

SMSC Sharkwave Newsletter
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Announcements:

No Practice October 31st for Trick or Treat

Regular Practice schedules have begun: I apologize for the error in last weeks newsletter regarding practice times for the Mako level. Practice times are as follows:

Sand sharks: Tu/Th 6-7 PM

Hammerheads and Tiger Sharks: M/W/F 6-7 PM

Makos: M/W/F 6-8 PM Tu/Th 7-8 PM

Great Whites: Monday-Friday 6-8 PM.

If you have any questions about the practice schedule or group assignments, please feel free to ask.

SMSC Registration:

We have nearly 100 swimmers currently registered for the winter season. If you have not yet registered, please do so by contacting SM Parks and Recreation at 258-4441, stopping by the Parks and Rec office at the township building, or signing up at practice by talking to a board member.

Team Suit Try-Ons:

For those of you interested in purchasing a team suit this season, Lisa Barnes will have the try on suits available at practice this week with the last day to order being November 3rd. It is best to try the suits on before practice while the swimmers are dry and please note that the try on suits need to be returned to the vendor so all tags must remain intact. Team suits are not required for the swimmers to compete. Order forms are available when trying on and money is due by November 3rd.

Parents Association Meeting:

There will be a SMSC Parents Association meeting on Thursday November 2nd beginning at 6:10 PM. It will be held in the life skills room across the hall from the pool. We will be discussing the upcoming season, answering any questions from the parents, looking for committee chairpersons, etc. If you have any questions, please see an officer.

Stroke and Turn Clinics:

CPAL requires that the stroke and turn judges used during dual meets complete a 2 hour training class each season. We had three parents attend the class this past weekend and are looking for more volunteers. The closest remaining class is at Mechanicsburg on Tues 11/28 from 7-9 PM. If you are interested in attending this clinic, please let me know at danagossert@comcast.net so I can provide a count to the host. Stroke and turn judges are a vital part of running a swim meet and helping the swimmers improve their strokes. If you have any questions about this please feel free to ask.

SMSC Teamwear:

Throughout the season, SMSC will have caps, goggles, and assorted clothing available for purchase. If you are interested, please see a board member at the pool. We are planning on having silicon team caps available before the first meet as well. Look for an announcement when they come in.

Forms:

During the first week, we attempted to distribute informational packets to all the parents/swimmers. In the packet were a picture release form and a swimmer pledge form. If you have returned them already, thank you. If you have not, it would be appreciated if you could turn them in this week. If you need a copy of the SMSC team handbook, it is available on our website listed above. If you do not have access to the web, let us know and a hard copy can be provided.

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.

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.