



UPCOMING DATES:

◆ August

1st - 31st - Back-to-School
Sales Tax Holiday
(See pg. 4 for info.)

◆ September

1st - Labor Day (Dojo Closed)

◆ October

6th & 7th - Testing/Promotions
(during class-time)

7th - KK Testing

31st -



(Dojo Closed)



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Karate-do**

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August 2025

Annual Dojo Beach Party June 28th, 2025



Join us
next
summer
for fun,
food &
friendship!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

KinderKarate

Gabriel Ruiz

Children's Class

Alexander Orsaeo

Adult Class

Caleb Carver

Welcome New Students

Ethan Ruiz

Allison Fermaint

Evelyn Gaudoin

Greyson Gaudoin

Jack Santos

Gregory Vales

July Testing

KinderKarate Class

Evelyn Gaudoin white belt yellow tip
Gavin Jacobson white belt yellow tip
Ethan Ruiz white belt yellow tip
Apaullo Hoffmann yellow stripe belt
Gabriel Ruiz yellow stripe belt orange tip
Sebastian DeSalvo orange stripe belt

Children's Class

Miles Margio white 2 tips
Mia Margio white 3 tips
Blair Raker white 3 tips
Riley McKinnon yellow belt
Zachary Conser yellow 1 tip
Reeve Stephens yellow 1 tip
Garrison Hillyer orange belt
Elliot Boxley orange 1 tip
Taylor Hardisty orange 2 tips
Alexander Orsaeo orange 2 tips
Nicholas Poulos orange 2 tips
Michael Wilkes orange 2 tips
Amelia Webster red 1 tip
Annabelle Wilkes red 1 tip
Charleston Hayes blue 1 tip
Harrison Hayes blue 1 tip
Essex Dunham blue 2 tips



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Congratulations!
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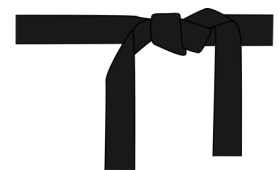


Adult Class

Bella Manzano 7th kyu (Moved to Adult Class!)
Lily Dukes 6th kyu (Moved to Adult Class!)
Irwin Firpo 4th kyu
Riley Firpo 4th kyu



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Japanese Baseball Theon Spicer, Purple Belt

Can you guess the difference between Japan and USA baseball? One difference between USA and Japan is the baseball is a little stickier than ours. To get a little deeper, the shell is leather with regular stitches, they have a plastic layer, and a hollow middle. Japan's baseball is also a little bigger than the USA balls. In addition to the slight changes to the ball, there is a rich history and famous baseball players from Japan.

The history of how it was introduced to Japan is quite interesting. It all started when an American English teacher at the Kaisei Academy in Tokyo taught the kids at the Academy. Other teachers and missionaries spread it throughout from 1872 to 1880. They made an official baseball team in the 1920's.

Now for the World Baseball Classic of 2023. Picture this, the world is watching, and it is 2-3 with Japan in the lead. It is full count. Shohei Ohtani is pitching, and Mike Trout is up to bat (these are some of the best players). Shohei pitches, Mike swings barely misses, and just like that it was over. Japan wins!

You may want to know a little more about Shohei Ohtani. To start, Shohei was born on July 5, 1994, in Mizusawa City. His parents were Toru and Kayoko. Toru was an amateur baseball player, and Kayoko was a national level badminton player. Shohei being good is not a new thing. He was an awesome player at a young age due to his practice. In the Little League Home Run Competition, Shohei hit 11 over the fence and won the championship by 9 home runs!

To finish, Shohei Ohtani now plays for the Dodgers. And he is so good that he has won the MVP award 4 times. His average for batting is crazy, it is 0.31 and is currently 5th highest in batting average. He has had 197 hits in 130 RBI and 54 home runs.

Two great things that go together are Japan and baseball. Japan has a rich baseball history and Shohei Ohtani has played a big role in adding to it. The World Baseball Classic in 2023 and Shohei's numerous awards are proof of Japan's contribution to the sport.



Birthdays

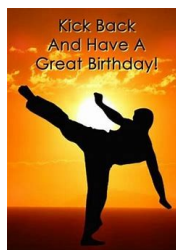
August

September

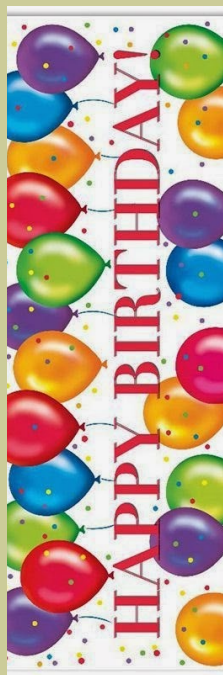
October

Ethan Ruiz 9th
Caleb Carver 12th
John Pastrana 13th
Sensei Mike Castro 14th
Sensei Ronnie Mytas 21st
Jack Santos 26th
Sensei Sakhan Yith 28th
Riley Firpo 29th
Sensei Javier Herrero 30th

Remi Spicer 1st
Gabriel Ruiz 27th



Bella Manzano 1st
Charleston Hayes 7th
Harrison Hayes 7th
Sri Marepalli 8th
Diego Lasanta 9th
Elijah Dukes 14th
Sensei Mike Kleiman 16th
Evelyn Gaudoin 29th
Elliot Boxley 30th



Back-To-School Sale

Purchase dojo
T-Shirts,
Student Gi's &
cup/supporters
from

August 1st through
August 31st

**Pay NO SALES
TAX
&
ENJOY an
additional
15% OFF**

空手道

*"Anyone who does not love does not know God,
because God is love."*

1 John 4 : 8



LOOK WHAT THE STORK BROUGHT IN!



Sensei Cynthia Dang and Jason just
welcomed their second child,
Callum Dang Wong on May 8th, 2025.
7 lbs. 2.3 oz. 20 in.



Sensei Mark Baird is thrilled to introduce
his newest grandchild, Miss Piper Banks.
Born to Nikki & Bo on July 20th, 2025.
9 lbs. 21 in.

