

Task Karate April 2023 Newsletter

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Task Karate New Uniforms

With warmer weather coming up, Task Karate will be changing our official uniform for the summer. We are switching over to the sumo wrestlers' uniform, which is called a mawashi. They are definitely much cooler than our karate "gi" and you have much better range of motion as well. We will start wearing them the first day of summer, and continue until the first day of fall. Please buy your mawashi from us. We can help you get the right size, and we'd like all mawashis' to have the Task Karate patch in the center.



Students in Mawashi's preparing for class.



Photo from the Kansas dojo in 2019!

Closed for Kansas Seminar

I will be traveling with the Winona Dojo group to Pittsburg Kansas for seminars with Sensei Demura from Friday, April 28th, to Sunday, April 30th. We will be closed on Saturday, April 29th. We are planning on having classes on Friday the 28th, but we will keep you posted if there are any changes!

Good News! Sensei Demura is Coming to Task!

Mark your calendars, Sensei Demura is scheduled to teach some seminars at Task Karate on Monday, July 24th! Sensei will be teaching a class for the kids, and another class for the teen and adult group! It's an honor to have Sensei at our school again!

1,000 Kick Challenge for Brown and Black Belts!

We will be holding our final 1,000 kick challenge on Monday, April 10th, starting at 5 pm and going until finished! (It usually takes about an hour and a half.) No regular brown or black belt classes this day. All brown and black belts are invited to attend! We are going to be changing to a little different format for the brown, and black stripe brown belts, as far as stripes and promotions go, so that's why this is the last challenge. In the future I want to make the challenges focused on preparing for black belt, and make the stripes something that we can get done in our normal brown belt class period. Brown and black belts, let's do it!

Try Sparring!

Sparring is an important part of our karate program. Remember, when testing for blue belt and above, sparring is required. Sometimes students are nervous about trying sparring because they are not sure what it involves, and it can be scary to try. Also purchasing the gear can be a bit of an expense. Students can start sparring after gold belt, and really should consider starting after green, and for sure by purple. We will be having a "try sparring" class on Saturday, April 15th, at 12:30 pm. We will have gear you can use!

Task Karate Started 20 Years Ago This Month!

Task Karate open for classes 20 years ago! I was working in a factory after resigning from my previous karate school, and knew I wanted to be teaching karate. (Also in April 1987, 36 years ago, I became a full-time karate instructor!) I found a location, and for that first month we only had classes on the weekend. May 2003, we went full time and I haven't looked back. A lot has happened over those years! I would like to have a gathering or reunion next month, and we are also working on a commemorative 20-year shirt design! Thanks so much to all our current and past students, your support and encouragement has helped me make my dream come true!



First Task Karate School location!



April Birthdays!

1st Christian McConaghy

2nd Malachi Schmaltz

3rd Kurt Schuldes

6th Jonah Bain

8th Victoria Mobley

7th Shayla Hill
9th Brylee Thorson
18th Nicholas Noland
18th Ayden Blackdeer
19th Luca Whitson
21st Skylar Wilkins
22nd Easton Kemp
23rd Shawn McConaghy
25th Tristan Hodson
25th Ledgen Wood
25th Oscar Levendoski
28th Todd Turnmire
30th Jeremiah Noland
30th Andrew Revels



March Rank Promotions

Orange Belt

Treyven Jacobson
Dawson Jacobson
Eli McKay

Green Belt

Erin Korger
Mason Peterson Gianunzio