



RISING SUN MARTIAL ARTS

OSU!

Fall is here, school has started, and we would like to welcome back those students who took a break over the summer. We also welcome the new students who have joined our Dojo family over the last couple of months.

Kyu rank testing has been scheduled for Thur., Sept. 25th and Sat., 27th. Testing will be done in two parts. Part 1 will be Thursday evening (9/25) at regular class time - 6:00pm for the Jr. Class and 7:00pm for the Sr. Class. Part 2 will be board breaking and promotion on Sat., (9/27) at the normal class time of 10:00am. Students testing in the Kobudo class will test on Saturday morning as well at 9:00am. If your not sure if your testing or not, check the bulletin board, or ask a senpai.

Each time we come to a testing cycle, there seems to be much anxiety and many questions as to why a student is not testing, or why they are testing for this rank and not another.

Firstly, all students are required to have a minimum of 28 classes in any given 4 month test cycle to be considered for testing. This is just a requirement to test - not a guarantee. If your not sure if you

have the required hours, see senpai Pete.

Students must know and be able to perform the required material for their test. No two students are the same, and no two students ability to perform various techniques will be the same either, we take this into consideration as well.

Students must show improvement on the material they have learned for previous testing. It does no good to learn new techniques if you don't improve on the old ones.

All students should remember that their attitude is a very important factor in the decision as to whether they are ready to test. Positive Mental Attitude, enthusiasm, willingness to help around the Dojo- these are things we look at every class as well.

One of the things that sets our Dojo apart from many others, is our testing policy. Paying your monthly dues and coming to class everyday is no guarantee of testing. Rank is earned thru hard work and commitment.



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Sometimes, even with hard work and commitment, a student is still not ready to test from one test cycle to another, especially in the higher ranks. Do not be discouraged...be patient, be determined. At Black belt level, testing is often only once every 1 or 2, sometimes 3 years.

Remember, it is not the destination which is most important, it is the journey. This is what defines us as karate-ka.

With testing, and promotion to a higher rank, some students will be required to have sparring gear and a canvas uniform for that rank - Green stripe and above are required to have sparring gear. Green belt and above are required to have sparring gear, and Blue belt and above are required to have a heavyweight canvas uniform.

It is not necessary to wait until you reach these ranks to purchase the required equipment.

Jr. Class students who are Orange stripe may purchase sparring gear, and participate in sparring during class. Sr. class students may purchase sparring gear at any time, and participate in sparring classes.

The cost for a complete 8 pc. set of sparring gear including gear bag is \$102 + tax. We strongly recommend all students purchase their sparring gear thru the Dojo. We usually have it stocked, so students can try on and get a good fit, and we purchase at a school discount, which is passed on to you.

Please remember to get your monthly fee's in on time.

All test fee's must be paid BEFORE 9/25. No payment will be accepted the day of the test. If the test fee has not been paid, the student will not be allowed to test.

Any student who is unable to attend either or both of the scheduled test days must make arrangements at least one week prior to the test date for rescheduling. With the exception of emergency or unavoidable circumstance, any student who misses either test day will fail their test.

We also have two new options for payment:

3 Month - pay for 3 months at a time, and receive a \$5 per month discount.

6 Month - Pay for 6 months and receive a \$5 per month discount AND receive a free black Hinode Bujutsu Dojo T-shirt.

Upcoming Birthdays

- Weston Whaley 9/21
- Ashley Logan 10/5
- Eric Powell 10/25
- Diana Chilikuinga 10/27
- Jannatul Ferdous 11/6
- Sabastian Esteban 11/7

****Remember, Rising Sun Martial Arts is YOUR school. Take pride in it and tell your friends and neighbors about it.**

Calendar

Sept. 25 - Thur

Testing: Jr. Class @ 6:00pm
Sr. Class @ 7:00pm

Sept. 27 - Sat., 10:00am

Breaking and Promotion

All Test Fee's- \$25.00 Fee's must be paid BEFORE 9/25.

Brown Belt preparatory class will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. The 1st and 3rd Saturday as well.

Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Day - No Class



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