



## MIDTOWN MARTIAL ARTS

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Dear Students and Parents,

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I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who reached out and offered to help after the lightening strike at the community center. For those who do not know, one of the big trees in front of the building was struck by lightning and that is why a lot of the windows are boarded up. Thankfully, Midtown lost only two small windows in the dojang and will be repaired soon. I always say Midtown is one big family, it is times like this when it truly shows. Thank you again for your offers of assistance.

Anyone that's recently been in the dojang (training area) has probably noticed the new curtains on the upper windows. These were long overdue, and the lightning strike and window damage was the perfect opportunity to replace them. I hope you enjoy the brighter, warmer feel as much as I do. They seem to make the dojang look bigger and more inviting.

Congratulations to Joe Masinick and Declan Woodhouse on earning their 1<sup>st</sup> degree Blackbelts! Their hard work and dedication paid off and they did an amazing job! Welcome to a new world of learning in the blackbelt classes! I would also like to congratulate Jack Scholtes on his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree black belt; Erik Jensen, John Sloan, Jenna Reavy, Lindsey Lamb and Luke Santeler on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree test. All of you have done an amazing job stepping into a leadership role and being great role models for the under belts. KEEP IT UP!!!!

Due to small attendance, I'm sorry to announce the cancelation of the Arnis class on Saturdays. The family class at 11am is NOT CHANGING - only the 45-minute Arnis class after the family class is being canceled. If there is more interest, I can bring it back again. To compensate for this, I will be doing more Arnis during the adult classes and the blackbelt class, so you still get some training in that aspect of the martial arts. Thank you for understanding.

*Master Kimberly Cote*

*Owner, Midtown Martial Arts*

### **School Closure dates:**

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> & Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Weekend**

**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day**

**Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> & Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Labor Day Weekend**