

SHIN'S TAE KWON DO

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW E-NEWSLETTER!

A New Way to Communicate

Welcome to our new E-newsletter! We are hoping that we will reach more of our students with this format. Often, parents do not get all the current happenings through word-of-mouth, so this new communication tool should help us get information to you. Sometimes students are not present due to illness or being out of town and this will help us keep in touch with you, too. Please email us at seoungshin@aol.com if you have any comments or suggestions.



Master Shin with Alex Gipson

TESTING – SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

The next testing will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 22. Be sure to turn in your testing form before that day. Parents, please remember to complete the questionnaire on the back of the children's blue testing form. This is a very helpful tool that helps you let your child know what he or she is doing well, and which areas there is need for improvement. Over the many years we have used this form, many parents have testified that their children have made great gains in all the aspects covered by the questionnaire.

Also, you will want to mark your calendar for the October testing to be held on the 24th. We hope giving you this information early will help you make your future plans.

Shin's 34th Annual Tournament is coming soon!

Mark your calendar for SEPTEMBER 26TH!



BEAUTIFUL 3-FOOT TROPHIES!

Grand Master Shin's annual tournament is the BEST! Everyone comes out a winner and the smile that you see on their faces is priceless! There are very few tournaments anymore because most martial arts studios are run mainly as a business rather than as a school. Grand Master Shin has much higher quality goals than that. We look at the tournament as a time for students to measure their growth in Tae Kwon Do while also competing for beautiful 3-foot trophies for their efforts. Trophies are given for both forms and for sparring. We are training all students for the competition during classes. Ask one of the Instructors for more information.

You can also find an online registration form and tournament categories, etc. at our Website www.MasterShinOnline.com. Follow the links to the **CHAMPIONSHIPS**. There is a discount for registering by September 15. Don't miss this once-a-year event!

CHILDREN'S SENIOR BELT CLASSES

Parents, when your child under the age of 16 reaches the level of **RED BELT** or above, he or she is permitted to attend the special Children's Senior Belt class taught by Norford and Joy Bierly. This class is typically conducted on two Thursdays a month at 5:30-6:30 PM just before the regular open evening class. It is similar to the one that is held for adult Senior Belts on two Friday evenings a month. Students are given an opportunity to practice higher level forms and sparring with those who are also at the higher level. It gives these students a chance to hone their skills for competition, also. Your child can look forward to attending this class when the Red Belt level is attained. This class is free to all children who reach Red Belt and want to improve in Tae Kwon Do. Let us know if you have any questions.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM GRAND MASTER SHIN

I have spent more than half my life in the USA and about 55 years teaching Tae Kwon Do. When I first came to this country in 1974, martial arts were still new to the western culture. It was hard back then, but I have always remained true to pure martial arts. Over the years, it saddens me to see that many martial arts instructors have moved from "pure" martial arts to "mixed" martial arts. They have done this for want of money and business. They seek to fill their wallets instead of their hearts. I cannot do this. I have struggled at times, but God has blessed me in many ways that far outreach a monetary gain. He has allowed me to have a comfortable life, but not one that is without challenges. It has been more than twenty years since I changed my tuition rates. Sometimes, that seems unbelievable! But, it is true. By maintaining a pure, genuinely traditional school and way of instruction, I have given my students much more than I ever imagined I could. I love all my students and truly believe that the foundation of this love stems from my belief in God's love. I hope you will all join me in being thankful for the many blessings that we have, and I hope you understand why my school is "different" from many that you see advertised in today's world.

YEARBOOK ADS NEED TO BE TURNED IN SOON!

The deadline is quickly approaching! The Shin's Yearbook is only published every few years, but it is a lifetime keepsake for you. This book will give you a lasting memory of your martial arts life and all the great relationships you have made here. If you would like a photo with Master Shin, or if you have one of your own, please submit it with your text as soon as possible. See one of the Instructors if you have any questions.

PASTOR PARK VISITS OUR SCHOOL

On Friday, August 7th we had a very special visit by Pastor Park from Mexico. She is the missionary who cares for the people on the Yucatan Peninsula and ministers to their spiritual needs. She also runs the seminary that Master Shin and several of our students visited on their June mission trip. Pastor Park shared her faith story with us in a truly inspiring chronicle of how she overcame her battle with cancer and other serious situations in her life through her faith in God and Jesus Christ. She is one amazing woman who has dedicated her life and ministry to the less fortunate Mexican people; a tiny woman with a very big story to tell of God's work in her life. She has dedicated her life to His work and sharing His love with everyone. Pastor Park is like a sister to Master Shin and his students who journeyed to the remote areas of Mexico to spread the word of the Gospel. We are happy to be a part of her mission work and we look forward to future mission trips that will be planned.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH
MICHELLE GIPSON – 5TH DAN

Always willing to help anyone and probably the most supportive student in the school, Michelle Gipson has been an outstanding example of what one can do when love leads the way. She has given her “ALL” in so many ways, it would be impossible to list them here.

THANKS MICHELLE FOR ALL YOU DO!

