



# Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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# Trick or Treat

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## Halloween

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc will be open for classes on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

If your child's class time conflicts with your towns Trick or Treat schedule, please contact the office to receive a Make-up card.

## Calendar

### October '11

- 2 Red, White, & Blue Intrasquad Meet
- 22-23 Annual Team OGI Halloween Party For Competitive Team
- 31 Halloween – OGI Open



### November '11

- 11 Veterans Day – OGI Open
- 13 NEOGL Meet @ Johnsons in Valley View, OH
- 24-26 Closed for Thanksgiving- Open Sunday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> for Classes & Open Gym

### December '11

- 10-11 Cartwheels & Pinwheels in Dayton, OH.
- 17 NEOBGL Meet@ Sokol in Cleveland, OH
- 24 – 1 Winter Break – OGI Closed  
Classes Resume January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

## Promotion

### Sign Up a Sibling

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is offering half off of first month's class fees for siblings of currently enrolled students at OGI. What a great way to get your child out of the house and into a sport that's a fun, safe, and offered in a healthy environment!

Offer Expires October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Offer valid for new siblings only.

## Apparel Store

Be sure to stop in and check out OGI's Apparel Shop! We are constantly changing our inventory to keep up with the latest trends. We have a great selection of long and short sleeve leotards, as well as a variety of gymnastics, parkour and cheerleading apparel!! Be sure to take a look at our Team OGI shirts with our new logo!

# October Birthdays

Brianna Aliberti  
Emily Borucki  
Emily Cappelli  
Abigail Hughes  
Madison Leone  
Riley Matig  
Gianna Ognibene  
Courtney Prout  
Owen Schwendemen  
Kasey Solic  
Madeleine Wills

Lauren Amodio  
Mindy Brown  
Audrey Clark  
Angelina Jannone  
Evan Lewis  
Madelyn Merlo  
Melanie Overton  
William Rankin  
Roman Shaffer  
Gabriella Stevens  
Staff:

Julia Bogden  
Atianna Caggiano  
Braeden Gallant  
Mackenzie Koenig  
Ariana Marshall  
Christen Nutt  
Alexis Pomponio  
Noel Reigle  
Khloe Shodd  
Grace Stone  
Kyle Haidet



## Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our October Athlete of the Month is Dakota Kasner! Dakota, who will be 3 in December, is the daughter of Donald and Stephanie Kasner. Dakota currently resides in Austintown where she looks forward to starting preschool. She says that she can't wait to learn new things and meet new friends.

Dakota has been enrolled at Team OGI since September 2010 in our Toddling Turtles class, and she is really looking forward to moving to the Bouncing Bears this upcoming winter. Dakota can always be heard giggling throughout the gym during her gymnastics class. Her instructors say that she is always so happy and an absolute joy to have in class. She loves working on Handstands on the wall and practicing walking across the Balance Beam by herself. When asked to select her favorite event, Dakota didn't hesitate to answer The Pit!

When Dakota is not in the gym, she enjoys going to the park with her Papa and spending time at the beach, which is her favorite place in the world. She even brought back beautiful sea shells from her last vacation. One of Dakota's greatest joys in life is being the big sister of baby brother Don, who just turned 1!

A few of Dakota's favorite things include the color blue and pizza, especially from Wedgewood. One thing that most people might not know about Dakota is her age; people always think she is older than what she is!

Congratulations Dakota  
OGI's October Athlete of the Month!

## Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our October Staff Spotlight is Shane Tallon!

Shane is a 2006 graduate of Beaver Falls High School in Pennsylvania where he was born and raised. Shane also attended Beaver Falls Community College. Looking for a change of scenery, Shane moved to Austintown, Ohio in the late spring. Upon moving to the area, Shane quickly sought out OGI, so that he could put his gymnastics talents to great use!

Although Shane is a new face to Team OGI, he is no stranger to the sport of gymnastics. While living in Beaver Falls, he taught gymnastics at Arcadia and Tumbleweeds Gymnastics. Shane has worked with athletes from entry level gymnastics through competitive level athletes.

Prior to finding his niche in gymnastics, Shane worked as both a department manager and a nurse's assistant. Shane is a very motivated worker. In addition to coaching, he also works at O'Charley's restaurant in Boardman.

Shane currently holds certifications in First Aid, CPR, and AED training. Shane also holds a membership to USA Gymnastics and is Safety Certified. Shane is also very active in community service.

When he's not coaching, Shane can be found flipping through the gym. He prides himself on keeping up with his own gymnastics skills. He also enjoys drawing and spending time with his family. Shane just welcomed a nephew Camden to his family at the end of September.

Shane's future goals include living away from home on his own and making a living by coaching gymnastics.

Congratulations Shane  
OGI's October Staff Spotlight of the Month!





# National Gymnastics Skills Test Program

## Trophy & Certificates

### Beginner

Savannah Grove



Congratulations  
To



*Coach Lauren and husband Marquis,  
who will welcome their first child in  
the spring of 2012!*



# Standard Open Gym

**Fridays 7 – 8:30 p.m.**  
**Sundays 4:30 – 6 p.m.**

\$10.00 Members  
\$13.00 Non-members

Be sure to check the schedule for other  
Open Gym Times!

Pre Registration is required for all Open Gym times.

# ADVANCEMENTS

## Bouncing Bears

Jacob Bodine  
Ava Briceland  
Krista Carlisle  
Madison Dinger  
Madeline Lowry  
Bristol Mills  
Roman Shaffer



## Tumbling Tigers

Audrey Clark  
Riley Good  
Jared Klucinic  
Alex Rich  
Olivia Roscoe-May  
Danija Walker

## Novice

Maya Francisco  
Brooke Thomas  
Daisy Thomas

## Leaping Lions

Brady Grant  
Gwen Holisky  
Joe Marsco  
Michael Jaye Pompoco  
Caylee Selley  
Madison Votino



## Halloween Extraveganza

During the week of  
October 24<sup>th</sup> – October 30<sup>th</sup>  
students will be allowed to dress in  
their Halloween Costumes!

We will be sending home a form  
with more details in the middle of  
October!

## Early Pay Discount

Remember OGI offers Early Pay Discounts whenever you  
pay your fees on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month!  
Payments can be made at the front office, placed in the  
locked box outside the front door, by mail, or over the  
phone!

We also offer great discounts when you pay your fees 3,  
6, 9, and 12 months at a time.  
See the front office for more details.

# Students Say...

I like OGI because it is fun and you learn new things when you come here. I like gymnastics because I like swinging on the Uneven Bars and working on glide kips!

- Gloria H. ~ Girls Level 4 Moderate Team, Age 11

I like gymnastics because I get to swing on the Rope and jump on the trampolines!

- Eliana W. ~ Bouncing Bears, Age 3

I like OGI because I love gymnastics! I really like practicing my popcorn swings on the Uneven Bars!

- Alexis P. Girls Beginner, Age 8

## Spooktacular Fun

- Can You Unscramble These Halloween Words
- See if You Can Help Halle Find Her Way to the Candy Apples

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