

To All Parents of Students Under 16 Years of Age:

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As of January 1, 2007, the finance ministry of Canada has introduced a campaign to promote general good health and fitness in our youths. With obesity rising among children in Canada, concerns are raised with increased rates of diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart trouble, which further stretch Canada's already overloaded public healthcare system.

This new plan will allow parents to claim up to \$500 in tax credits for each child under 16 who participates in eligible fitness activities. As far as we know, this will include your child's karate training.

Please retain the receipts for your karate dues. In December 2007, return them to me at which time I will put together a formal statement indicating fees paid throughout the year. You can issue this with your annual income tax (and the form that the government will include in your tax package) as a deduction. I do ask you to ensure that you take it upon yourself to keep track of your receipts, as I shall only be able to issue you a statement for the receipts you can provide me at year end.

I strongly encourage all parents to take advantage of this very good opportunity. Thank you for your continued support of our club and organization, and in particular, your child's general health and fitness.

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