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## December Newsletter

**A reminder that the gym will be:  
 CLOSED Wed, Dec 24 – Sun, Dec 28  
 OPEN Mon, Dec 29 & Tues, Dec 30  
 CLOSED Wed, Dec 31 & Thurs, Jan 1  
 OPEN Fri, Jan 2 & after**

**Wednesday & Thursday classes are short 1 CLASS for the quarter.**

**Those athletes attending a class on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays may schedule 1 make-up class for missed classes during the Holidays. It must be scheduled in advance through the office and completed by Saturday, February 28.**

Dear Athletes & Parents,

Welcome to the Winter Quarter! I want to apologize to each of you for the inconvenience of changing class times and other registration headaches. I know some of you feel as if you have been "jerked around" as one mother stated. I am a HUGE planner and love to have every detail of my life and the business figured out far in advance. I hate it when things change at the last minute so I know why it bothers some of you. As you all know, the community is hurting and many people have lost their jobs. On the last day of Winter Registration (Tuesday, November 25), we only had 140 athletes registered compared to 293 last spring and 260 in the fall. Needless to say, I panicked. We could not make our payments with 140 athletes, so I did the only thing that I knew to do and that was cut classes and staff hours. It wasn't a fun decision to make, but one that was necessary so we could pay our bills. After that decision was made, over 70 families showed up the first week of class wanting to register. This created a logistical nightmare. I think we have "fixed" most of the problem areas/classes. Although none of the classes have more than the 10:1 ratio that we are required to maintain, some are still larger than I would like or had planned. I will continue to do my part to help balance out classes and to ensure that you are receiving the quality instruction that you deserve. However, I have one HUGE favor that I ask of you..... Next quarter, please please please REGISTER EARLY! The schedules always come out one month in advance. If your child doesn't bring one home, you can print it off of our website or find extra copies in the lobby. By registering early, we can all plan better and then in return the first night of class will be smoother. Most importantly, it allows our staff to spend the first night of class teaching your child rather than trying to figure out where each child belongs. Thank you!

God Bless,

**December Birthdays – Happy Birthday Athletes!** Don't forget to ask a staff member for your birthday sucker ☺

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| 6 – Abigail Zimmerman | 23 – Madison Miller & Rachel Schuler |
| 7 – Brooklin Surber   | 26 – Maddie Caldwell                 |
| 11 – Meranda Gilbert  | 27 – Caryn Twine & Madison Enright   |
| 14 – Kylie Laug       | 28 – Taylor Neff & Kiley Allen       |
| 15 – James Duncan     | 30 – Shelby Williams                 |
| 17 – Lyla McAllister  |                                      |
| 18 – Amber Fackusseh  |                                      |
| 21 – Emma Burgess     |                                      |

**Promotions**

Although sticker charts are only completed at the last class of the quarter, athletes are evaluated at the end of each month. If you are promoted, please see an office staff member to check on class availability. Congratulations Athletes for an outstanding month! Promotions this month include:

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| <b>Ashley Chaney</b>        | <b>Promoted to Advanced</b>           |
| <b>Taylor Chaney</b>        | <b>Promoted to Advanced</b>           |
| <b>Mikhayla Carter</b>      | <b>Promoted to Elite I</b>            |
| <b>Makayla Ernst-Harper</b> | <b>Promoted to Elite I</b>            |
| <b>Katelyn Farley</b>       | <b>Promoted to Intermediate</b>       |
| <b>Kaylee Fox</b>           | <b>Promoted to Intermediate</b>       |
| <b>Tyler Greathouse</b>     | <b>Promoted to Gymnastics Preteam</b> |
| <b>Breanna Karnes</b>       | <b>Promoted to Beginner</b>           |
| <b>Kylie Laug</b>           | <b>Promoted to Elite II</b>           |
| <b>Raelynn Mason</b>        | <b>Promoted to Advanced</b>           |
| <b>Gracie Platt</b>         | <b>Promoted to Intermediate</b>       |
| <b>Brittany Owens</b>       | <b>Promoted to Intermediate</b>       |
| <b>Autumn Rooks</b>         | <b>Promoted to Elite I</b>            |
| <b>Trinity Tucker</b>       | <b>Promoted to Intermediate</b>       |
| <b>Jenna Stanley</b>        | <b>Promoted to Beginner</b>           |
| <b>Katie Wilkinson</b>      | <b>Promoted to Elite II</b>           |
| <b>Darcie Zeckser</b>       | <b>Promoted to Intermediate</b>       |

### Closings & Inclement Weather

This time of year sometimes brings inclement weather to the area. In most cases the gyms will stay open because typically by the evening roads are cleared. If classes/team is ever cancelled, it will be announced on WLWT Channel 5 (Cincinnati NBC) or Channel 4 (Columbus NBC). You can also visit [wlwt.com](http://wlwt.com) for a list of closings.

