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Mr. Nicklaus' Spotlight Article: **A Heartfelt Thank You**

It's hard for me to believe that we will be celebrating our 40th year in business in 2019. It's been a great run which has given us a chance to help many people improve their martial arts skills and their lives during this time.

40
years

Because of the excellent work that Mr. Cornell, Ms. and Mr. Schwertfeger do with our martial arts students, I am given the opportunity to work with other groups in our community.

Over the past year I've had the opportunity to work with folks that are struggling with different types of life controlling issues.

During this work I have come to realize how fortunate we are to have moms and dads and grandpas and grandmas who are willing to bring your children to our business.

Not every child would have that opportunity.

I'll be honest. There are many kids within our community who don't have the support that our martial arts families are giving their children.

Coming to our program requires that families sacrifice. You sacrifice your time, dollars, and energy level to get your kids to class.

Sometimes you might wonder if it's worth it.

I can assure you that it is.

Children who practice developing focus, respect for self and others, commitment to a goal, willingness to not give up especially when things may be tough, and self-confidence and pride are much more likely to live happy, fulfilled lives.

We are confident that our program has and will continue to provide these all important life skills for all of our students.

Back to the point about you moms, dads, and grandparents.

The decisions that you help your kids make will help shape their lives. Without your guidance and support life becomes a much more difficult journey.

You help them believe in themselves and you give them the love and support that all children need.

We appreciate what you do for your kids. We couldn't do our job without the support that you give your kids. Thanks for the opportunity.

Here is a nice piece about why someone would want their child to do martial arts.

From a Parent:

One of my friends asked, "Why do you pay so much for Martial Arts?" Well, I have a confession to make. I don't pay for my kids' Martial Arts. Personally, I couldn't care less about Martial Arts.

So, if I am not paying for Martial Arts, what am I paying for?

- I pay for those moments become so tired they want to quit but don't*
- I pay for those days when my kids come home from school and are "too tired" to go to their lesson but go anyway.*
- I pay for my kids to learn to be disciplined.*
- I pay for my kids to learn how to take care of their body.*
- I pay for my kids to learn to work with others and to be good teammates.*
- I pay for my kids to learn how to deal with disappointment, when they go to tournaments but don't get the score they'd hoped for, but still have to work hard in the preparation and competition.*
- I pay for my kids to learn to make and accomplish goals.*
- I pay for my kids to learn that it takes hours and hours and hours hard work and practice to create a champion, and that success doesn't happen overnight.*
- I pay for the opportunity for my kids have and will have to make life-long friendships.*
- I pay so that my kids can be in a dojo instead of in front of a screen...*

...I could go on, but, to be short, I don't pay for martial arts, I pay for the opportunities that the Martial Arts



provide for my kids with to develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. From what I have seen so far, I think it is a great investment.

Respectfully,

Fred Nicklaus

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Owner & Master Instructor

You're Invited...
Friday, June 1 – 630 pm
@ Aquinas High School

On Friday night June 1st at 6:30pm we will be hosting a very special evening of martial arts demonstrations at Aquinas High School. On that night Mr. Cornell and myself will be testing for higher degrees of Black Belt.



Mr. Cornell will be testing for his 6th Degree Black Belt and I will test for my 8th degree.

In many school these higher degrees of Black Belt are awarded to those eligible for their contributions to the martial arts and to their communities. Many times these higher degree awards do not require a physical test.

Mr. Cornell and I do not believe in this idea of not doing a physical test so we would like to put on a show for you.

During this test you will see Mr. Cornell perform some of the open hand and weapon forms that earned him World and National Championships as well as other high level martial arts movements.

I will focus mainly on more advanced self-defense maneuvers some of which will include defense against an attacker with a gun.

You will be treated to exciting martial arts displays that you have never seen before.

I would encourage you to mark Friday June 1st on your calendar.

Tell your friends about it and bring them along too.

We both would love to see you on that night. Your support would be much appreciated.

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2018 Annual Summer Boot Camp

Boot Camp Session I – June 11–15

9 Spots Left

Boot Camp Session II – Aug 6–10

10 Spots Left

I looked out the window and almost cried when I saw the 9 inches of snow that we got on April 18th.

Enough is enough.

Can we please get on with spring and summer.

It is hard to believe but summer is right around the corner and with summer comes one of our most exciting events of year.

It's our Summer Bootcamps.

You are already planning summer activities for your kids.

Be sure to plan for Bootcamp either on **June 11-15 or August 6-10** If your schedule allows you can even plan for both bootcamps.

Our bootcamps have become an important highlight for many of our martial arts students.

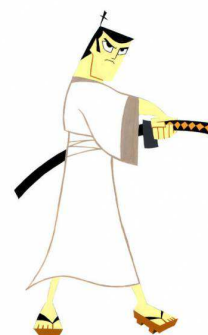
These bootcamps are a great way for kids to learn many new exciting martial arts movements and make new friends.

Here is more information about the camps.

2018 Bootcamp Dates are: June 11-15 and August 6-10

The registration for the June bootcamp ends on Saturday May 26th. There is a limited number of campers that we can take and camp spots are filling fast. Register in the office as soon as possible.

P.S. This is a great opportunity for our beginning students (White-Green belt) to really get involved and excited about your martial arts lessons. Every little bit extra that you do gives you the chance to learn more and feel super about your training.





Happy

Birthday!




- 1 Griffin Rudie,
Dew Ikeyama,
Brooklin
Wateski
- 2 Ethan Nevsimal
- 3 Emmett Rathert,
Novelyn
Whitaker
Kennedy Kernin
- 6 Katlin Palm-Leis
- 12 Max Clark
- 16 Menolly Widolff
- 19 Lily Felten
- 20 Vincint Moyer
- 23 Blake
Hutschenreuter
- 24 Kanishk Kolouju
- 27 Kaushik Kolouju
- 28 Aaron Lukas
- 30 David Dittmer,
Amelia Woodard

Welcome to
MAA

- Gabe Bakkestuen
Zach Feilen
Mason Godlewski
Cooper Godlewski
Jackson Godlewski
Ingrid Loken
Amelia Woodard

Welcome to the
Leadership
Program

- Kennedy Kernin
Jack Pedace

<u>ROCK SOLID CALENDAR – MAY 2018</u>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Dragon Theme: Fitness (Purple)	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Dragon Theme: Self- Discipline (Blue)	7 Beginner Stripe Check Week	8		10	11	12
13 Dragon Theme: Memory (Red)	14 Advanced Stripe Check Week	15	16	17		19
20 Dragon Theme: Coordination (Brown)	21		23	24	25	No Regular Classes For Memorial Day Weekend
27 Dragon Theme: Self- Control (Black)	28 Happy Memorial Day! No Regular Classes	29 See you in class!	30	31	1 Mr. Nicklaus & Mr. Cornell Degree Testing 630 pm @Aquinas High School	2 First Degree Black Belt Test 130 pm @Blessed Sacr. School
Leadership Weapon of the Month: <i>Escrima Sticks</i> <i>Next Month: Bo Staff</i>						
Coming in June:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginner Testing – June 8 • Boot Camp I – June 11-15 • New Student Summer Camp – June 18-20-22 						