



OUR NEWS

Making Memories – Mother’s Day Class 2026

On **Monday, May 4**, sixty students and their mothers and grandmothers, hugged, laughed, and trained at our **Mother’s Day Class**. It was the largest turnout to date for this special class, and all three training floors were filled with wall-to-wall excitement. Over a dozen instructors came to assist Headmaster Staloch in running the students and their guests through a one-hour, fun-filled workout.



Physical techniques are easily seen, but the Mother’s Day Class brought the heart and emotion of the martial arts front-and-center. Our students shared their training with their families, building memories and strengthening the sense of the American Martial Arts Institute as a second home. **WKTV, News Channel 2**, came to cover the event, which only added to the excitement. The segment aired at 10 and 11 pm, and was featured on their website. You can read their coverage and watch their video below. https://youtu.be/r7jA3ER_HH0

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One of the unique aspects of this year's event was the **Mother's Day Belt**, a white belt with a red stripe down the center, with the red representing love and family bonding. Our school seeks out opportunities to strengthen our community. For very special events, a special belt may be presented to commemorate the event and recognize the personal growth our students who participate. For example, in 2017, over 100 of our students earned their Pink Belts for spreading awareness regarding cancer in conjunction with the American Cancer Society. The Mother's Day Belt was presented to all of the students and their guests. The same belt will be presented at our upcoming **Father's Day** class.



Unlike regular classes that have students line up by rank, everyone fell in alongside their loved ones. Headmaster Stalloch rotated between rooms working with all students, while each individual room was overseen by either Master Stalloch, Master Morris, or Instructor Osborne. Ten additional instructors assisted between the rooms. The mothers learned punches, kicks, and blocks. Another unique aspect of night was that the mothers were partners with their children.

They took turns holding shields for punching and using padded "whackers" for blocking. In regular classes, only certified instructors teach, but for one-night-only, the children taught their mother's some of their highest kata. Many of the mothers commented that they had a new perspective on what their children were learning. Following, the kata practice, the children partnered with their mothers for self-defense practice.



All of the mothers and their children had their pictures taken together, and they will be receiving copies this week once they are printed.

The evening ended with handing out the Father's Day forms!

Thank you to all of the instructors who shared their time to make this event possible!





ABOUT OUR ARCHIVES

The American Martial Arts Institute maintains a library at its main office with records of rank promotions, events, publications, media coverage, photographs, and videos. These are in the form of photo albums, copies of our publications, preserved news articles, and digital files such as videos and photographs from events in our history. In 1998, the American Martial Arts Institute launched its first website. Since then, the website has undergone many updates to keep up with changing technology. Many of our school's events and history are recorded on this website; however, not all testing results are maintained online (although testing records are maintained at our school). Events prior to 1998, are kept at our school library. This webpage documents some of our school's history.

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