

## School Update – December 2014

# MOY ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS & TAI CHI

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**Strength is for service,  
not status.**

(Message Bible, Romans 15:1)

### Christmas Break

Moy Academy will be closed for Christmas Break from December 23, 2014 – January 1, 2015.

The last class of the year is Monday, December 22. Classes resume on Friday, January 2, 2015.

### December Tuition Payment

Due to year-end tax requirements, all 2014 tuition payments must be deposited before 2015.

If your tuition payment date is during Christmas Break, please pay before December 22. Post-date your check for the date that you're due. Thanks!

### Charitable Drive for Open House Family Shelter ([www.sheltered.org](http://www.sheltered.org))

THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to the Charitable Drive for the Shelter. Their mission is to help homeless families regain their independence and their lives.

Not only did you give food and necessities to those in need – you gave them hope and a spark of encouragement to make it through their difficult circumstances.



### Bad Weather Policy

Classes will be held at Moy's Academy as long as roads are safe to drive. In general, we'll be closed if public schools are closed.

Call 360-573-2367 to confirm if classes are being held.

### New Year's Day Swim

**At first – we make our habits.  
Eventually – our habits make us.**

Kick-start your New Year resolution with a memorable experience!

Join us for a swim at Merwin Dam (east of Woodland) on Thur., January 1, 2015. We'll carpool from the school at 10:30 AM and go for a leisurely swim at noon. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Don't forget to bring your towel, shoes to wear into the water, and suntan lotion for sunburn prevention ;-). Participate at your own comfort level – walk in up to your knees or dive in.

**You're also welcome to join us at 10:00 AM at the school for a light warm-up / stretch.**

Anyone may participate in this event. Parents – you are also invited!

PS – We'll be eating at Dragon King on 78<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

### The Big Brawl on New Year's Day

There will be an Open Mat workout on Thursday, January 1, 2015. 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

All KF2 and TC2 - and above - students are invited. Spar, grapple or do TC push hands. Start the year off with a Bang!

### Put the Kung-Fu on Colds and Flu

All students - please wash your hands before and after class.

If you, or your child, are sick (coughing every couple of seconds, sneezing, fever) – please DO NOT come to class.

Do a make-up class when you're well.

### School Calendar, Facebook

The School Calendar is available at [MoyMartialArts.com/Calendar](http://MoyMartialArts.com/Calendar)

Also, stay updated by "friending" us on Facebook. ([Facebook.com/MoyKungfu](https://www.facebook.com/MoyKungfu))

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sifu Art Sandison and Sifu Monica DeMars for their promotion to 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Black Belt! In addition to being promoted in belt rank, is the title of Sifu

They've each trained for over 13 years at Moy Martial Arts. But more important than the Martial Arts skills they've worked hard to cultivate, is their strength of character and great attitude they always bring to class.

### 2014 Pictures

Go to [MoyMartialArts.com/pics](http://MoyMartialArts.com/pics) to download pictures from 2014. Lots of great memories!

### Thank You!

Moy Academy has served Clark County for over 23 years. Thank you to all of the students and parents that make this school into a strong and healthy Ohana!

*May God bless you and your family during this Holiday season and in the New Year.*

☺ Sifu Mark and Victoria

*"Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift.*

*Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece – by thought, choice, courage and determination."*

~ John Luther

### \$25 Referral Gift

#### Thank You for your Referrals!

You will receive \$25 when you refer someone that enrolls in our 4-Week New Student Special. A \$25 check will be issued upon completion of their four weeks. Pick up some business cards at the desk. Thanks!

#### > Youth and Adult Testing Dates:

- [SuperKids classes will test December 17, 18, 2014.
- Kids classes will test Friday, January 9, 2015.
- Adults will test January 10, 2015. [Mar 25 – 28, 2015] [June 17 – 20, 2015] [September 23 – 26, 2015]

> **Christmas Break:** Moy Academy will be closed for Christmas Break beginning Tue., Dec 23, 2014. Classes resume Friday, January 2, 2015.

> **New Year's Day Swim:** 10:00 AM warm-up/stretch at school. Carpool at 10:30 AM. Jump into Merwin Dam at Noon!

**Big Brawl Workout:** 2:00 – 3:30 pm.  
**Dragon King Chinese Buffet:** 5:00 pm.

> **Tum Pai Association Workshops and Annual Black Belt Meeting:** Sat., Feb 21, 2015