

School Update – December 2015

MOY MARTIAL ARTS & TAI CHI ACADEMY

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"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

Christmas Break

Moy Academy will be closed for Christmas Break from December 23, 2014 – January 1, 2016.

The last class of the year is Tuesday, December 22.

Classes resume on Mon., Jan. 4, 2016.

December Tuition Payment

Due to year-end tax requirements, Moy Academy must deposit all 2015 tuition payments must be deposited BEFORE January 1, 2016.

If your tuition payment is due during Christmas Break, please pay before December 22.

Post-date your check for the date that you're due. Thanks!

PS- Any December payments received in January, will be charged Retail Sales Tax – please read the following article.

Retail Sales Tax on 2016 Tuition

The State of Washington passed a bill in the legislature (HB 1550) that will require all Martial Arts Schools to charge state retail sales tax on tuition. If this bill does not get repealed, we will be required to charge sales tax (8.4%) on all tuition collected, beginning January 1, 2016.

Please go online and sign the petition, and contact your local state representative to vote against this in the legislature.

- Go to www.Change.org
- Click search button. Enter "Reverse Taxation Martial Arts"
- Click on link to "Reverse Taxation / Cultural Discrimination of Martial Arts Lessons in Washington State".
- Sign the petition.

2015 Pictures – Available Dec 21

Go to MoyMartialArts.com/pics to download pictures from 2015. Lots of great memories!

Charitable Drive for YWCA SafeChoice Women's Domestic Violence Shelter (<http://www.ywcaclarkcounty.org/>)

Items needed most are:

- Non-perishable foods (dried/canned), baby foods, diapers, wipes, toilet paper.
- New youth back packs, new socks (youth and adult)
- Soap, shampoo, lotion, tooth paste, tooth brushes, deodorant.

Last day to drop off items at Moy Academy is Thursday, Dec 17.

Your donation will be a tremendous encouragement to these women at a distressing time in their life.

New Year's Day Swim

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

Join us for a swim at Merwin Dam (east of Woodland) on Friday, January 1, 2016.

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 Canton Chinese Buffet on 78th at 5:00 PM.

PPS – In case of snow or ice, call 573-2367 to confirm event status.

The Big Brawl on New Year's Day

There will be an Open Mat workout at Moy Academy on Friday, January 1, 2016. 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

All Adult Kung Fu 2 and Tai Chi 2 - and above - students are invited. Spar, grapple or do Tai Chi 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.

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.

School Calendar, Facebook

The School Calendar is available at MoyMartialArts.com/Calendar

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

Final Thoughts

How do you measure and summarize the life of a person? Some look at their achievements, their publications, the accumulation of money and stuff.

I believe that our impact and significance in this world can be measured in three ways.

- *Did my presence help bring justice and peace, out of the chaos and misery of the world?*
- *Were our family, our friends, our spheres of influence impacted in a good way – because we existed? Not just because we protected or provided for them, but because we lightened the burden on their heart and spirit.*
- *Did we help others become strong in a good way? Did we model integrity, strength and compassion? Did we inspire and encourage them "to be the best them" possible; to become a good and decent person who uses their strength for good, and made a difference in the world?*

The fruit that our life produces, will be based on what we value and purposefully fight for, as we live each day to be the "best possible me this moment".

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

☯ Sifu Mark and Ms. Victoria

\$25 Referral Gift

Thank You for your Referrals!

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 cards at the front desk. Thanks!