



Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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Luck of the Irish



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Spring Break

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

Will Be Closed

Friday April 22nd, 2011 – Thursday April 28th, 2011

Classes Will Resume on Friday April 29th, 2011.

We are aware that many schools have adjusted their spring break; our break will still remain as stated above.

Calendar

March '11

- 5-6 Tyson American Cup @ Jacksonville, FL
- 12-13 USAG Girls Milky Way Invitational at Emeth @ Middlefield, OH
- 20 NEOGL Meet at Johnson's @ Valley View, OH
- 26-27 USAG Boys State Championships @ J. Alder High School in Plain City, OH
- 26-28 USAG levels 6, 7, & IO State Championships

April '11

- 8-10 USAG Girls Level 7 & 8 State Championships @ Bowling Green University
- 15 - 17 USAG Boys Region 5 Championships in Columbus, OH
- 15 - 17 NCAA Men's National Championships in Columbus, OH
- 15 - 17 NCAA Women's National Championships in Cleveland, OH
- 22 - 28 GYM CLOSED – Spring Break

May '11

- 7-8 NEOGL Level 4, 6, & PO Championships @ Home
- 14-15 NEOGL Level 3 & 5 Championships @ North Ridgeville, OH
- 21-22 AAU District Championships Boys & Girls @ Home
- 30 Memorial Day- OGI Closed
- 31 Competitive Team May Move up Date

Open Gym Pizza & Movie

Saturday March 12th, 2011

"Megamind"

What a great way to get your child out of the rain and into some healthy and fun activity! It's also a great opportunity for a parents date night!

This movie is rated PG.

AAU Winter National Champions



Alexis Charles *Kylie DeVito*

Madison Skelly

Mackenzie Solic *Connor Waldorf*

Tori Wolfe *Donnie Yeager*

March Birthdays

Lauren Akuszewski
Morgan Braund
Hannah Carson
Paige Christoff
Rylie Galterio
Sienna Harris
Samantha Jones
Mia Marciano
Kaylee Novicky
Ashton Ramsdale
David Smith
Gemma White

Ariella Anzevino
Sydney Bressler
Alexis Charles
Camie Dill
Natalie Gardner
Jenna Hartman
Olivia Kabetso
Madison Marino
Madison Orbovich
Emma Repula
Halle Smith
Brendon Witt

Gavin Batdorff
Cooper Brinsko
Megan Christoff
Isabelle Ericson
Ella Hare
Reese Hollendoner
Marina Koenig
Isabella Martinez
Abbie Orr
Lindsay Romanski
Ellie Stephens
Staff:

Olivia Bindas
Grace Bushling
Noah Christoff
Morgan Galterio
Kristen Harker
Reagan Houck
Maria Kalias
Reagan Muesborn
Ava Pacella
Cooper Selley
Lindsey Swauger
Leah Larkin



Connie Jones
Mariah Lerakis
Jaida Napier
Christopher Plott
Alyssa Smith
Isabella Velasco



Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our March Athlete of the Month is Atianna Caggiano. Atianna, who just turned 11 in October, is the daughter of Sil and Robin Caggiano. Atianna currently resides in Mineral Ridge where she attends 5th grade at Mineral Ridge Middle School. Atianna has an older sister Chelsea and an older brother Vince. She also has a rabbit named Fuzzy and 4 fish; Dorothy, Nicole, Nemo, and Fishy.

Atianna is currently enrolled on our Girls Novice Team, where she trains three days a week! Atianna began at OGI in 2003 in our Bouncing Bears class.

According to Atianna's coaches, she is like a breath of fresh air in the gym! She not only is a great teammate, but her positive attitude and sunshine –like personality brings a smile to everyone's face. Atianna has earned two Level 5 first place all-around finishes this season. She earned a silver medal on the Floor Exercise at the 2011 AAU Winter National Championships. Atianna also posted a career high as well as a season high for Team OGI with her Floor Exercise score of a 9.60 at The Chalk Box league meet in Ashtabula, Ohio. Atianna's favorite event is the Floor, where she enjoys working on her Round-Off Back Handspring Back Tuck. Atianna hopes to move to Level 6 this summer and learn a full twisting Back Layout on the Floor.

When Atianna is not training, she enjoys singing, acting, soccer, and cheerleading. She also really likes playing Just Dance 2 on her Wii and eating spaghetti.

