

Opening Swim and Dive Meeting for Parents

November 1st, 2023 Start 6:00pm

All Information can be found on the GM Age Group Swimming and Diving Website. This will be updated throughout the season on a regular basis.

Website: gimagegroupaquatics.weebly.com

GM Aquatics Email: gmaquatics@gmail.com

To Join Remind: Text @gimagegroup to 81010

Minutes:

Kyle Kuser's Presentation:

- **Kyle Kuser, Aquatic Director-** kyle.kuser@gmsd.org
- We will need **EVERYONE** to volunteer at all the home dual meets and the invitational. Includes, set up, clean up, timers, and concession stand.
- Swim Board Meetings on the **First Wednesday of the Month at 6pm** in the GMIS cafeteria.
- Thank you to the high school coaches we were able to get more practice time this year (some age groups bumped up from two practices to four practices this year) ...please see the website for schedule.
- Parents must be prompt for drop off and pick up...5 to 10 minutes before practice begins and 5 to 10 minutes prior to practice ending.
- **It is recommended**, that parents of 8 and unders, come up to the doors to get their child. It will be dark, and it will be hard to see the children having to cross the intersection. There will always be a coach in the vestibule to wait with the swimmers.
- Swimmers must arrive in suits and leave in suits. **No locker rooms.**
- It is highly recommended that swimmers wear a robe or long jacket, and a hat when leaving.
- **No spectators** during practice time. **The only exception is first (6) practices. 10 and unders may have parent help.**
- Make sure to communicate ASAP any changes or absences for a meet. This allows line ups to be adjusted/made and meets start can start on time.
- Swimmer will sit at meets with their age groups. Swimmers are responsible for cleaning up their area...please make sure to communicate that with your children.
- Swimmers should **NOT** have electronics on pool deck at any time especially during meets.

- Swimmers need to stay until the end of meets unless communicated and approved by a coach.

Coaches:

- **Head Coach, Courtney Kerschner 11, and Up swim groups**
- **Head Coach, Abby Thiry 10 and under swim groups**
- Swimmers will need Googles, Fins, Suits and Caps.
www.swimoutlet.com is a wonderful place to order practice suits, googles and fins. Coach Jen is going to put some examples of fins on websites
- The REMIND app will be used for communication. Please make sure to sign up.
- **IMPORTANT FOR MEETS:** Make sure to fill out the meet declaration form at the beginning of the week when it is sent to you. Coaches need to know either way. Illnesses happen, please let coaches know ASAP through REMIND if your swimmer gets sick before a meet.
- **Home Dual Meets** should have attendance by all. The Governor Mifflin Invitational is paid for our swimmers to participate; however, we will need you to volunteer for the invitational. It is all hands-on deck. Both parents will be needed to put in time during this meet.
- **USA Program...**add on program for swimmers with experience. Think of it as a travel team for swim. Meets are far away. Please talk to Jen Caron or Jen Mazur for more information. There is more information on the website.
- **Splash and Dash** may be suggested in case your swimmer is not ready for the swim team practices. Mr. Kuser and the coaches will make that decision.
- **Championships: There will be qualifying times now for Championships.** There are not yet advertised. If you do not meet the qualifying times, you will be able to participate in the Novice "Silvers" Meet.
- **GM Home High School meets will shift the practice schedule. Please be flexible.**
- **2 Parent Handouts were provided:** Practice Schedule and "Fridge Quick Look Information"

Swim Board:

- **Jennifer Mazur, President**
- **Heather Van Schiack, Vice President**
- **Nikki Carly, 2nd Vice President**
- **Christopher Rayburg, Treasurer**

- Chad Neiswender, Secretary
- Raegan Peters, Non-Resident Parent Advisor
- Lindsey Miller, Diving Team Parent Advisor
- Jessica Mock, Concessions
- Erin Gauker, Spirit Wear

Meet Adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Addendum to the Minutes: On November 5th, 2023, the board voted 5-0 to refund three families (4 swimmers) who cannot participate in this season's swim season. Jen Mazur will reimburse through Active.

- Kennedy Boyer
- Lucy Savage
- Jackson Brisan
- Cameron Brisan

On November 6th, 2023, refunds were processed, and registrations were cancelled. We only refunded the registration amount, not any of the processing fees. Active would have charged us money to refund.