



Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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Be Thankful



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Thanksgiving

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

will be CLOSED

Thursday, November 24th through Saturday, November 26th. Classes will resume on Sunday, November 27th.

Calendar

November '11

- 11 Veterans Day – OGI Open
- 13 NEOGL Meet @ Johnsons in Valley View, Ohio
- 24-26 Closed for Thanksgiving – Open Sunday Nov. 27th for Classes & Open Gym

December '11

- 10-11 Cartwheels & Pinwheels in Dayton, Ohio
- 17 NEOBGL Meet @ Sokol in Cleveland, Ohio
- 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 in 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. @ Greak Lakes in Avon Lake, Ohio
- 28-29 NEOGL Meet @ North Olmsted in North Olmstead, Ohio

Holiday Gift Orders!

Looking for a great gift idea for your child who just can't get enough of flipping and tumbling?

See the Resilite® flyer for all the information you need about holiday gift orders.

All orders should be turned into the office no later than Sunday, November 27th, 2011.

Contact the office for more details!

New Classes!

We have added more Jungle Gym and Recreational Class Times!

Check out our current Class Schedule or see the office for more details!

November Birthdays

Miranda Ashley	Lara Bodo	Peyton Burnfield
Mia DeMalio	Hannah English	Landon Farr
Libby Finsen	Darcy Gaca	Makaela Giannini
Raleigh Heidinger	Aaniyah Hill	Makayla Jageman
Meara Jones	Brooke Kusky	Roman Mashiska
Mackenzie Martuccio	Makayla Martuccio	Natalie Pappada
Avery Scott	Emily Slaughter	Abby Finnerty
Emma Burton	Ganon Force	Addison Gallant
Emily Ginnigan	Garrett Heinbaugh	Brettazia Brown
Kaitlyn McComb	Caitlyn Mindek	Joey Rovnak
Hailey Votino	Donnie Yeager	Kylah Busch
Staff:	Ron Ferris	



Did you know?

If you sign up for a 2nd class you can receive a 40% discount! Discount will be taken on the class of lesser value.



Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our November Athlete of the Month is Sydney Cox!

Sydney is the daughter of Miya Hewlett & Silvester Cox, and the step daughter of Antwan Harris. Sydney has 7 brothers and sisters, Sheronda, Carina, Sierra, Antwan, Xavier and twin sisters Amiya & Amina. She also has a dog named Bruno.

Sydney lives in Austintown, where she attends Austintown Middle School. She is currently in the 6th grade and really enjoys learning about science.

Sydney has been a student at OGI since 2010 and has worked her way to our Girl's Advanced Recreational Class. When in the gym, Sydney loves tumbling on floor and just recently landed her back handspring on beam. In the future, she looks forward to learning her back tuck and her back layout (both no-handed flips!) on the beam.

When she's not at the gym, Sydney enjoys jumping on her trampoline, playing basketball & hanging out with her friends at the mall.

When she grows up, Sydney would like to go to college and be a gymnastics coach or study to be a nurse like her mom.

One thing you may not know about Sydney is that she is very flexible, just like a pretzel!

Congratulations Sydney,
OGI's November Athlete of the Month!

Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our November Staff Spotlight is Jackie Karmecy!

Jackie joined our Team OGI staff in September 2011, is already making a great name for herself around OGI!

Jackie, who is one of our newest gym instructors, currently lives in Austintown, but grew up in Lakewood, Ohio with her 3 brothers & 1 sister. She graduated from Lakewood High School in 2001, and then attended The Ohio State University for 3 years before graduating from Columbus State Community College with her associate's degree in Law Enforcement. Jackie went on to the Police Academy from which she graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2006 and was the top shooter in her Academy.

A former gymnast herself, Jackie has been coaching gymnastics since 2002 and is also a certified gymnastics judge. She started gymnastics when she was 4 years old, moved on to Competitive Cheerleading in high school and also participated in fencing, diving, horseback riding & tennis. When not at the gym, Jackie enjoys rock climbing, shooting, blowing glass, crafts, and taking care of her animals - her dog Harley, her bunny, and her Albino Burmese Python, who is 10ft long and weighs 50 lbs!

Jackie's future goals are to get married and start a family, while continuing to coach gymnastics. Jackie would also like to one day become a full-time police officer or possibly a detective.

Congratulations Jackie!
Welcome to Team OGI!



Just a Reminder

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc is a smoke-free facility. Spectators who chose to smoke must do so in their vehicle or a minimum of 100 feet from any one of our entrances.

Thank You!

Apparel Store

The Team OGI Apparel store is always full of great gift ideas for your athlete!

Stop in and see our new selection of Leotards, Grips, and OGI apparel!

There will be a new shipment of long-sleeved leotards in mid- November!

Red, White, & Blue Meet Results

Team Score: Blue Team

Most Visual: Red Team

Most Vocal: White Team



Playroom Policy!

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc is proud to offer a playroom facility for those siblings and friends who are waiting while students participate in our program. Our policy states that all children must be accompanied by an adult while in our playroom. We understand that as parents, you want to watch your child during their class, but our office personnel cannot be responsible for children while in the playroom or lobby area. Children are more than welcome to remove a toy to use in the waiting area, as long as it is returned to the playroom when they are done

Observation Area Do's & Don'ts!

DO sit and enjoy watching your children while they learn and have fun in the gym! **DO** show your support with applause when you hear the bell ring! **DO** tell your child what a great job they have done as soon as they exit class!

DO show the same courtesy to all our students and staff that you would like shown to you!

DO NOT enter the gymnastics area. **DO NOT** attempt to communicate with your child across the partition wall. **DO NOT** allow your child to exit the gymnastics area without permission of the attending coach. **DO NOT** participate in any activities which may distract students in the gymnastics area. **DO NOT** allow children in the observation area to perform ANY gymnastics or gross motor skills. **NO HORSEPLAY**. **DO NOT** sit or stand on the partition wall, or place anything on top of the wall. It is **NOT** designed to support weight.

Failure to abide by these rules may result in loss of waiting room privileges or removal of your child from our program.

Gwen Holisky is thankful for mountains, snow & school.



Side Door Entrance

Please keep in mind that the side entrance is limited to handicap and stroller use. We ask that you keep that door closed to keep the temperature comfortable in our facility for your family.



Jaida Napier is thankful for her teachers, because they're so nice.

Connor Wills is thankful for Hot Wheels Wall Tracks.

Donnie Yeager is thankful for his friends!

Students Say...

I Love OGI because it's where I learned my Backhandspring!

-Macey F. ~ Just Backhandsprings, Age 10

We like gymnastics because we get to wear pretty leotards!

- Ally J & Lindsay J. ~ Leaping Lions, Age 6

I love gymnastics because I love to do twists, and I love to Vault!

- Emily W. ~ Girl's Team PO, Age 17

Thanksgiving Scramble

🍁 Can You Unscramble These Fall Words & Delicious Thanksgiving Goodies?

🍁 Draw a picture or write what you are most thankful for this year

ILYFMA _____

NPPKMIU IEP _____

SHDEAM TPATOSEA _____ TSAEF _____

TMUAUN _____ DSININA _____

VSLAEE _____ TFLUEAGR _____

EKYUTR _____ IAPCRNOICO _____

VINGKNTHIAS _____ MGLPIIRS _____

I am Most Thankful for...