**Proper Attire-** Athletes, please make sure that you are dressed appropriately for your class. All female athletes should wear a leotard (shorts are optional). Male athletes may wear a t-shirt (the tighter the shirt the better) and shorts. It is difficult and at times unsafe to spot an athlete wearing a baggy t-shirt. If you are unable to afford a leotard, please see a staff member. Many families have donated gently used leotards. We have many FREE ones to pick from.

### Candle Sales

Thank you to everyone who participated in the candle sales. As a gym, we sold 751 candles and raised \$2253!! The athletes get to keep 100% of the profit to use toward class/competition fees – none of the money from this fundraiser goes back into the gym. Kylie Laug sold the most with 109 candles – she raised \$327 to help with her competition fees – great job KYLIE ☺

### Aerial's Gym Space

I am very sorry, but due to liability reasons, our insurance does not allow spectators to enter into the gym space. Spectators must remain in the lobby at all times. The only exception is the parent/child preschool classes – if a parent is going to help with the class then he/she must sign a release prior to being in the gym space. Also, any parent helping is asked to stay off of the beam, bars, vault & trampoline. **If you are not helping your preschooler and have not signed a release form for yourself, then you must wait in the lobby.** Thank you for your understanding. If at any time, you have questions about what your child should be working on, please see his/her instructor before or after class. Thank you!

### Aerial's Recital 2009:

Make Plans NOW to attend the 2009 Recital to be held Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Hermann Court on the campus of Wilmington College. We have already started working hard to make for an even better show in 2009 which most likely will include two separate shows (therefore less people at each one, more room to park and smaller lines!!!!!!) All classes and teams will participate, so mark the date on your calendar now ☺ All classes will be asked to purchase a matching outfit for recital. The price will be \$40 and due by March 1.

### Aerial's EXTREME Cheerleading Teams:

The next cheer competition for the EXTREME cheerleading teams will be Saturday, December 20 – Jamfest Holiday Jam at the Dayton Convention Center. Visit [jamfest.com](http://jamfest.com) for more information and a detailed schedule.

EXTRA PRACTICES in December Sat., December 13 2-3:30 AND Sat., December 27 Mini 9:30-11 & Youth 11-12:30

### Back Handspring Clinics

This winter, we have added 3 back handspring clinics to the schedule. To attend the back handspring clinic(s), athletes must be able to perform a good round off and also a good handstand (should be able to support own body weight in a handstand position for a minimum of 30 seconds). The cost is \$18 and must be paid in advance. Athletes also must have a release form on file.

Winter Back Handspring Clinics: December 6 January 10 February 7

### CHRISTMAS is only 17 DAYS AWAY ☺

To help with your Christmas Shopping – we are having a HUGE pro shop sale now until Christmas!

New Long Sleeve Leotards have arrived – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$35 regular price \$38

Tank Leotards Style 1991 – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$29 regular price \$35

SALE Leotards Style 1999 – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$18 regular price \$20

ALL AERIALS LOGO T-shirts – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$10 regular price \$12

NEW Polka Dot Hoodies - \$38

NEW Aerial's Metallic Silver/Sparkly T's - \$19

**More Aerial's Polka Dot Shorts & NEW Aerial's Polka Dot Sweatpants will be available Monday, December 15!**

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

The birthday parties have been a huge success! Thank you to all of you who have chosen to have your birthday party at Aerial's. Many dates are still available for the winter quarter. The 4000 sq. ft. Wilmington gym is a great place for athletes and his/her friends to have a FUN, FUN, FUN and unforgettable birthday party. If you are interested see Denise, and book your FABULOUS PARTY TODAY!!!!

**Class Fees:** All parents are required to sign a registration form at the start of each quarter that states that he/she has read the policies and procedures. No exceptions will be made for those parents who choose not to read the policies and procedures.

- ***Tuition payments are due on or before the first practice of every month or quarter. A \$5 per week late fee will be applied after the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.***
- By enrolling in the quarter, ***athletes are committing to the 12-week session.*** Although athletes have the option of paying in three monthly installments, ***one is still required to pay for the entire quarter.*** If an athlete decides to stop coming to class in the middle of the quarter or after one month, he/she will be billed for the remainder of the quarter.
- **January fees were due on or before December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already paid, please do so immediately to avoid further late charges. February fees will be due on or before January 7<sup>th</sup>. No payment is due in February until you register for the Spring Quarter (which you will hopefully do when the registration forms come out the first week of February ☺)**

All class and team fees are due by the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. If the fees are paid late, there will be a \$5 per week late fee applied.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> No Late Fee \* Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> \$5 late \* Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> \$10 late \* Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> \$15 late \* Dec 30<sup>th</sup> – later \$20 late

