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Newsletter – Fall 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the beautiful and mild summer. As school of all grade levels resumes, I want to remind everyone of our ten tenets – Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self Control, Indomitable Spirit, Humility, Honesty, Courage, Loyalty and Consistency. All of these are crucial in the development of a martial artist and as a good person. I want to point out one in particular during the return to school and seeing old and possibly new classmates. Humility -- Younger students may not understand the importance of this, or even where simple talk can become bragging. No student should be going to school bragging about what rank they hold, or what technique they've learned and how confident they are in defending themselves. This bragging can sometimes “egg on” people that want to look for a fight. There is a big difference between being proud of your achievements and being a loudmouth!

Before it becomes a problem, I want to address a rash of tardiness over the past 1-2 months. I have been understanding of students that walk in one or two minutes late. However, recently it is getting out of hand. I have had students simply open the door and join class 5, 10 or 15 minutes late. This is NOT acceptable and is a distraction to students that arrived on time and are already stretching or training. If you read your handbook, it specifically states what is expected of you in attending class on time. Starting NOW, I will be assigning push-ups to students that arrive late. I'll base it on how late they are and how many times they have been tardy. If it becomes a habit, the student will sit for the entire class! Also stated in the book, if you know you will be late in advance, or even if you are stopped by the train, etc. CALL AHEAD!

Starting in September, some of the tots that have been in that program are reaching their time to join the kids class. I expect that current members of the kids classes will treat them with respect and assist them in their transition. It will feel a little odd for them, as their tots classes are shorter and do not cover as much in the way of self defense, etc. So, please be friendly and assist them if they need help with the simple things!

Parents, I've had reports that you're not receiving your invoices on time. I've also been receiving some of your checks weeks or even more than a month after they've been mailed! I have gone in to the post office and spoken directly with them in an effort to correct this. I've also recently discovered that the mail carrier has been putting my incoming mail in the wrong drop box. Last week alone, I discovered four tuition payments in the wrong box. Please bear with me in the difficulty with the Post Office. If you add the line “SUITE 27” to your mailings, it may help. If you are interested in receiving your invoices by email, I may be able to set up that too. Please let me know.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Monday Sept. 4th - Labor Day Weekend

Friday, Sept 22nd – Promotion Test

Monday, Oct 9th – Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct 31st – Halloween

Thursday, Nov 23rd – Thanksgiving

Friday, Dec 1st – Jinglepalooza

Monday, Dec 25th – Christmas Day

Monday, Jan 1st – New Years Day

Thank you,
Master Kimberly Cote