

March Newsletter Information 2008

Brown's Karate Studio, Inc.

Dear Parents and Students,

Please check the website very carefully for the April '08 schedule. We will not be having our regular four (4) classes per month during the month of April; **we will only be having three (3) during this month.**

The reason for this is that this is my youngest daughter's senior year of softball at MV high school and I am going to be there to see her games! As a result of this situation, that cannot be helped, **please cut your payment to me by \$10 for the month of April!**

As we continue on our "Tao" or way of Tae Kwon Do, I am always looking at new and innovative ways to operate more efficiently. I recently read an article in one of my martial arts magazines that spoke of a school's "graduation fee." What it really was speaking too was the issue of belt promotion. The article sounded something like this:

- At Brown's Karate Studio, Inc., we don't believe in having Testing that cost our students and their parents an arm and a leg. Our philosophy of martial arts espouses that each Student be in class regularly, and work their hardest, to achieve the needed requirements to move up to their next Rank. The "graduation fee" merely covers the cost of the students' next Belt and graduation certificate.

With that being said, here are the costs associated with moving up to your next belt certification:

- Gup Rankings (Brown Belt w/ black stripe and below): \$15
- Black Belt Testing: \$150

I will continue updating you on new developments with our school as soon as I can. On my end, I will continue to work on the school's curriculum, both on paper and on dvd, so that both you and your children can progress at a quality pace.

Thank you for your understanding, and your patronage.

Sincerely yours,

Sensei Brown