When Atianna grows up she would like to attend The Ohio State University, where she hopes to major in Education, so that she can become a 5th grade Language Arts teacher.

One thing that most people don't know about Atianna is...nothing! She tells everyone everything they could ever want to know about her!

Congratulations & Good Luck This Season Atianna!
OGI's March Athlete of the Month!

Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our March Staff Spotlight is Donald Yeager.

Although Donnie is new to our staff, he is no stranger to Team OGI. Donnie began his gymnastics career at OGI back when he was just 7 years old.

Donnie, who is a Fitch High School senior, is counting down the days until graduation! Donnie currently resides in Austintown with his family; he is one of 7 children! Upon graduation, Donnie hopes to earn a scholarship for gymnastics so that he can compete in a sport that he loves while working on earning a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry.

In addition to coaching and training, Donnie is also a certified men's gymnastics judge. He often travels to competitions throughout Ohio judging compulsory men's routines.

When Donnie isn't in the gym, he enjoys working on old cars with his dad.

Donnie has had several accomplishments throughout his gymnastics career, some of his most recent accomplishments include first place all around at the Cartwheel and Pinwheels meet this past December, as well as first place all around at the 2011 AAU Winter Nationals. Donnie also placed 1st on High Bar at the Black Jack Invitational in Las Vegas, Nevada, which is the largest boys meet in the U.S. Just ask any Team OGI coach and they will tell you that Donnie is one of the hardest working athletes to walk through the doors at OGI and he is a great role model to fellow young and aspiring gymnasts.

In the future, Donnie hopes to become a Chemical Engineer!

One thing that you might not know about Donnie is that he can do a one handed handstand while playing his trumpet!

Congratulations Donnie!
Welcome to the Team OGI Staff and
Good Luck in your senior year!





Accomplishments

Lauren Amodio earned the first nine of her gymnastics career, posting a 9.35 on the Vault at the AAU Winter National Championships, which earned her the silver medal!

Kaylee Scarnati set a new record for the Frozen Firemen's 5 K run. Kaylee participated in the 1 mile run with her time of 5 minutes and 26 seconds!



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 have a great selection of long and short sleeve leotards, as well as a variety of gymnastics, parkour and cheerleading apparel!! Be sure to take a look at our new Team OGI shirts with our new logo!



ARE YOU READY FOR CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS?

It's that time again! Cheerleading tryouts are just around the corner and OGI wants to help get you ready. Most schools will be holding their cheerleading tryouts in March and April, so if you want to give your cheerleader an advantage over the competition, now is the time to start. The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. has a variety of classes to prepare you for 2011 tryouts!

- ♣ Just BackHandsprings Class ♣ Trampoline & Tumbling Class
- ♣ Private Lessons ♣ Cheerleading Open Gym
- ♣ Red, White, Blue Squad Cheer Classes

Stop by the front office today to find how you can give your child an edge over the competition!

Congratulations Level 4 Girls Team

3rd Place Team Trophy AAU Winter Nationals

Lauren Amodio
Alaina Bowers
Kylie DeVito
Deandra Maggs
Madelyn Merlo
Alexis Paolone
Paityn Philibin
Sydney Russell
Mackenzie Solic
Alisa Telega
Kalienna VanSuch



Weather Reminder

Remember that whenever The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. closes it's facility for a Snow Day all students who were to attend class that day receive an Open Gym make-up. All you need to do is contact the office and let them know which day you would like to attend open gym. All Open Gym times require pre registration.

National Gymnastics Skills Test Program

Certificate & Trophy Recipients

Rebeca Castillo
Madison Schaefer





Students Say...



I like gymnastics because I get to compete and have fun with my friends!

-Sydney R. ~ Girls Team Novice, Age 8

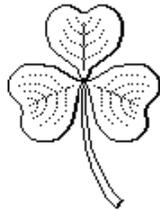
I like gymnastics because I like to jump a lot on the Trampoline and Balance Beam!

-Lindsay V. ~ Bouncing Bears, Age 3

I like OGI because there are lots of activities and things to do. I like gymnastics because it is really fun!

- Landon F. ~ Boys Beginner, Age 8

St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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IRELAND
 IRISH
 GOLD
 POT
 RAINBOW
 GREEN
 CLOVER
 LUCK

SHAMROCK
 JIG
 PATRICK
 SAINT
 SNAKES
 LEPRECHAUN
 SHILLELAGH