



Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Open Gym, Pizza, and a Movie

"DESPICABLE ME"

SATURDAY JANUARY 15TH, 2011!
6 P.M. – 9 P.M.

Need to get out of the cold? Open Gym, Pizza, and a Movie is open to all Team OGI students, as well as friends and family between the ages of 3 and 18 years. Children 18 months to 3 must be accompanied by an adult. This movie is rated PG.

We Are Open

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.
Will be open on Monday January 17th for
Martin Luther King Day!

Calendar

January 2011

- 2 Classes Resume
- 15 – 16 USAG Windy City Inv. – Chicago
- 23 NEOGL Meet @ GLG in Avon Lake
- 29 – 30 USAG Inv. Sunrise Winterfest in Toledo, OH

February '11

- 2 – 6 USAG Winter Cup in Las Vegas, NV
- 13 AAU NEOGL Meet @ Chalk Box in Ashtabula
- 18-20 AAU Winter Nationals @ Cleveland, OH.
- 27-28 USAG Boys Inv. TBA

March '11

- 5 – 6 Tyson American Cup Jacksonville, FL
- 12 – 13 USAG Inv. TBA
- 20 AAU NEOGL Meet @ Johnson's in Valley View, OH
- 26 – 27 USAG State Championships – TBA
USAG Levels 6, 9 & 10 State Championships
Ultimate Sports Center @ Columbus, OH

NGSTP Certificate

Congratulations to the following athletes for receiving their NGSTP Trophy & Certificate

Kendall Adams Kylie Day Morgan Foley
Alexis Hudock Imaan Jones
Zoe Kabetso Nichole Noday
Racquel Schertzer Madison Tibbets
Paige Weiland

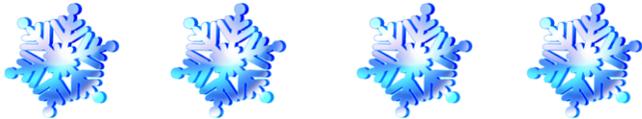
January Birthdays

Samantha Cannon
Garrett Crum
Drew Feren
Lila Hale
McKenna Lago
Katelyn Lesko
Nichole Noday
Aubrey Ross
Kaylee Smith

Jada Clark
Jordan Culver
Carlie Ford
Madison Hayes
Carly Land
Nylah Mahdee
Jessica Parillo
Macy Ross
Jenna Vrabel

Maggie Collins
Kylie DeVito
Mackenzie Godwin
Sarah Hlywa
Ellie Layton
Lauryn Marsteller
Paityn Philibin
Megan Ross
Staff:

Brilynn Crisp
Daniel Early
Sarah Grohovsky
Aubrey Kutsko
Makayla Lesitsky
Madison Murphy
Brianna Remias
Josie Sipe
Alise Kent



Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our January Athlete of the Month is Kaitlyn Vasko. Kaitlyn, who turned 9 this past November, is the daughter of Douglas and Ellen Vasko. Kaitlyn currently resides in Austintown and is a 3rd grader at Watson Elementary School where her favorite subject is math. Kaitlyn is the youngest of 6 children! She has 3 older sisters and 2 older brothers. She also has 2 dogs: a Norwegian Elk Hound named Odin and a Shih Tzu Coco.

Kaitlyn has been involved with OGI since 2010, and is currently enrolled in 3 different classes! Kaitlyn attends our Girls Beginner Gymnastics, Red Squad Cheerleading, and Trampoline & Tumbling classes! Kaitlyn's favorite events are Balance Beam and Floor Exercise, where she enjoys working on handstands. When asked what skill she is hoping to learn, Kaitlyn's reply was her back handspring!

When Kaitlyn is not in the gym, she enjoys collecting dolls and going to the movies. Her favorite movie is "Hannah Montana the Movie".

When Kaitlyn grows up she plans on attending college and hopes to one day be a Veterinarian. Kaitlyn is a big animal lover, but her favorite animal is a dog!

Kaitlyn's favorite color is purple and her favorite food is chicken. One thing that most people don't know about Kaitlyn is that she loves candy canes and that she sleepwalks!

Congratulations Kaitlyn!
OGI's January Athlete of the Month!

Staff Spotlight



The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our January Staff Spotlight is April Kendra. April, who joined the Team OGI staff in the fall of 2010, currently resides in Girard with her husband of 13 years, their two children and their dog Skippy.

Upon graduating from Niles High School, April attended the Trumbull Business College, where she earned her Associates Degree in Applied Business in Secretarial Science with a minor in Legal Secretarial.

April spent 5 years as a legal secretary before settling into her career as a deputy clerk at the Trumbull County Courthouse for Probate Court, where she has been for the past 8 years. April is also a coach for the Warren Junior High School Cheerleaders, as well as a certified state, regional, and national judge for cheerleading competitions.

When asked about her accomplishments, her first response is her family, stating that they make everyday a good day! April is also CPR, AED, and AACCAA certified. April was a competitive gymnast for the YWCA in Niles while she attended junior high school. During her high school years, she was a competitive cheerleader, and was selected as an All American Cheerleader and had the opportunity to cheer at the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii!

When April isn't working or running her kids around, she loves to kick back and enjoy her soap operas. Her favorites are "The Young and the Restless" and "The Bold and the Beautiful". She is also makes time to participate as the teen youth leader at her church!

April's future goals are to remain happy with her husband and watch their children grow up, attend college, and become intelligent, successful adults!

Congratulations April!

We are proud to have you as a member of Team OGI!

Winter

Accomplishments

Congratulations to Nicole Dobrilovic and Donald Yeager who both earned first place all-around finishes at the 2010 Cartwheels and Pinwheels Gymnastics Competition, which donated a portion of its proceeds to the Pediatric Cancer Center Research.

We would like to wish a special belated birthday wish to Ellie Falb, Mya Hamilton, and Zackary Schick who all celebrated birthdays this past December.

Apparel Store

Be sure to stop in and check out OGI's Apparel Shop! We are constantly changing our inventory to keep up with the latest trends in gymnastics, cheerleading, and parkour apparel. We also have a great selection of long sleeve leotards, which are perfect for this time of year!



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. 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 which require pre-registration.

Side Door Entrance

Please keep in mind that the side entrance, which is located in the gym observation area, is limited to handicap and stroller use. We ask that you keep that door closed to keep the temperature comfortable in our facility for everyone.

Thank You



Open Gym

Feeling cooped up in the House? Then come on in for Open Gym!

Open Gym is a great opportunity to improve on your gymnastics, tumbling, and cheerleading skills. Instructors are available to help and assist whenever needed.

The gym is open for your athlete to work on new skills, refine current skills, or just let loose and have some fun!

Open Gym is also a great way to introduce a friend or family member to the sport!

Stop by the front office to pick up a complete list of open gym times and prices!

All open gym times require pre-registration!



Students Say...

I like gymnastics because it's really fun and I get to practice walking on the high beams!

-Madison T. ~ Girls Beginner, Age 8

I like gymnastics because I get to do all sorts of swings on the bars!

-Colin S. ~ Boys Novice, Age 8

I like gymnastics because it is a lot of fun! I really love jumping on the trampolines!

- Madison R. ~ Girls Novice, Age 9

Color your snowman and return it to Team OGI to be displayed in the waiting area!

Name:

Class:

