



One Tree Martial Arts

OTMA

Update!

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Welcome to 2009! OTMA's 10th Year!

Hard to believe isn't it? No, not that it's already 2009. It's hard to believe that One Tree Martial Arts has been around for ten years already! From starting out in Master B's basement to training in the back of a print shop to where we are today, OTMA has come a long way.

Plan on some special things happening as this anniversary year progresses. Like a new anniversary OTMA clothing line to come out this summer along with some special classes and promotions that will be offered. This is also the year to get your family and friends to sign up for training at our school too.

Student Survey

As OTMA continues grow and change, your input, as a student, is important. Attached to this newsletter is a Student Survey. Please take the time to carefully and honestly fill this survey out and return it to Master B as soon as possible. It will help plot the course of OTMA in the next ten years.

Idea Box

Also, in the interest of your input, there is now a suggestion box on the front desk. This box is for those of you who are free thinkers. People whose light bulb of the mind is always burning. Please pass on your ideas for making OTMA a better school. From classes and events to the schedule or advertising, we want your ideas. Jot those brainstorm down along with your name in case we have questions for you and place it in the box. We may not be able to implement every idea, but your input will help OTMA continue to be Eau Claire's premier martial arts school.

For those of you who are recently new to our school, we welcome you. To those who have been here from the start, thank you for your dedication. And to everyone involved at One Tree Martial Arts, thank you for making OTMA more than just another martial arts school.

OTMA Calendar

Upcoming Promotions

January Test - January 29th
February Test - February 26th
March Test - April 2nd
April Test - April 30th

Red Cross CPR/First Aid Class

Tentative - Friday evening, March 27th

Front Desk Scanner Ready

It's finally up and running! The long anticipated front desk computer is no longer merely a decoration sitting on the front desk, it is now ready for use.

Now when you come in for class you simply pass the barcode section of your membership card under the scanner. When you hear a beep, a screen will appear on the monitor with your name, current rank, how many classes you have attended since your last promotion and the number of classes you have until your next test (providing you meet all other stripe and character requirements). The screen will also tell you if you are late with your monthly dues so be sure to keep current with those. There may also be other special messages for you so be sure to always be sure to read your sign in screen.

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"If you are patient in a moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow."

—Chinese Proverb

If you don't already have your ID card, you will need to have your picture taken and a card made. The cost was included in your sign up fee so your card is free the first time. If you lose your card or want another one made, the cost is \$5.00.

As with any new software program, there may be some glitches we will need to work out as we begin use of this system. Please be patient as this new technology is implemented. And as always, feel free to give your suggestions.

Your Character and Your Testing

The martial arts are a serious pursuit. This is not only in class, but at all other times as well. The character that must be developed as a martial artist should be demonstrated at all times. Unfortunately, some students have not been demonstrating this before and between classes at the school. Master B. and the Black Belts will be taking character between classes into consideration for promotion testing.

Some of the things they will be looking at are as follows: (1.) Students must be quiet and respectful of other classes. (2.) Students must help take care of the school facility and it's furnishings as well as keep it clean. (3.) Students must use times before and between classes profitably. These and other signs of character will be important to students who wish to progress through the ranks at One Tree Martial Arts.

OTMA could use your help.

We have some door hangers that will need to be distributed in neighborhoods around town. If you can hang these on the doors of your neighborhood or several we would appreciate it. Please see either Danika, Patrick or Master B if you can help.

Also, we will be having a ceiling and ceiling tile paint day on **Saturday, February 7th starting at 1:00** in the afternoon. If you haven't noticed, the tiles were never completely finished. We want to change that. If you can help please see either Danika, Patrick or Master B.

Thank you everyone for your help in making OTMA the best martial arts school in the area.

A Few Good Businesses

OTMA will be installing an advertising board that will be specifically reserved for a limited number of business partners. Our goal is to advertise a few supportive businesses in order to establish a special fund for school supplies and continued renovations.

If you know of any businesses that may be interested in advertising on this board, please talk to Master B about the details.

New Pro Shop

Before OTMA moved to it's current location, we had a well stocked Pro Shop offering many items related to martial arts and fitness. For the last couple years, students have still been able to make special orders from the Century and AWMA catalogs, but many missed the convenience of being able to see and touch first hand the merchandise they wanted to purchase.

Well, if you're alert, you have probably noticed there is a slight change to the entry area at the school. OTMA now has a small Pro Shop area once again. With items ranging from uniforms to weapons, you can purchase many items important to your training at OTMA without a wait. OTMA will also be running periodic specials so check out the "Special Offers" section on the first floor bulletin board.

Students can obviously still special order anything from either the Century or AWMA catalogs, and like always they will pay no shipping, but having a selection of martial arts merchandise will be a convenient addition to the school.

The goal is to expand the Pro Shop to an even larger store sometime in the future. But for now, support your school and purchase or order all your martial arts and fitness gear from One Tree Martial Arts.

In honor of OTMA's 10th year take

10% OFF

any one item from OTMA's pro shop or a special order from AWMA or Century.

Offer good through February 28, 2009. One Coupon per student.