



# MIDTOWN MARTIAL ARTS

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Dear Students and Parents,

January 26, 2023

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year.

You helped Midtown kick off the season with another great gift to the community center. Both of the upstairs bathrooms got a nice facelift to make it more attractive and accessible to all students and parents. The old iron radiators have been removed and a fresh coat of paint and new floor tiles have made a big difference. We couldn't have done it without the help of some great volunteers!

Jessub Hardy, Erik Jensen and John Sloan; thank you for bringing your tools and efforts that day!

Also, thank you to Logan Thome for assisting and putting in extra time to lay down the floor and paint.

All of your efforts are so greatly appreciated!

This was the first year since 2019 that we could hold a "traditional" black belt demonstration for Jinglepalooza. I tried a bit of a hybrid style this year mixing elements of the open-house format and a traditional demonstration. I was so pleased to get attendees involved in trying out the kicks and punches that the blackbelts were demonstrating! I want to thank Nancy Long, Lindsey Lamb and again Jessub and Logan for providing some great entertainment at the demo. All of you performed so well and jumped right back into the swing of things like we never missed one.

In recent years, Midtown has started hosting an ornament decorating booth in the gym where Santa always visits. Two years in a row, we have almost run out of ornaments. This year we went through 160 of them! A big thank you to Erik Jensen for assisting with the ornament booth and covering for Cameron down there when he returned upstairs for some demonstrations.

The ornament booth raised \$300 for the community center to use for bills, washroom materials, and even the ice rink that we can all enjoy. (I'm hopeful it'll get colder again!) All of your support for us and the center means so much.

Lastly, February 2023 marks **30 YEARS** that Midtown Martial Arts has been open in Elburn. This would not be possible without the passion and support of you all. Master Cameron was the 21<sup>st</sup> student to sign up at Midtown when it opened. (Thanks to Mama Cote for seeing that ad in the paper!) I joined the school in 1995 and have been practicing almost continually since. We have spent the majority of our lives at Midtown as both students and instructors. It's become our second home, and you have become our second family and we couldn't be more grateful for the family we have.

***Thank you to everyone that's been with us for so long. Welcome to all the new faces.  
We look forward to continuing this experience with you.***

## **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> & Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

## **NEXT UPCOMING UNDER BELT TEST**

**April 2023 – details will be advised as it approaches.**

Thank you,  
Master Kimberly Cote