



One Tree Martial Arts

# OTMA

## Update!

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## 2009 Breaking Bricks for Bucks

We're moving full swing into this year's Breaking Bricks for Bucks. This year, the event is going to be Saturday, June 20th at Mega Pick 'N Save East.

The packets are already made up and ready for you to begin selling bricks. This year, if someone buys a brick, not only are they entered into a drawing for the grand prizes, as well as restaurant gift certificates, they automatically get a coupon for half off a Papa John's pizza. You will have the coupons right with you to hand out. If you are ready to start, ask for your instructor for a packet. By the way, Papa John's is also throwing a pizza party for everyone who helps out at the event.

Last year the black belts were very impressed with everyone who went out to sell bricks and the quantity they sold. This year our goal is to break 3,000 bricks. That alone would raise \$15,000.00 for the Special Olympics. We can do it with your help.

We also need to you to help out again by talking to area restaurants. We need as many \$25 gift certificates as we can get in order to keep the give aways going all day long. Last year we gave away two to three gift certificates every fifteen minutes, all day long! We want to be able to do that again this year. If you want to help in this way, please see your instructor. They have a list of restaurants to contact.

We will also be putting together the list of positions that we will need help with at the event. Areas such as the Ninja Dunk, Brick Carriers, Face Painters, Brat Tent and many others. If you are able to help, please watch for this list so that you can sign up for the area you want to help out in.

This year's event is going to be huge. We are going to need all the help we can get. Please mark your calendars now so that you can be a part of this awesome day.

## OTMA Calendar

### Upcoming Promotions

April Test - April 30th  
May Test - May 28th  
June Test - June 25th  
July Test - July 30th

Remember the new qualifying tests every third week of the month.

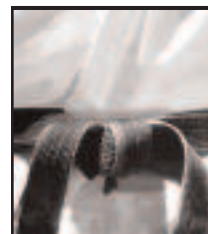
### Summer Schedule

The summer schedule will begin again on Monday, May 4th. Schedule Cards are available on the front counter. Be sure to pick one up and post it in a convenient place.

## OTMA's New Car



In the next couple weeks, look for the unveiling of the brand new One Tree Martial Arts Dodge Charger. This car is going to be a rolling billboard for our school as we put our name on it and use it to promote the school throughout the community at various events. The only thing we need now is a good name for the new car. Batman has the Batmobile and OTMA has \_\_\_\_? We want your ideas.



"Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first... the lesson afterward."

—Kung Fu Proverb

# 2009 OTMA Clothing Line

Over the next couple weeks, we will be starting to take pre-orders for the 2009 Anniversary OTMA clothing line.



There is an order form available on the front counter. The prices shown are listed for the pre-order only. There will also be a limited quantity of extra clothing ordered in, but it will be at a slightly higher price for those who did not pre-order. Any pre-orders should be turned in by May 10th. You will be able to choose from T-Shirts, Sweats, Hoodies, Sweatpants and more. There will not be another clothing order made until well into next year so you will definitely want to plan ahead and make your orders for Christmas and Birthdays now.

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## New Second Degree Black Belts

Danika, Michael, and Tim will be testing for their second degree black belts soon. They've all been working hard toward their second stripe for the past couple years so be sure to congratulate them when you notice they're wearing a new belt.

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## Payments

There is a new box on the counter for you to place your payments in. Some payments are being turned in too late into the month and this is causing confusion as to which month the payment is for. Because of this, there is now going to be a \$5 late fee for any payment turned later than one week into the month. Please be prompt with your monthly dues.

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## Outdoor Training Day

We're bringing it back! The 2009 Outdoor Training Day is in the works for sometime this summer. This is a fun-filled day full of martial arts inspired games and competitions. Food, pictures, and lots of fun are all going to be at this awesome day. Prizes will be awarded to the category winners. Sign up for this classic OTMA event. More info will be posted soon.

# New Promotion Test Format

Beginning at the May Promotion Test, there will be a new format for testing at OTMA. We will be going back to handing out promotions the night of the test. You will then receive your belt and certificate that night if you pass. If you do not pass, you will simply not be asked to come forward for your promotion and you will need to re-test. This new format gives family, friends and other spectators the opportunity to applaud and congratulate you on your accomplishment at the time of your successful promotion.

There is also a new qualifying test requirement implemented. This qualifying test is to help ensure that students who are testing are completely ready for their promotion test. The qualifying test will take place the third week of every month.

In order to participate in a qualifying test, students must already have all their belt tips already attained. If a student passes this test, he or she will at that time receive their test request card. The promotion test can then be registered for that evening by handing in the filled out card along with the \$25.00 promotion fee. This test is now required in order to promote and there is no additional cost for this test.

Students who have met the required number of classes and months will continue to have their names posted on the board near the seating area on floor one. There is also an outline of the steps necessary to promote printed with this list.

We believe that this updated process will help ensure all students' success in their promotion as well as create a more formal and meaningful promotion ceremony for them as they successfully progress in their training and toward their goal of black belt.

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## E-Mail Updates

We are currently updating our email list so that we can contact you with important reminders and news via email. Please fill out the attached Email Update Card and place it in the box on the front counter tonight. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date. If your newsletter did not have an Email Update Card attached, please request one from your instructor.

## Other Updates

If you have recently moved or have changed a phone number etc., please also request a new contact information form so that we can keep your other records up to date as well.

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