



# Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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## We Are Hosting

Looking for a great opportunity for your child to see some competitive gymnastics? The weekend of February 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

OGI will be hosting Men's & Women's Competitive  
Gymnastics Meets in Geneva, Ohio.

Join us as we host the  
Fourth Annual AAU Winter National Championships!

## Calendar

### February '12

- 2-5 USAG Winter Cup - Las Vegas, NV
- 11 NEOBGL Meet @ Emeth – Emeth, OH
- 11-12 Beach Bash Inv. – Twinsburg, OH
- 12 NEOGL Meet @ Chalk Box – Ashtabula, OH
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17-19 AAU Winter Nationals – Geneva, OH
- 20 President's Day – OGI OPEN – No Team Practice

### March '12

- 3 AT&T American Cup – Madison Square Garden
- 10-11 Milky Way Inv. @ Emeth – Emeth, OH
- 16-19 Pacific Rim Championships
- 17-18 NEOBGL Meet & NEOGL Meet @ OGI
- 23-25 USAG PO, L6, L9, & L10 State Championships – Niles, OH
- 30-1 USAG L7 & L8 State Championships – Heath, OH

### April '12

- 6-12 OGI CLOSED – Spring Break
- 11 Team Spring Practice
- 13-15 USAG L9 & L10 Regionals
- 21 NEOBGL Championships @ Sokol – Cleveland, OH
- 27-28 USAG L8 Regionals
- 28-29 NEOGL L3 & L5 Championships @ GLG – Avon Lake, OH

## Birthday Parties

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute has the BEST Birthday Party experience for your child. Our standard party provides an hour of fun in the gym and a half hour in the party area. We provide the invitations, cake, tableware, drinks, and a goody bag for each child to take home. You can even add extra time, guests, and pizza to your party for an additional fee.

Stop by the office for more details!

## Side Door Entrance

Please keep in mind that the side entrance is limited to handicap and stroller use only. We ask that you keep that door closed to keep the temperature comfortable in our facility.

Thank You!

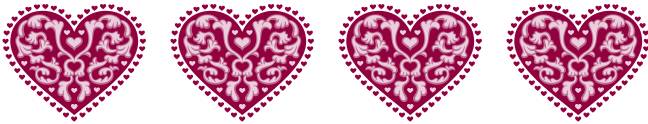
# February Birthdays

Alyssa Alberti  
Arianna Campbell  
Morgan Foley  
Cassandra Robbins  
Delaney Tompkins  
Jocelyn Birmingham  
Gabriella Elsas  
Emma Marciano  
Sofia Castronova

Tianna Amann  
Kameron Childers  
Carlie Harmon  
Arylie Seara  
Cassie Tonus  
Andrew Borucki  
Jamie Feren  
Julia Schuler

Kara Lynn Benyo  
Sydney Cox  
Marisa Head  
Alexa Simeonsson  
Madelyn Tonus  
Matthew Borucki  
Savannah Grove  
Victoria Krukowski

Gwen Blumetti  
Alyssa Evans  
Katie O'Brien  
Daisy Thomas  
Trinity Wendt  
Destiny Labbe  
Ava Booth  
Alayna Flavian



## Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our February Athlete of the Month is Kris King. Kris, who turned 8 this past December, is the son of Kim and Kris King. Kris currently resides in Austintown, where he attends 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Lynn Kirk Elementary. He has an older sister named Kelsey, (a former OGI student) and a guinea pig named Cookie.

Kris has been involved with OGI since September 2006, where he began as a Toddling Turtle. Kris is currently in our Boy's Recreational Beginner program, and his coach is Mr. Ronnie. Kris's favorite thing about the gym is the trampoline. He says he doesn't have a favorite one, he likes jumping on all of them. Kris's gymnastics goals include moving up to the Boy's Novice Class and to maybe even be a gymnastics coach one day!

When Kris is not in the gym, he enjoys playing video games, especially Wipeout 2, and Sonic Color. He also enjoys reading books. His favorite book at the moment is Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules. Some of Kris's favorite foods are Cheeseburgers and Vanilla Ice Cream! Yum!

