

STINGRAYS NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20TH

FROM COACH HEATHER:

I heard this past weekend that some parents were not pleased with some of the calls the officials made, especially with the younger kids! Please keep in mind that the officials – who are ALL VOLUNTEERS – are only doing their job! They have graciously donated their time to the training to become an official then to serving at the meets in this critical capacity. You are always encouraged to become an official yourself as this position is always in need of more TRAINED volunteers. Disqualifying a swimmer is never an easy call for an official, but try to view it as a teachable moment for your swimmer. Many times there are multiple swimmers an official must speak with so getting to everyone is hard and explanations can be brief. This is why the coaching staff wants to talk with ALL swimmers IMMEDIATELY after their races! Take the time to thank the officials at every meet! It is a very difficult job!

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

1. Stroke clinic tonight is breaststroke! Be ready to swim from 5:15-6:15pm. Remember there is no additional charge for this clinic. It is part of your team registration fee.
2. This Saturday, June 25, the meet is at 5 Parks. Remember to sign up for your events OR mark clearly if you will not be swimming. Use the WHITE sign-up sheets in the books for Saturday's meet.
3. Please check our website on Friday nights to find your swimmers events! Remember that when we host a home meet we should have the psyshe sheets up too!
4. On Sunday, we have 2 different opportunities for the swimmers.
 - A. The Penthalon is a meet that you must qualify for. Look at the BLUE sign up sheets. If your name is highlighted in ORANGE, you have qualified and you need to write YES or NO to indicate if you will be participating. The meet will be held at Applewood Athletic Club with warm-ups at 6 AM and a start time of 7 AM Swimmers who have qualified: Sabrina Wachuta, Emily Pung, Bailey Sutton, Emily Yeager, Emily Johnson, Jesse Rodgers, Ben Gruber, Benjamin Hoppes, Kyle Thomas, Caleb Hoppes, Shalil Jain, Luke Ebeling, Jacob Kepler, Parker Sorenson, Ian Rodgers, Jon Sassolino, Will Kumpf, Alec Sutton, Chris Leighton, Jake Moore, Cade Thomas, Connor Garrison, Cole Kumpf, Maggie Mills, JenBrady, Jamie Nagode, Natalie Hoppes. Swimmers who are close to qualifying: , Alex Muilenburg, Tanner Thomas, Christopher Wachuta, Nick Thomas, Liam Murphy, Mia Howe, Brook Wachuta, Caroline Pung, Shelby Brown, Sara McCloskey, Kailey Petro, Kenna Davis, Erin Wenger
 - B. Also on Sunday is the C/D meet at Mount Vernon Country Club. Again, look at the BLUE sign up sheets. Your name will be highlighted in PINK and you need to mark NO or mark which events you want to swim. You cannot swim a race marked NO as that means you have a "B" time or better in this event. I need everyone signed up for this by Wednesday morning! The meet is a great meet for those swimmers who are just maturing or love to swim but feel like they are not that good. The meet will start at 7:30 am but please check on the website for official details!

HEADS UP FOR NEXT WEEK:

1. We will have practice on Monday June 28th!
2. We will have stroke clinic on Tuesday June 29th and we will be working on butterfly!
3. We will NOT have a swim meet on Saturday July 2nd and there is NO practice on Monday July 4th and No morning practice on Tuesday July 5th. However, we will have stroke clinic at 5:15 on July 5th! Enjoy your time off and come back Tuesday evening ready to work!

SUPPORT YOUR TEAM:

1. Warm wear and goggles and caps still being sold. We have a great selection and remember that goggles, caps and team wear makes great Christmas, Easter, Birthday and Valentine's gifts!
2. WaterWorld tickets are available from the team for just \$25. These tickets are good ANY DAY this summer and there is no limit to the number you can buy! Still looking for all volunteers at all meets!
3. We are always in need of volunteers for our meets. Please sign up at volunteerspot.com. 12 points is just the minimum! We expect many of you will earn a lot more points than 12! THANK YOU
4. If you are signed up to bring donuts or juice on Friday mornings, please remember to have your goodies at the pool by 7:30am for the first practice or 8:30 am for the second practice. The team has had to go purchase additional donuts because we don't have enough, only to find that someone dropped theirs off at 9am. PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS!!!!
5. We are looking at our budget and are finding we may need to hold a fundraiser in July. All of our expenses have gone up this year and we don't want to leave the team in a poor financial position at the end of the season. If you have ideas or want to volunteer to organize a fundraiser; or if you want to make a donation to the team, please see a board member! (Yes, we are a non-profit so your donations could be tax deductible!) Look for more information about our fundraiser in the coming weeks.