attempt more challenging

skills by themselves. Complex flipping and twisting skills can be learned and performed with a much higher degree of safety while using the overhead spotting suspension.

Do you notice anything different in the gym? We are continually working hard to improve the facility for you and your family.

Over the week we were closed we replaced every light bulb / tube in the building and added some more light to the parking lot.

Some Important Changes To The Way You Pay Your Fees

Beginning September 1, 2013, we will need to add a \$5.00 charge for any payments made over the phone via credit or debit card. As you know the credit card processing companies charge additional fees when the card is not present or "swiped."

You can avoid this charge by joining our ACH program. Simply fill out the green form from the office and we will make sure that you receive your

"early pay discount" each month when your fees are paid electronically. Payments are drafted in such a way that your account is always made current on or before the 1st of the month.

We are in the process of changing our Merchant service for credit card processing. At this time we are not accepting American Express payments. Once we have completed the change-over we will let you know the status

with American Express Payments.



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all the OGI members who were born in September!

Jayden Barber, Ella Beall, Madison Beaudis, Joseph Blumetti, Marissa Clegg, Sofia DeDiego, Sydney Dennis, Xander Deuley, Carina DiDomenico, Anastasia Dilts, Brooke Pietrouski,

Alexis Ellinos, Quinn Fulmer, Isabella Galati, Grace Gershkowitz, Kendall Gorby, Hailey Grimm, Thorsten Hart, Raniya Jordan, Amir Khan, Carson Klotz, Jonah Kunkel, Charlie Lammers, Rachel Lucarielli, Amaya Martin, Alexis McClendon, Alexis Paolone, Vasista Polali, Jolie Pirtz, Sophia Rich, Olivia Robinson, Macy Ross,

Nevaeh Rudolphi, Julia Snyder, Sophia Spatar, Ava Stamm, Rachel Steele, Madison Umbel, Rebecca Walker, Addison Wilkes, Arianna Wolfe



September / October Referral Special

From September 10 to October 30 we are offering a great deal to our currently enrolled customers—Sign up a friend or another family member and get 25% off your next month's fees!

This offer is good only for our currently enrolled students who refer a **new** friend or have another **new** family member enroll during the time covered by this special. New students

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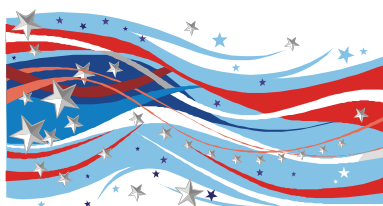
are those students who have never attended any of OGI's Programs in the past. Credit to your October or November fees will be issued once the new student has enrolled and paid for one month of classes. Credit is defined as 25% off your monthly "early pay" fee rate and is limited to a maximum one month fee credit of \$25.00 for each new student you refer.

2013 Red / White & Blue Intrasquad Competition

The **TeamOGI** Gymnastics Program will hold its annual Red / White & Blue Intrasquad Competition on Sunday September 29, 2013. Warmups begin at 8:00 AM with Competition at 9:30 AM.

This is not a regular gymnastics meet—gymnasts are placed onto one of three teams (Red, White or Blue) based on the alphabetization of the gymnasts last names. Each member

of the teaching staff is grouped the



same way and then the mayhem begins. Teams vie for three awards:

Highest Team Score, Most Visual and Most Vocal. Competitors perform their routines (many for the first time) and receive a score of either 3 (an outstanding routine), 2 (OK, but needs work) and 1 (not really a routine we want to see in competition). Once all the scores have been added up judges determine the Most Visual (athletes create posters and decorate the gym) and the most Vocal.

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The Ohio Gymnastics Institute began in 1986 with less than 50 students and has grown out of its first two facilities into our current facility that has over 1750 people entering our doors each week.

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute has always maintained a mission of providing the highest quality of instruction, coupled with a level of involvement which is appropriate for a developing child at a price that is reasonable and fair.

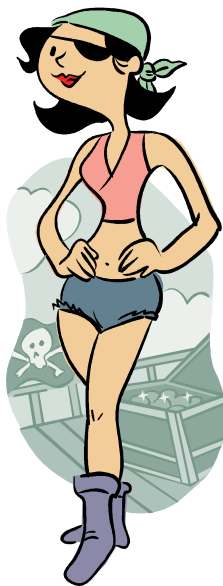
International "Talk-Like-A-Pirate-Day"

Did you know that September 19 is International Talk Like A Pirate Day?

Check the website:



<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.html> and you too will be placing an AARRRGG! Before and after everything you say.



Join in the fun by reminding your children that there will be "whole bunches of scurvy dogs" milling about here at OGI on Thursday, September 19th. If you have a minute and want to join in the fun, well - "we'll be mighty obliged—AAARRGGG!"

Check this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=a2qkVBdNKrg

so that you too can "Talk-Like-A-Pirate"

