

# ***Howard's ATA Black Belt Academy March 2005***

## **Life Skill**

### ***Loyalty***

## **Stars Assignment**

In order to earn three blue stars this month, make a list of the five people you are most loyal to (in order) and explain why you are loyal to that person. Include examples of things they have done to earn your loyalty. This will earn you three blue stars.

## **Class Cancellations**

We will be closed on Saturday, March 19 (the day after testing). We will have a booth that day at the Capitol for the YMCA 5K St. Pat's Day Walk/Run. We would love to see you out there (you don't have to participate!). The race starts at 9 am and we would like to have students wearing Howard's ATA shirts to support the booth. We will also be closed on Saturday, March 26 for the Easter weekend! Happy Easter!

## **Referrals**

We are still giving away the BIG SCREEN TV! We are changing the format for which we award the television. For each referral you have or get this testing cycle, we will enter your name in a drawing. We will draw at our next testing, which will be toward the end of March. Those with referrals already will also be entered in the drawing that number of times. So keep passing out your VIP cards! It may win you a BIG SCREEN TV!

## **BBC/Masters Club**

BBC will be focusing on Double Ssahng Joel Bahng this testing cycle. Make sure you bring the appropriate weapon to class each time. Masters Club (1<sup>st</sup> degree) will be focusing on single and double bahng mahng ee counts ; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree will be working on the sam don bahng. Leadership – we will continue the sam dam bahng (3 sectional staff). Please make sure you have one for class!

## **Testing**

Our next testing is set for Friday, March 18 at the YMCA again. Mark your calendars now! We will have testing permission slips out the first week of March.

## **Ceremonies**

We have not yet set a date/time/location for March ceremonies. Listen for the announcement as we get closer to the date!

## **Bad Weather**

Howard's ATA follows the same policy as Jefferson City Public Schools. If they cancel classes due to winter weather or are dismissed early, we will be closed that evening as well. On Saturdays, you will have to call if in doubt. We will try to send emails on Saturday mornings, should this occur, but please call to make sure we're open.

## **Tournaments**

The next regional tournament will be in Columbia on April 8 and 9. Saturday is the main competition, but if you would like to watch the high ranks compete, that will go on Friday evening. We will have information very soon regarding this event. The location will be the Hearn Center and there will be staging times as usual. Watch the front desk for more information and the sign-up list. This tournament is very close and does not require much travel. I hope this gives everyone enough notice to clear their schedule, as we would like to support a tournament that is so close to home.

## **Pictures**

Boster's Photography will be here again this spring to take our annual martial arts photos. They will be here on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6 and 7. We will have the sign up posted at the front desk as soon as it arrives. If you did not have a photo taken last year, you can see their work on our picture board right inside the front door. They do an excellent job and are very good with the kids. They will have two stations set up to accommodate the number of students we have, so there will be not be classes on those two days, due to a lack of space. There are a limited amount of time slots, so if you would like to have pictures taken, you will want to sign up early. I expect our packet at anytime, so keep your eyes open for the time slots to be posted at the front desk.

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