**Anniversary Month - Registration Fees**

**(This is NOT a past due notice, but just a reminder to those whose anniversary month is December:**

*All athletes are required to pay a \$25 annual registration fee. The annual registration fee is due the first month enrolled and then annually thereafter. Athletes will receive a t-shirt once the registration fee is paid, not before. I would rather not post the past due. Please see Denise if you have questions, or are unsure as to when your fee is due. Those due in December (some may have already paid – thank you!) are:*

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Brewer, StefaniRae  | Landrum, Chantel |
| Caldwell, Maddie    | Miller, Faith    |
| Campbell, Emily     | Miller, Madison  |
| Collins, Courtney   | Morgan, Kayli    |
| Conger, Shawna      | Murphy, Alyson   |
| Cranmer, Abby       | Myers, Heather   |
| Curry, Kyndall      | Neff, Taylor     |
| Dance, Brittany     | Prell, Poebi     |
| Davidson, Johanna   | Price, Emily     |
| Donahue, Maggie     | Quarles, Yenisel |
| Eades, Kennedy      | Regan, Kelsi     |
| Eades, Morghan      | Rickman, Lyric   |
| Eades, Shannon      | Rose, Brooke     |
| Ellen, Lindsay      | Sanderson, Faith |
| Espericueta, hailey | Schreier, Rosie  |
| Espericueta, Makala | Schulz, Lane     |
| Fackusseh, Amber    | Sivert, Victoria |
| Grate, Emily        | Snyder, Regan    |
| Guisleman, India    | Spriggs, Faith   |
| Hafer, Kirstasia    | Tissandier, Alex |
| Hammond, Serena     | Trefz, Destiny   |
| Hargrave, Marissa   | Watson, Jackie   |
| Hester, Ava         | Zerby, Bailey    |

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ALREADY PAID ☺**

**Monthly Prayer Requests / Devotion:**

The last class of the month will include the following: a short devotion, a time for athletes to share prayer requests (to be included in the next month's newsletter), and a short prayer. We highly encourage all athletes to participate. If you do not want your child to participate, then please let a staff member know. *Prayer Requests for December; please know that I try to get names & spellings correct ☺*

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Kylie Laug                   | Staff at Aerial's            | Safety at practice           | Sarah Williams – Mother        | Jenny Morgan                   |
| Ashley Delph- Mom and dad    | Felicity Wright- Grandma     | Paige Cox- Grandma           | Aaron Sewell- Grandma          | Pastor McInerny's Baby         |
| Emma Fouch- Dad              | Madi Crowe- Friend's grandma | that passed away             | Shannon Eades- Friend's cousin | passed away                    |
| Aubrey Powell- Great Grandma | passed away                  | Raelynn- Grandma and grandpa | safe in Florida                | Caren- Brother to be nice      |
| Zoe- Friend's broken arm     | Tyler Greathouse- Uncle and  | great grandpa passed away    | McKenzie Carter- Dad is moving |                                |
| Darcie Zeckser- Grandma      | Lyla- Uncle passed away      | Ashlyn Conner- Mom's surgery |                                | Hayley Curtsinger              |
| Mary Steele- Friend's leg    | Claire Burns- Grandma's open | heart surgery                | Katie Jordan-Tara Camp         |                                |
| Summar- Mom is having a baby |                              | Ashley Tissot- Grandma       | Trinity Tucker's Dad           | Uncle Jimmy                    |
| All the sick people          | Safe driving                 | Holly- Grandma Regina        | Taylor- Great Grandpa          | Emily Price - family           |
| Bre- Grandpa Jim             | God and Jesus                | All Pets                     | Miss Taylor                    | Parents                        |
| Brianna Shumaker- Grandma    | MacKenzie Adams- Grandma     | has cancer                   | Korbin Adams- dad's surgery    | Disney (cheerleaders)          |
| Autumn Baker- Dad's friend   | People losing jobs           | Cherry and apple trees       | Grace Matthews – Dad ill       |                                |
| Stella Burgess- Friend's dad | passed away & Music Teacher  | Maggie Donahue- Uncle Bud    | Mackenzie Anderson- Aunt       | Taylor Chaney- Aunt            |
| Hannah Smith- Grandpa I      | Meg O'Connor- wrist          | Maria Onusko - Great aunt    | passed away                    | Mackenzie Sluss- Dad's surgery |

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

**Christmas Pedestals Sale!!!!**

**Pedestals Orders Must be Turned in with full payment no later than Saturday, December 13 to ensure delivery by Christmas!**

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a surprise? Yes or No

Check the height that you wish to order:

\_\_\_\_\_ 6" OR \_\_\_\_\_ 12" \$40 per set X how many? \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to Tom Allen**

**THANK YOU ☺**