



Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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We Are Open

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.
Will be open on Monday January 18th for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

Calendar

January '10

- 2 Classes Resume
- 9 NEOBGL Meet @ Gym World in 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, OH

February '10

- 13-15 Blaine Wilson Ohio Classic @ Columbus, OH
- 13-15 AAU Winter Nationals @ Columbus, OH
- 27-28 USAG Spring Fling Inv. @ Hocking Valley in Lancaster, OH

March '10

- 6 NEOBGL Meet @ HOME
- 7 NEOGL Meet @ North Olmstead
- 14 LEAAU District Championships @GO in Uniontown, OH
- 19-21 USAG Level 8, 9 & 10 State Championships in Niles, OH
- 20-21 USAG Boys State Championships @ Lancaster HS
- 26-28 USAG Level 6, 7 & IO State Championships
- 28 NEOGL Meet @ Home

Sign Up a Sibling

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is offering half off of first month's class fees for siblings of currently enrolled students at OGI. What a great way to get your child out of the house and into a sport that's fun, safe, and presented in a healthy environment!

Offer valid when your register on or before January 15, 2010.

National Gymnastics Skills Test Program Trophy & Certificate

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

*Alaina Courtwright
Madeline Goussios
Elyssa Molody*

January Birthdays

Jada Clark	Brilynn Crisp	Micah Crogan
Garrett Crum	Courtney Culver	Andrew Cvetkovich
Kylie DeVito	Steve Dorbish	Drew Feren
Mackenzie Godwin	Sarah Grohovsky	Shannon Gross
Madison Hayes	Megan Leonard	Morgan Leonard
Katelyn Lesko	Rachel Malizia	Madison Murphy
Emma Payton	Paityn Philipin	Cierra Rasile
Macy Ross	Megan Ross	Brooke Schantz
Morgan Spell	Kassidy Weimer	Joseph Williams



Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our January Athlete of the Month is Reagan Houck. Reagan, who will be 12 this March, is the daughter of Chad and Melissa Houck. Reagan currently resides in McDonald and is a 6th grader at Jackson Milton Middle School. Reagan is an only child. She enjoys spending time with her dog Frosty.

Reagan has been involved with OGI since 2008, and is currently in our Red Squad Cheerleading class where her instructor is Miss Christina. Reagan's favorite event is the Trampoline where she enjoys working Back-Handsprings. When asked what skill she is hoping to learn, Reagan's reply was a Round-Off Back Handspring Back Handspring.

When Reagan is not in the gym, she enjoys texting her friends and cheerleading. Reagan also really enjoys taking pictures and hanging out with friends! She also loves chatting on the computer!

When Reagan grows up she plans on attending college and hopes to one day be a Veterinarian.

One thing that most people don't know about Reagan is that she considers herself to be very shy and that she is a cheerleader at Jackson Milton!

Congratulations Reagan
OGI's January Athlete of the Month!

Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our January Staff Spotlight is J.J. Flowers. J.J. has been a part of Team OGI since 1986, and was a competitive team member for 11 seasons. J.J. has also been a part of our teaching staff for 14 years.

J.J., who is a Fitch High School graduate, currently resides in Austintown. Upon graduating from Fitch, J.J. attended Youngstown State University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition with a minor in Psychology. J.J. is currently a Registered Dietician at Andover Village Retirement Community. J.J. was also featured on the TLC program the "750 Pound Man".

J.J. recently returned to Youngstown State and earned her Master's Degree in School Counseling.

J.J. is fluent in French, and loves Starbucks, skiing, shopping, the Stock Market, working out, going to concerts, and visiting new places. J.J. also enjoys playing with her 2 cats. One of J.J.'s most prized possessions is her Mini Cooper, which she affectionately refers to as Limey!

When asked about her accomplishments, her response was that she is boring and doesn't have any...but anyone who knows J.J. would beg to differ!

In the future, J.J. hopes to work as a School Counselor at a High School. J.J. also hopes to travel to France this upcoming summer to visit family. One thing that you might not know about J.J. is that she can touch her nose with her tongue...we think that's a big accomplishment in itself!

Félicitations J.J.!

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



Accomplishments

Alexis Charles & Kasey Solic are featured in the Woodward Gymnastics Camp brochure!!!

Morgan Priddy's Cheer Squad for Newton Falls Little Tigers took home 1st place at the Chalker Cheer Off!

Kasey Solic earned the Courage Award at the 2009 Cartwheels & Pinwheels USAG competition held in Franklin, Ohio!

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. 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 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.

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.

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!

Students Say...

I like OGI because all of the coaches are really nice. I like gymnastics because it's really fun and I get to learn a lot of new skills!

-Emily W. ~ Girls Team IO, Age 14

I like gymnastics because it's fun and it gives me energy!

-Kylie G. ~ Girls Novice, Age 6

I like OGI because it is a great facility and a positive environment! I like gymnastics because it is fun and you get to learn so many things unlike a lot of other sports!

-Tori W. ~ Girls Team IO, Age 13

Can You Color Fred on his sled?

