

Blue Mountain Martial Arts

Newsletter

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NEWS

- **INCENTIVE PROGRAM!** The incentive program is still in effect and will be available year-round! We feel that it is the least that we can do; we want to thank you for helping to bring new students to the school! Please take some of our blue passes and write your last name, initials, etc on the back. For each person that you refer that takes a \$20.00 Trial Month, you will receive \$5.00 off of your next month's tuition! For each person that signs a 12-month contract, you will receive \$20.00 off of your next month's tuition! Please let us know if you would like some blue passes to hand out to your friends and neighbors!
- **PROGRESS REPORTS!** We are still issuing progress reports in an effort to improve communication with parents. You will receive them every two to three weeks as weekly was a little too often (approximately every 3 classes, depending on your attendance). Please take the opportunity to review the reports when you receive them as they will indicate where your child is doing great in addition to those areas that Master Chris feels need improvement. If you have any questions regarding the reports please do not hesitate to ask Master Chris!
- **DRESS CODE! PLEASE REMEMBER THE DRESS CODE!!!!** When wearing a t-shirt under your school jacket please understand that is just as much a part of your uniform as your jacket or pants. For this reason all students must wear either a school t-shirt or a plain white t-shirt under their jacket. *No other t-shirts will be permitted (even if it is a solid color!).*
The Summer Dress Code will be in effect until the first Saturday in October (October 3rd); students have the option to wear either a school t-shirt in class or to wear their uniform jacket with the appropriate t-shirt underneath their jacket (*a plain white t-shirt without a jacket is not acceptable!*).
As of the first Monday in October (October 5th) we will return to the Winter Dress Code. At that time all students will be required to wear their jackets while in class.
If you are interested in purchasing a school t-shirt we do have them available in several colors. Please see Master Chris or Becky for more information.
- **FUNDRAISER!!** We still have Scratcher cards available if anyone would like to participate. Not only can the money that you raise can be used toward testing, boards, tournaments, or the annual trip to Mountain Training in Italy, but you also help local business at the same time! Please see Becky for more information!!!
- **CLASS SCHEDULE!** Thank you to everyone for bearing with us as we have adjusted the class schedule. Our goal is to be able to focus on the needs of each level; and to give all students the attention they deserve! Copies of the schedule are available on the bulletin board for those that wish to post one at home. Please let us know if you have any questions!
- **TUESDAY & THURSDAY CLASSES!** Please note that we have added a class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All belt levels are welcome to attend! We are optimistic that we will be able to add more classes to both days in the future!
- **UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURES!**
Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 12th: School will be closed for a private party
Friday, December 18th: *No Classes*; Holiday Party begins at 6:00pm
Friday, December 25th: Christmas Day

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- **KICKBOXING!!** Monday / Wednesday / Friday from 7:30PM - 8:15PM. \$55.00 for the General Public or \$45.00 for anyone affiliated with BMMA. We are considering the addition of daytime kickboxing classes...please let us know if you are interested!
- **TESTING!!!** The next opportunity to test will be on Saturday, November 7th. *COMPLETED TESTING FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, October 30th!* Testing fee is \$45.00; please make checks payable to WMAC (World Martial Arts Center). Students that are testing are required to arrive no later than 8:30am so that they can warm up prior to Grandmaster Lee's arrival at the school. Testing is scheduled to begin at 9:00am. *JACKETS ARE REQUIRED; IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR JACKET YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TEST!* **DUE TO THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON, THE NEXT TESTING OPPORTUNITY WILL BE ON JANUARY 16, 2010!**
- **TOURNAMENT!** Grandmaster Lee's Annual Fall Tournament will be held at World Martial Arts Center (608 Blackwell Road, Warrenton, VA 20187) on Saturday, November 14th! Competition will begin promptly at 9:00am and will conclude around 1:00 pm. If you are competing please arrive no later than 8:30am. Cost for the tournament is \$50.00 for the first event and \$5.00 for each additional event (Forms, Sparring, Breaking). *STUDENTS ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND CHAMPION IF THEY COMPETE IN ALL THREE EVENTS!*
There is no fee for spectators. *Please try to arrive early as parking is limited!!*
This is the best chance to get tournament experience at a reasonable rate (most tournaments start at \$70.00 for the first event and \$10.00 for each additional event; the most recent tournament would have cost \$120.00 for three events if you signed up on the day of the tournament!).
Grandmaster Lee believes that all students should participate in at least six tournaments before they test for Black Belt. Having first-hand experience with tournament competition will benefit you when placed in a position to help others compete at a tournament.
Sign-up forms are available on the bulletin board!
- **BMMA HOLIDAY PARTY!!** We will have our annual Holiday Party on Friday, December 18th. We will be having a pot-luck meal; please let us know what dish you plan to bring by listing it on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board.
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT!!** We know that there are families in our area that are experiencing some difficult financial situations. We at BMMA want to be more socially conscious and help make a difference in our community. Our hope is that the lesson of helping others will stay with our students long after they have discontinued their training in martial arts.
We have contacted CCAP to see if we can adopt a local family for Christmas. Please watch for upcoming announcements as we would like to have a group outing to shop for our adopted family. BMMA will be donating \$5.00 per every student on a contract; if you are able and would like to contribute to our effort, please see Master Chris or Becky. Please help us make a difference to people in our community!