

# FAMILY MARTIAL ARTS CENTER

## STUDENT NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2017-18

**Sat., Dec. 9** – Deadline to turn in test forms for Dec. 16 test.

**Sat., Dec. 16** – Belt test, 10 AM. Arrive by 9:30. No classes this morning except Little Dragons.

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**Sat., Dec. 23 thru Tue., Dec. 26**  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO CLASSES**  
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### **MODIFIED** **CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### **Wednesday, December 27**

**5:15 Little Dragons**

**6:00 All Belts All Ages Combined Class**

#### **Thursday, December 28**

**6:00 All Belts All Ages Combined Class**

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**Sat., Dec. 30 thru Mon., Jan. 1**  
**NEW YEAR'S BREAK – NO CLASSES**  
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**Tue., Jan. 2** – Resume normal training schedule.

**Sat., Jan. 6** – Deadline to turn in test forms for Jan. 13 test.

**Sat., Jan. 13** – Belt test, 10 AM. Arrive by 9:30. No classes this morning except Little Dragons.

**Sat., Feb. 3** – Deadline to turn in test forms for Feb. 10 test.

**Sat., Feb. 10** – Belt test, 10 AM. Arrive by 9:30. No classes this morning except Little Dragons.

**Sat., Mar. 3** – Deadline to turn in test forms for Mar. 10 test.

**Sat., Mar. 10** – Belt test, 10 AM. Arrive by 9:30. No classes this morning except Little Dragons.

## *Merry Christmas!*

As I write this message, the cold weather has arrived! No snow in sight yet, but temps are dropping into the 20s at night. And although the weather may be cold, I'm always thankful for the many warm and loving friendships we enjoy at Family Martial Arts Center.

While I am very grateful for the AFMAC "Family", this has also been a very rough year for us. We lost five members of our AFMAC family in 2017, and I'd like to take a moment to remember them. **Joe Pennisi, Kim McDowell, Uriah Pennington, Emilie Degville, and Taggy Brown** were all taken from us too soon. Each one of them touched my life and the lives of many people at AFMAC over the years. I will miss each one of them and I know you will too. Let's keep their families in our prayers this Christmas and beyond.

On a happier note, we will collect non-perishable food and grocery items for the Lord's Pantry in Downingtown again this year. Please bring in your donations to the front lobby no later than **Saturday, December 16**. I will deliver all of the items to the Lord's Pantry the following week, in time for Christmas. Please do not donate any open or outdated items.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's we will operate on a modified training schedule. Many people are busy with holiday activities and travel that week, so we condense our classes. The schedule is shown in the column on the left. If you have any questions, please see me or call.

Finally, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to all of our students and their families for being an important part of Family Martial Arts Center. **Merry Christmas**, and may the Lord richly bless you in 2018 and beyond!