

TEAM PLAYERS NEWS

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**“Come see the
Difference”**

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***WEDNESDAY,
June 11th.***

From Mr. Irvin-Jean Lopez; The Leader

This month, I have decided to breakdown the family and focus on just one member for the next four months. Jean is the oldest, and pretty much the brains of the Elite Taekwondo Center in Houston, Texas. Since 2004 he has been the head coach of the US Olympic Team. Jean was a very decorated fighter with many accomplishments, the highlight being a silver medal at the World Championships in 1995 at Manila, Philippines. The relationship that started between us was very unique. We met, became instant friends and began spending a lot of time together at tournaments, on the phone and visiting each other's homes to share our passion for the sport of Olympic Taekwondo, the movement and the dream of leading his family and maybe me to the Olympic Team. Jean is still by far the best coach I've ever seen. He has vision

way above everyone else. His training methods are the standard world-wide for becoming successful at the highest level of competition. Jean coached me at my final fight at the US Open in 2001 against Morocco. I lost that day. But, as I look back, I have no regrets. Jean's influence in my life is lived everyday, right here in this building. A part of him lives inside every student with the knowledge that he passed to me. I'm not sure what he got from knowing me, but the profound effect that was made on me, made me better as a fighter, a coach, and as a teacher. Knowing Jean has made be a better human being.

Quote of the Month: Dreams do come true. Yeahy-Yeah!

Belt Tests

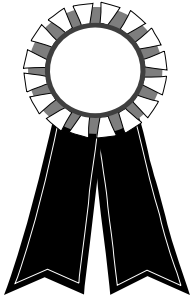
COLORED BELT & BLACK BELT TESTING SCHEDULE-The colored belt tests will be held the week of June 25th. In order to have time to order your belts, **applications must be turned in by Wednesday, June 11th.** Regular classes will be held on Monday, June 23rd and on Tuesday, June 24th. The Colored Belt Test Schedule will be as follows:

<u>Wednesday, June 25th</u>		<u>Thursday, June 26th</u>	
5:00	5-7 Beginners	5:00	Advanced Students
6:00	8-12 Beginners	5:45	Junior Black Belt Test
6:45	Intermediates	7:15	Senior Black Belt Test
7:30	Adult Belt Test		

There will be no select class on Thursday, June 26th.

Please feel free to come and watch the Black Belt Test. Not only have these students have worked hard to achieve their rankings and deserve the support, but you will be impressed with their accomplishments.

Please remember to wear your complete uniform to the test-NO T-SHIRTS!!



Students of the Month

Students of the month receive a certificate of their achievement along with a Team Players Student of the Month Blue Ribbon and patch for their uniform.

Congratulations to the Students of the Month for May 2008

Tiny Tots	Robbie Jones
5-7 Beginners	Brady Hutchinson
8-12 Beginners	Connor Peery
Intermediate	Max Federle
Advanced	Jacob Kibbey
Jr. Black Belt	Nick Paeglis
Sr. Black Belt	Travis Payne
Jr. Judo	Scott Brooks
Sr. Judo	Alex Shapiro
Adult	Tom Kraynak

These students earned "Student of the Month" by proving their dedication and commitment to excel. They attend classes often, perform to the best of their abilities and show outstanding Team Spirit and leadership qualities.

Mark your Uniforms

Please take a few minutes to mark your uniforms and equipment. We have had several occasions where a student's uniform has come up missing, more than likely mistakenly taken by another student. Make sure when you leave that you have your correct clothing, uniforms, equipment and shoes. Shoes sometimes look alike, but are different sizes or are newer or older. Mistaken shoe identity has happened too. If you do find that you have mistakenly taken someone else's belongings please be sure to give us a call or return it promptly. Thanks for your help!!

School is almost out!!

It's hard to believe the end of the school year is here already! We at Team Players realize that sometimes children have a hard time adjusting to new schedules or don't want to stop playing to come to Taekwondo class. You may even hear your child say that they want to quit. This is very common at this time of year. And, as parents trying

to fit the children's activities into your busy schedule can be challenging, especially if you have more than one child and more than one activity.

Setting routines and following through with them are the best thing you can do for your child during this time. Once they adjust to

the new schedule, most children don't even question it. And, the good news is that most children are very resilient and will adjust quickly. If you find your child is still having trouble after a couple of weeks, please let us know ~ we have seen this many times and we can help.

Welcome Sunrise Students

As many of you already know, we teach an after school program at Sunrise Academy. Over the summer, some of our students from the program will be joining our regularly scheduled classes at the main school. Please help make them feel welcome. Say hello, introduce yourself, be friendly, offer to be their partner, or show them around. You never know who your next friend may be!!

Summer Break

Team Players summer break will begin on June 27th and run through July 13th. Regular classes will resume on Monday, July 14th. We hope that everyone will benefit from the break and return to classes rejuvenated and ready to learn and have fun.

