



# MIDTOWN MARTIAL ARTS

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Dear Students and Parents,

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I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and is ready for return to another school year!

First, I want to congratulate John Sloan who recently tested for his 1<sup>st</sup> degree blackbelt. John, you did great and definitely earned that belt! There will also be three younger students testing for their blackbelts soon. I'm sure you three will do very well at your test too, and I'll send out another congratulations letter after you complete your test and first put on that new belt!

Also, I'd like to congratulate a few of our adult students on their recent marriages. Congratulations to Karl and Meghan Stough and also Kate Shovan! Much love to all of you from your Midtown family.

Our bathroom floor replacement project I planned for the spring was put on hold for a while due to schedule conflicts from the few people we needed to assist. But, I plan to have it performed over the next couple months and it will definitely be completed before the Jinglepalooza celebration. All of the items are purchased and just waiting to be installed. I may have to close the upstairs bathrooms for a day or two while the work is done, but the downstairs bathrooms are always available and I'll send out a notice before we start any work.

Recently, a few parents have inquired about arrival times at the school for training. As a general rule, I will open the door to the Dojang (training room) 20 mins before class start time. If you arrive prior to that 20 mins, you may be waiting in the hallway until the door is unlocked. Your best arrival time is 5-10 minutes before class start, or a little earlier if you need to change, use the restroom, etc.

If you want to arrive that full 20 mins early to stretch or practice, that's absolutely fine – but I expect students who show up that early to actually practice and not sit and gossip/chat. This rule is in the handbook and I also state it verbally from time to time. Also, if you would like help practicing a pattern or technique, if a blackbelt or deputy red/black belt may be available, all you need to do is ask and I'm sure they'll be willing to help.

If you know you may be late, please call or text the Midtown line and just let me know - 630-365-2344. That line is a cell phone, so I can get texts if you need to reach me but it's not critically urgent.

Lastly, a reminder about testing dates and fees – Under belt promotion tests are about 10-12 weeks apart and if several students cannot make the date, I will almost always have a makeup test about 2 weeks later. The test date, I try to keep updated on the website main page. But if you ever have a question about the test date/time or the testing fees, please ask. I will be happy to respond to your text, call, email, etc. You should be notified in class and handed a test sheet if you qualify, so please keep that grade sheet you're given as a reminder of the test and then return it to me on your test day. Think of it as your "Golden Ticket"!

### **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

**Saturday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day Weekend**

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween**

**Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Christmas**

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve**

### **NEXT UPCOMING UNDER BELT TEST**

**October – Date TBD**

Thank you,  
Master Kimberly Cote