

# BLUE DRAGON MARTIAL ARTS

## October-November 2021

### Open House

- We have ongoing open try-outs; it is never too late to bring a friend and or family members to a class.
- With friends and family visiting our school in September it was a great month!

### Closed-Thanksgiving and Halloween

- We are closed on Thanksgiving Mon. **Oct 11.**

### Tests: Questions and Answers

- **School = Dojo / Teacher = Sensei / Student = Karate-ka / Uniform = Gi / Belt = Obi**
- **Colour belts = Kyu belts / Black Belts = Dan ranks / Karate comes from = Japan / Okinawa / Naha-shi**

### General

#### Pandemic schedule- On line Classes

- Please log in early so we can start on time, than you.
- Tots and Juniors start at **6:20pm** / Int and Seniors at **7:00 pm**
- Classes will be running normally unless you receive an e-mail from Blue Dragon.
- Check the web site or our voice mail for notices always posted by 4:00pm.

### PA Days

- Although we follow the school calendar a PA days does not mean we are closed

### Attendance

Minimum 85% attendance is mandatory for any stripe test and/or belt examination.(85% or 7 out of 8)

- A missed class can be made up by attending a class prior to, as well as, your own, or
- Completing a senior class, after your regular session, or
- Attending one class at our other location at any time (which you are always welcome to do).

### Stripe Tests

There are four stripe tests this semester (Sept, Oct, Nov, and Dec). A student can receive two stripes at each test . One stripe is for attendance, the other stripe for their attitude and skills learned over the previous month. In order to attempt a belt examination, each student must have eight stripes in total on their belt.

### Karate etiquette and noise levels-**IN PERSON & ON ZOOM**

Traditionally a karate school training area is a quiet location for the study of the martial arts.

A reminder: audience voices should be kept to a lower volume during a class. This is appreciated by both the teacher and students.

### Brown Belt Three

When a Brown Belt Three moves to a Jr. and/or Sr. Black Belt it takes place in **June** not January.

This means that you along with all the Jr./Sr. Black belts go through a mid-term in January where no belts are awarded. The Mid-term certificate is needed to apply for the Jr. or Sr. Black Belt program testing in June.

### Black Belts

Our school follows the guidelines of the All Okinawa Karate Association in that a student is eligible to attempt for a senior Black Belt at the age of 17. The process is in two parts, mid-term prep in January and the annual Black Belt exams held in June. Note: As well has attended Sr. class for at least a year.

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