

SMSC Sharkwave Newsletter
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Announcements:

Regular Practice schedules have begun: 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.

Make up times for those Hammerheads and Tigers that may miss a night are:

Hammerheads Tu/Th 6-7 and Tigers Tu/Th 7-8

If you have any questions about the practice schedule or group assignments, please feel free to ask a member of the coaching staff.

Coach Sara would like to remind all of our swimmers that they should bring a hat and jacket to wear outside after practice. Now that the weather is getting colder, we want to minimize the illnesses on the team.

Purple-Gold Meet:

Attention all swimmers, there will be an intrasquad meet held in place of practice on Tuesday November 21st instead of practice. This will be an excellent opportunity for our new swimmers and parents to get the feel for how a meet is run and to try out the volunteer jobs such as timing. This also will provide the coaching staff with baseline times for all our swimmers for the upcoming meets. A sign up sheet will be posted on deck to indicate if you can attend. Please sign up this week so the lineup can start being pulled together.

SMSC Registration:

Registration for SMSC will remain open for about a week or so yet. If you have not yet registered and are planning to, 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. If you have any questions about registration, please feel free to ask an officer.

Team Suit Try-Ons:

Team Suit try-ons have been extended through today November 6th. We need to get these ordered so that we have them in time for our first meet. 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 6th.

Parents Association Meeting:

There was a SMSC Parents Association meeting held on Thursday November 2nd. We discussed the upcoming season, fund raising, committee chairs, and Coach Victor addressed the parents as well. If you were unable to attend and have questions, please see an officer.

Committee Reports

Concession Stand: Barb Brinton has posted the sign up sheet for items to be brought for the home meet concession stand. It is on the bulletin board on deck, please sign up for an item.

Fund Raising: There will be a sign up sheet posted on deck for sign ups for the hot dog sale at Wal-Mart on Sat Nov 25th. We will be looking for volunteers to help work, coolers, a grill, baked goods etc. Please come out and help support SMSC.

Other committee chairs include: Lisa Webber- Meet Director, Rita Cawley – Team Party, Team Gift – Brenda Hallett, Fund Raising – Tim McCreary, Divisionals – George Dolan, and Team Pictures – Karen Sheriff. We will be hearing more from each of these committees as the season goes on.

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.