

# White Horse Academy of Martial Arts

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Dear Students and Parents,

It is nearly Rank Test time again. The kids are very excited about it, as they should be. We have been preparing all semester for this. Rank Test means they test for their next color belt. It is the advancing up the ladder of Martial Arts. In giving your child this letter, we feel they are ready for this test.

Tests will be held at your child's school at their regular class time. The following is a schedule of each school:

Monday . 12/1..... St. Ambrose {2 classes} and St. Anne {2classes}  
Tuesday . 12/2 .....Rice School (2 classes) and Oak Forest Elem. (2classes)  
Wednesday. 12/3 .....ROE (both classes), and Joy School , Travis Elem.  
Thursday. 12/4 ..... St. George Place , Harvard  
Friday. 12/5 .....ROE (2 classes), Immanuel Lutheran

Students testing **MUST** be in full uniform (jacket with patches, pants, and belt). This is **MOST IMPORTANT**, as we are a traditional school, and this is one tradition that cannot be changed no matter what. If students have sparring gear, it **MUST** also be worn. If any part of the uniform is missing, please call us...we will bring the replacement to school for them.

Belt Presentation is the following week at regular class time. Students receiving new belts **MUST** be in full uniform for this ceremony also. (Many students don't wear their old belt on Belt Presentation Day because they think they will get a new one.... they don't know that they passed until that day, so they must not assume they did.) Also, this is a tradition we adhere to very strictly.....it is part of the ceremony to take off the old belt and don the new one.

Rank Test fee is \$45. This includes the test, an official certificate of promotion, and their new belt. If this fee is a problem.....please call us. We will work with you any way we can. The students work very hard for this recognition and it is most important to their self-esteem and confidence, therefore, their testing is primary. We can work on payments, sliding scale, or no fee at all. But, for the kid's sake, please allow them to test.

**Deadline to return the application for rank test is Nov. 23,2008. Any applications received after the deadline will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee. This is very important, as we must order belts and certificates in advance. \* NOTE: Deadline will NOT be a school day. Please SEND with your child EARLY. If mailed it must be in our hands by the deadline of Nov. 23, 2008**

**Call us if you have any questions.**

Sincerely and respectfully,

Master Barbara Dickens  
Mr. Curtis Dickens  
White Horse Academy of Martial Arts