



# Chalk Talk

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Novembeard 2013

**Dates OGI Classes will Close:**  
 11/28 to 30/13—Thanksgiving  
 12/24/13 to 1/1/14—Winter  
 Break

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**REMEMBER:**

- \* Once the temperature drops below 60 degrees the side door can only be used for Handicap & Stroller access
- \* To receive your Early Pay Discount of \$5.00 per student we must have your payment in our office available for deposit on or before the 1st calendar day of the month

**Where is it?**

Every recreational program at OGI now has an advancement sticker chart which can all be found hanging up on the walls throughout the gym.

**What is it?**

All recreational gymnastics classes have 50 skills per level. All Jungle Gym, Free Style, Trampoline and Tumbling, and Cheerleading classes have 25 skills per level.

Each skill contains at least 3 specific criteria that must be performed to pass the skill with perfection.

**How does it work?**

Each level has a set of 5-10 “core” skills. These skills are fundamentally important to that specific level and must be passed to advance beyond that level. Along with those core skills, athletes must pass 75% of the additional skills in that level. Once they have

## Skill Charts

achieved this, an advancement letter is generated through the office.

**How does a student know when they can advance?**

Advancement notices are received through the mail. Once you have received your advancement, just call and find a new class and time that fits your schedule.

On your child’s first day in their new class, they will receive their advancement ceremony set to music and finishing with the firing of the confetti cannon!

**Thoughts For Parents:**

You can keep track of your child’s progress on the sticker charts placed throughout the gym, which are updated weekly. Please understand that all children progress at different rates! There is no standard time frame for each class; it just de-

pends of the individual athlete. Although children may start a class at the same time, that does not mean they will advance at the same time. Although it may seem to you that your child has mastered a certain skill, it may not meet all of our criteria and therefore will not be passed on the skill chart. We encourage families to look over their children’s charts so they are aware of what has been accomplished and what may still need work.

**NOVEMBER?**

**NOVEMBEARD?**

**SLACKIVISM?**

No we have not lost our marbles, we are just promoting Prostate Cancer Awareness during the month of Novembeard—Those who participate refrain from shaving their beards and grow facial hair to bring awareness to others. November is the time to discuss Prostate Cancer and other Men’s health issues. So when you see our staff looking scruffy, thank them for supporting men’s health issues!

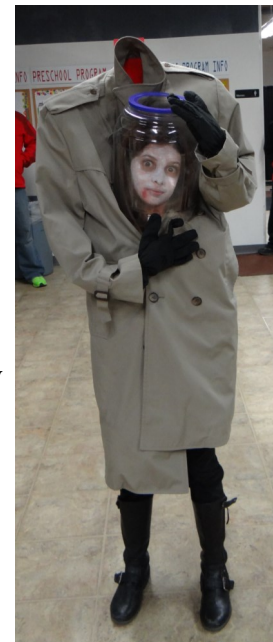
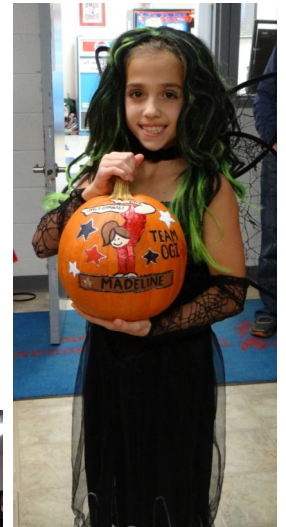
# Makeup Policies

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute has a very friendly makeup policy:

Remember that makeups are a privilege. All makeup lessons must be arranged through the office. Missed classes will be offered a makeup 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 your child will miss (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 use a makeup**
- **It is your responsibility to both pick up and keep track of your makeup cards**
- **Class makeup card must be presented to the Coach of the class. Coaches are not permitted to allow students to participate in class without a makeup card. 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 (a maximum of 3 months from the date the class was missed)**
- **Makeup cards may not be used as payment for monthly class fees**

## TeamOGI Halloween Sleepover



## 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.

## November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all the OGI members who were born in

November!

**STAFF:** Ron Ferris, Jackie Karmecy, Loretta Pupino, Amanda Yeager

**STUDENTS:** Katie Ambrose, Joseph Blumetti, Valerie Boyd, Mallo-

ry Bridgman, Lauren Brown, Peyton, Burnfield, Kristen Campbell, Lillian Case, Riley Coates, Kasey Crockett, Paige Dickerson, Sidney



Durkin, Landon Farr, Kourtney, Fedorek, Abby Finnerty, Kylie Folkwein, Titus Herbert, Cadence Horvath, Nora Kandel, Elizabeth Kennedy, Maya Kubancsek, Ava Malloy, Giovanni Masters, Cadence McStowe, Kiera Merwin, Sofie Meyers, Tori Mobley, Natalia Novicky, Mia Opalick, Natalie Pappada, Alyssa & Gianna Pompelia, Taylor Sewell, Naveah Shaffer, Karma Shiflett, Jordyn Shoulders, Malena Toth

## Athlete of the Month

We are very excited to announce our November Athlete of the Month is Kasey Crockett. Kasey will be celebrating his 14th birthday on November 6th. Kasey resides in Mineral Ridge with his parents, Kandy and Mike and has an older sister Michelle. Kasey and his sister Michelle both attend recreational gymnastics and Free Style classes here. Kasey is in the Novice Free style and Boy's Novice. Kasey is currently in 8th grade

# FREE STYLE

and is home schooled. His favorite thing to work in the gym is wall skills! Kasey's future goals in freestyle are to continue to master harder skills so that he can make more freestyle videos of himself to post on You Tube for everyone to see. When Kasey is not in the gym he also enjoys playing on his computer and his X box.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Kasey!

## Featured Staff

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

Emily graduated this past June from Austintown Fitch High School. She graduated as a member of the NHS, Golf Team, Symphonic Band, and the Captain of the Flagline.

Emily is currently in her Freshman year at YSU and loves it. She is majoring in Nursing and wants to become a registered Nurse and eventually a Nurse Anesthetist. She currently resides in Austintown with

her parents Rob and Patti, her brother, two cats, and their dog Bowser.

Emily began taking classes here at OGI in 2001 in the Girls' Beginners Program and quickly moved on to the Competitive Team. She just completed her 9th and final year on team. Emily has won many State and National Titles. Additionally, Emily plans on competing with OGI in the adult division in 2014.

As a coach, Emily plans to keep OGI a fun and safe place for children to learn the sport of gymnastics and hopes to be a positive role model for

all of her students. Thank you for being part of our Team OGI Staff!



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## 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 Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

During the month of November, OGI will be collecting donations for "Cancer Free Kids" ad fund for pediatric cancer research. Please make a donation in the jar on the counter in front of the apparel store. You can find more information about this cause by visiting the following website: [www.cancerfreekids.org](http://www.cancerfreekids.org). Please help us raise money for this great cause!

## Seek and Find

How many of the following pictures can you identify?

The pictures were taken in the lobby/waiting areas of Ohio Gymnastics Institute.



Hints: Look at skill charts, posters on the walls, vending machines, places where you sit and doors.