



Queens Taekwon-Do Center

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Dear Parents and Students:

Another week, more than 100 days of quarantine. I only hope we can look at this situation in a positive way, learn to appreciate more what life is about, and especially to value having our family and friends around us. I hope people better learn more about self-awareness and humanity and forget a little about material greed. Hopefully, our children have learned that you can survive without certain luxuries and excess and appreciate a simpler life where we only need the essentials to survive.

The important thing is that we do it now—not tomorrow or some day in the future. There are two days in life that are useless to me: the past which is behind me, and the future which is uncertain. Of course, we have to think about tomorrow to take the necessary precautions and remember the past to see how the world has changed us. But if we are to enjoy what life offers, why not do it now? How many people are there enduring this crisis without being able to enjoy the good things that life has given us?

Again, I want to congratulate you for your ongoing participation in Taekwon-Do classes. The continuity motivates us to continue doing what we like, and though it is not easy, it is not impossible. I want to offer a very special congratulations to the following students who have participated in the majority of the online classes since this program started (at least 27 of 37 classes). They are: ***Claudia Suarez, Raymundo Carreto, Gianpietro Elias, Ruben Suarez, Jr., Jose Zelaya, Master Roberto DelCid, Ashley Carreto, Stephanie Campoverde. David De Jesus, Maria Avalos, Cristopher Gagnay, Diego Diez, Kimberly Luna, Renato Perez, Sharon Rafael, Andrew Rafael, Luis Moran, Mauricio Sosa, Marko Demkiv, Tenzin Pemdón, Sebastian Garcia, Sebastian Guerrero, Sophie Gurung, Milo Robinson, Alison Marin, Briana Marin, Ellis Juela, Emsley Juela, Ian Diaz, Miguel Cortes, Kamila Solís and Juan Pablo Cortes.***

I did not write a letter last week because the situation had not changed at all. Monday marked our **first week reopening New York City in a series of four phases lasting two weeks each** to see if there is not a significant surge in the number of cases of COVID-19. In order to open the school, we have to reach **Phase 4**. We are well-informed of the situation regarding reopening of the economy and we understand it will be a slow process. Still, we continue with the program of online courses, providing the service you deserve.

As promised, we have kept our word and all students have had their time extended, and revised deadlines will be given when we resume classes. Those who have continued making payments through AAC company will also have their time extended once their contract expires. Those who had expired contracts during quarantine have been given a renewal date, and there will be no problem to adjust this date if needed. I only hope we will be able to return to our school in July. If not, we will continue offering classes via Zoom. When classes resume we will meet with everyone individually and make all the necessary accommodations.

I want to thank the students and parents who have continued to support the school. This has been a tremendous help in covering some of our monthly fixed expenses making it possible for us to continue with Queens Taekwon-Do Center.

In closing, I wish you all the best. Please remain safe and get ready to return to QTC in July.

Sincerely,

Grand Master Ruben Suarez

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