

**SMSC Sharkwave Newsletter**  
**Website: <http://business.planetcable.net/smsc/>**  
**January 2, 2007**

**Practice times this week are a little different due to high school meets please check your practice times!!!** Updated January schedule should be attached to email. If you need a hard copy, please let me know.

Sign up sheet for EPAC 1/13/07 is posted on deck. Please sign up by 1/10/07.

Notes for Parents concerning swim meet sign ups and expectations from the coaches

- It is necessary for us to know if your child will be attending the swim meet no later than Wednesday the week of the meet. It takes a lot of time to prepare the lineup. If you do not give us a yes or no by Wednesday, there is a good chance your child will be unable to swim in the meet.
- If you do not show up for a swim meet, not only does it cause a lot of stress for the coaches, but you are taking away spots in events that other swimmers could have been in. It may also cause 3 other swimmers to not be able to swim in a relay event. Please show respect for the coaches and other swimmers by making every attempt to follow through with your commitment.
- If you have other commitments on the same day as a swim meet, please notify us of that when you sign up so that we can put you in events accordingly.
- Please remember that swimming is not only an individual sport, but also a team sport. We are scoring points for each event and every child has a part on the team.

The process is even more important for our upcoming away meets since we arrive later leaving less time for attendance and making lineup changes if needed. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Committee Reports**

**Meet Director**

Lisa Webber will be looking for volunteers for the EPAC meet on Jan 13<sup>th</sup>. Parent Volunteers are essential for running these meets so please come out and help.

**Concession Stand:** Our next concession will be on January 27<sup>th</sup> when we host Collegiate Aquatics.

**Divisionals:** T-Shirt order form is posted at the pool along with design. Please pre-order your divisional t-shirts. For divisional committee members, please look for an upcoming meeting announcement soon.

**Fund Raising:** We are kicking off our sub and sandwich sale this week. An order form is attached to the email for your convenience or hard copies will be available at the pool. Orders are due back by January 18<sup>th</sup> (also a parent's meeting). The subs will be delivered to the pool on Wed evening Jan 24<sup>th</sup> for you to pick up. If you have questions, see Tim McCreary or Dana Gossert.

**Team Pictures:** Team pictures are scheduled for this Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. They will be taken again this year by Bill Smith. There is a high school meet that night so there will be no practice only team photos. Kids are encouraged to wear their team suits if they have them. Siblings may have their pictures taken together if you like. Order forms are available at the pool all this week and on Thursday as well.

**Locker Room Precautions:**

The locker rooms can not always be monitored by parents and coaches, so we ask that you remind your swimmers of proper locker room etiquette. Horseplay will not be tolerated in the locker rooms. Swimmers are encouraged not to share personal items such as towels, brushes etc. If swimmers forget towels, they can ask for one from the school stockpile instead of sharing. Swimmers should check to be sure they have their caps, goggles, etc before leaving. Items left behind are placed in the lost and found if located by a member of the coaching staff.

We have had several instances of the showers being left on by the last ones to use them. Please turn of the showers when you are done. Matt Brenner has asked that in the boys shower, we try not to use the shower(s) that points at the shower entrance. Due to the changes in the shower entrance, water is getting out of the shower area and pooling in the hallway. This is creating a hazard. Thanks for your help with this.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, etc, please feel free to contact myself or any board member and we will be glad to help.

**Lost and Found:**

There have been several items lost in recent weeks including towels, swimsuits, jewelry, and goggles. Please check your swimmers bags and be sure they do not have something that may belong to another swimmer. There is a lost and found area at the pool where you can also check for lost items. I also have a few items I brought home from the team party including a plate and game boy.

League Top 16 times can be viewed at <http://www.swimcpal.org/2006-07/top%2016/top16titlepage.htm>. If you want to see how your times stack up against others in the league. You can also view results of other teams in our division at the following link. <http://www.swimcpal.org/2006-07/duals/2a/title%20page.htm>

Upcoming Events: Frosty Frolic 1/7, SMSC at EPAC 1/13, Parents Meeting 1/18