When Kris grows up he would like to become a professional Tennis player or a professional Basketball player. Best of luck Kris!

Congratulations Kris King!  
OGI's February Athlete of the Month!

## Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our February Staff Spotlight is Crissy Wall.

Crissy, who joined the Team OGI staff in the fall of 2011, is a Youngstown native. She graduated from Youngstown Christian School in 2003, and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Youngstown State University. Crissy is a former High School cheerleader and currently coaches our 5:30 Girls Recreational Beginner Class on Tuesdays. Crissy says she really loves coaching and hopes to continue to learn more about coaching the sport of gymnastics.

When Crissy is not coaching at the gym, she enjoys hanging out with her two sisters, Schannel & Vel, spending time with her nieces, Skyla & Lahna, and playing with her two dogs Lucky & Maddie. She also enjoys participating in our Adult Gymnastics class with fellow OGI staff member Anita.

Crissy's future goals are to attend graduate school at either the University of Pittsburgh or the University of Kentucky; she just hasn't made up her mind yet. She eventually hopes to fall in love with a fellow dog lover, get married and travel the world. Crissy also said she would love to watch Rafael Nadal play a match at the U.S. Open before he retires.

One thing you may not know about Crissy is that she is also a Bank Teller at Chase Bank in Youngstown.

Congratulations Crissy!  
Welcome to the Team OGI Staff!



## Accomplishments

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. would like to welcome the new members to our Team OGI Seasonal Gymnastics Competitive Team & Pre Competitive Team

**Arianna Campbell   Savannah Grove   Alexia Stoy   Marissa Clegg**  
**Giovanna Cestone   Emma Marciano   Aiden Birmingham**  
**Owen Corey   Tyler Pliszka   Brian Rollison**

### ARE YOU READY FOR CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS?

It's that time again! Cheerleading tryouts are just around the corner and OGI wants to help get you ready. Most schools will be holding their cheerleading tryouts in March and April, so if you want to give your cheerleader an advantage over the competition, now is the time to start. The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. has a variety of classes to prepare you for your 2012 tryouts!

- \* Just Back Handsprings Class
- \* Trampoline & Tumbling Class
- \* Red, White, & Blue Squad Cheer Classes
- \* Private Lessons
- \* Open Gym

Stop by the front office today to find out how you can give your child the edge over the competition!



## Winter Weather Policies

*Weather emergency closings are very rare. Typically we will close whenever Austintown Township Schools close. We have, in the past, been able to safely open later in the day once the roads have been cleared. We will attempt to remain open whenever possible. If in doubt, call and we will either have a message on the answering machine (330-652-4386) or we will personally tell you what we will be doing with regards to the weather emergency. The major indicator here is safety: if you feel unsure about heading out in bad weather, simply call in for an excused absence.*

*Weather emergencies may be made up at Open Gym Times and require pre-registry.*

## Preschool

Children who attend quality preschool activities earn \$143,000 more over their lifetime than those who don't (California First Five Commission 2002)

Gymnastics and early childhood movement education are directly attributed to developing neurological pathways in students and promoting reading readiness (Raising-A-Reader, 1999)

Preschool Gymnastics is preparing students for successful experiences in school: Children who have participated in movement education activities have longer attention spans, increased communication skills, general problem solving skills and improved self-esteem.



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# Students Say...

Team OGI students tell us their New Year's Resolutions!

*My New Year's Resolution is to potty train my dog!*

-Kylie G. ~ Girls Novice, Age 9

*My New Year's Resolution is to not fight so much with my brother!*

-Alaina B. ~ Girl's Moderate Level 5, Age 12

**My resolution is to get better grades in school!**

- Cortney P. ~ Girls Novice, Age 10

*My New Year's Resolution is to clean my room once a week!*

- Garrett C. ~ Boy's Beginner, Age 7

## Can You Solve the Valentine's Day Crossword?

TEARH

9	4			8

CNAYD

		7		

WESRFLO

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LEOV

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DACRS

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DUPIC

				5

1	2	3	4	5	6	5	7

8	9	10	11	5	12

