

BEAUMONT SHOTOKAN KARATE NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2012 is in full swing, and I'm expecting great things this year at Beaumont Shotokan Karate! I love watching long time students continue to grow and develop. I also delight in every new person who joins our karate family, knowing the impact that martial arts training can have on their lives.

As we step into the new year, one of my desires is to enable each of you to focus on the precision of your karate techniques. Practicing precision of movement enhances your character, as you begin to put more thought into everything you do. Kancho Kanazawa said, "In Karate, if you do 10 techniques, 100 techniques, or even 1,000 techniques, you must concentrate and do them to the best of your ability; otherwise it has no meaning. This is the way of Karate."

As we train together, I encourage you to give 100% to each class, striving to do each movement to the best of your ability. In doing so, you will reap benefits both in and out of the dojo.

In Christ alone,
Sensei Patty



Travis Reed earns the rank of 5th kyu

BEYOND THE DOJO...

Community Parenting Conference
at North End Baptist Church
February 3rd & 4th

Early Registration: \$10/family by January 25th

Registration: \$20/family after January 25th

Childcare provided for birth through Grade 4 when registered by January 25th

Visit www.beaumontshotokan.com/Events.html for more details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/4- Ryan Babino

1/8-
Kristopher VanBrocklin

1/10-Xavier Brown

1/21-Jeremy Salinas

1/26-Crystal Babino

1/29-Akil Abdallah



New Members

Akil Abdallah

Bethany Exnicious

Logan Exnicious

Carrington Golden

Elora Hoppe

Dakota Jewett

Kamryn McKray

Kobi Reichard

Cristian Salinas

Aidan, Seth & Shane Thomas

Brian, Kristopher & Vicky VanBrocklin

Jeremy Williamson

**THERE WILL BE
NO CLASS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST
DUE TO THE
MURAKAMI SEMINAR
IN HOUSTON**

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Seminar with Sensei Manabu Murakami

January 21-22

Trotter Family YMCA

Houston, Texas

Open to adults with 9 months or more of training and Kids (ages 12 and under) who are blue belt or higher
Cost: \$70/one day; \$100/both days; \$125-Brown/Black Belts
See Sensei Patty for more details!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: POORVI POOJARI

By Holden Tanner

Poorvi Poojari, a spirited 5 year-old whose passion for karate is matched only by her love of Angry Birds, has been chosen for this month's Student Spotlight! With her cheery personality, Poorvi lights up any room she enters. She is one of the most outgoing kids in the dojo. Poorvi may be small, but she has big karate spirit!

When asked about who she admires, she said (after asking, "What does 'admire' mean?") that she admires her grandparents in India, "because they send me Indian chocolates!"

When asked about fun outside of karate, she'll tell you about her favorite game, Angry Birds. "The blue on turns into three," she said, "and on the trickier levels there is a mighty eagle!"

Aside from that, Poorvi has earned her orange stripe in our Little Kids' Class, and has progressed wonderfully as a student. Sensei Patty says, "Poorvi is a joy to teach. She is always excited to be in class and always works hard. She sets a great example for the other students."

If you see Poorvi in the dojo, be sure to give her a high five (and ask her for some advice on how to beat the trickier levels!)

