



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 26th & Friday November 27th, 2009.

Calendar

November '09

- 12-15 USAG Future Stars National Workshop @ OTC in Colorado Springs, CO.
- 22 NEOGL Meet @ Chalk Box in Ashtabula, OH.
- 26-27 Closed for Thanksgiving

December '09

- 12-14 USAG Co-Ed Invitational @GTCO in Franklin, OH.
- 24 - 1 Winter Break - OGI Closed
Classes Resume January 2nd, 2010

January '10

- 2 Classes Resume
- 9 NEOBGL Meet @ Broadview Heights
- 16-17 AAU Markowski Invitational @ Avon Lake, OH.
- 23-24 USAG Co-Ed Cereal City Invitational @ Kalamazoo, MI
- 31 NEOGL Meet @ GLG in Avon Lake

New Open Gym Times

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to add a new line of Open Gyms to our curriculum. Our goal is to offer a variety of open gyms at convenient times to better serve our customers and families!

Open Gym

Friday 7-8:30 p.m. & Sunday 4:30-6p.m.
\$10 for members & \$12:50 for non-members

Preschool Open Gym

Tuesday 1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
\$8 members & \$10 non-members

Playgroup Open Gym

Thursday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
\$7 members & \$9 non-members

Home-School Open Gym

Friday 2-3:30 p.m.
\$10 for members & \$12:50 for non-members

Cheerleading Open Gym

Sunday 1:30 - 3 p.m.
\$9.50 for members & \$11 for non-members
\$80 for squads up to 10/ \$120 for squads of 11-15/\$150 for squads of 16-20

Open Gym, Pizza, and a Movie (parents Date night)

The 2nd Saturday of each month from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
\$20 for members & \$25 for non-members
Price includes 1 hour of open gym, ½ hour pizza party (2 slices & a drink) and a family movie! November 14th - Madagascar 2!

Remember

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL OPEN GYMS
SO CALL AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

November Birthdays

Kolten Blough
Landon Farr
Cassidy Hlucan
Katie Matasy
Avery Scott
Cierra Vassalo
Mr. Ron Ferris

Anna Bodo
Abby Finnerty
Kaley Johnson
Julie Otrowski
Kiara Sfikas
Connor Waldorf

Nicole Dillion
Danielle Grim
Matthew Keeley
Daniella Pagano
Cailor Sundstrom
Amanda Yocum



Waiting Room

All athletes' shoes and apparel should be placed in the changing rooms or on top of a chair in the waiting area during classes.

Ta'Liyah Lutten is thankful for food because she knows that some people aren't fortunate enough to have it!



Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our November Athlete of the Month is Morgan Leonard. Morgan, who will be 12 this January, is the daughter of Clark and Andrea Leonard. Morgan currently resides in Canfield where she is in 6th grade at Canfield Village Middle School. Morgan is one of 4 siblings. She has an older brother Austin and younger brother and sister, Colin and Megan. Morgan also has 2 dogs, Max, who is a Yorkshire Terrier and Coby, who is a Shih Tzu.

Morgan has been involved with OGI since 2005 and is currently in our Girls Intermediate class where her instructor is Miss Alex. Morgan's favorite event is the Floor Exercise where she enjoys working Round-Off -Back Handspring- Back Tuck. When asked what skill she is hoping to learn, Morgan's reply was "all of them"! One particular skill that she looks forward to learning is a Schuschunova on the Floor Exercise!

When Morgan is not in the gym, she enjoys playing football with her brothers and playing volleyball. Morgan also really enjoys taking pictures and hanging out with friends! She also loves chatting on the computer!

When Morgan grows up she plans on attending the University of Chicago. Upon graduating, Morgan would like to become a photographer! She really enjoys taking portraits of friends and family.

One thing that most people don't know about Morgan is that she considers herself a "Tom-Boy" and really enjoys boy's sports!

Congratulations Morgan Leonard
OGI's November Athlete of the Month!

Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our November Staff Spotlight is Christina Danko.

Christina, who is a former Team OGI Competitive Member, re-joined our staff in August of 2008.

As a gymnast, Christina's favorite event was the Vault, where she earned a career high of a 9.85! She also enjoyed spending time on the Floor Exercise perfecting her tumbling. Christina is also a former competitive cheerleader for Ursuline High School and Youngstown State University. Christina has earned countless achievements, including the 2006 "Tumble Off" Champion! This past June, Christina gave gymnastics another shot when she competed in the Ladies Division of the AAU Age Group National Championships in Savannah, Georgia. To no ones surprise, she brought home a gold medal on the Vault and a bronze medal in All-Around! She had such a great time that she is planning on competing in the second annual AAU Winter Nationals, which is hosted by The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. and will be held in Columbus, Ohio this upcoming February.

Upon graduating from Ursuline High School in 2006, Christina attended Youngstown State for 2 years. Christina is currently working towards her degree in Early Childhood Education, with a focus in special needs at Kaplan University. One day she hopes to work with autistic children.

When Christina is not coaching, she enjoys going to the movies and spending time with family, especially her 2 younger brothers; Stephen, who is currently on the Team OGI Boys Rookie Team and Matthew, who just started Kindergarten. One of Miss Christina's best and most exciting accomplishments is her son Jaylin Brian! Jaylin just celebrated his 1st birthday this past May, and Miss Christina hopes he will be a Toddling Turtle in our Jungle Gym program very soon!

Congratulations Miss Christina!
Good Luck at the AAU Winter Nationals!



Accomplishments

Alexis Charles learned her Tsukahara Vault into the pit!

Riley Cuckovich was the champion of the Walk-Trot Horse Show! This was Riley's 4th show and she earned a ribbon, medal, trophy and garland for her outstanding performance!

Alex Hames earned a first place at the Canfield Fair for the leotard that she designed and sewed herself!

Kristopher King had 7 days Green at Lynn Kirk Elementary School!

Alexis Paolone earned 3rd place in her cheerleading competition!

Paityn Philibin is the proud big sister to a new baby brother! Christian Philibin was born on October 5th! Congratulations Philibin Family!



Making OGI a Safer Place!

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. A recent step that we have taken was in adding an AED or Automated External Defibrillator to our facility. An AED is a computerized medical device, which is used to assess the hearts rhythm and determine if the rhythm requires a shock. AED training courses are often completed along with CPR training courses. Several of our staff members are already trained to use the AED and we will be taking steps over the next few weeks to see that all of the Team OGI staff is prepared in a case of emergency!

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 and we will either have a message on the answering machine (330-652-4386) 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-registry.

Emily Wyant is thankful for her family and friends...especially her BFF Tori!



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.



Lindsay Dearmitt is thankful for gymnastics and trampolines!

Mary Fedoruk is thankful for racecars!

Giavonna Dilts is thankful for her sister Anastasia!

Students Say...

I like flipping into the big pit and jumping onto boxes!

- Caden W. ~ Bouncing Bear, Age 3

I like gymnastics because I LOVE doing Front Tucks!

- Calvin W. ~ Boys Novice Team, Age 9

I like OGI because I love working cheers with my favorite teacher Miss. Christina!

- Malika C. ~ Red Squad Cheerleading, Age 11

Spooktacular Fun

🍁 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...