### Week of December 13th Newsletter



## MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN OUT OF THE POOL BY ALL SWIMMERS WHEN THEY ARE CLOSE TOGETHER.

2020-2021 Practice Schedule

### **Conflict Dates**

Friday December 18th – No practice any groups

### Saturday December 19th – Stevenson Park Pool

Challenge – 8:15am-10:00am Expl Adv 1 & 2 – 8:15am-10:00am Exploratory 1 & 2 – 9:45am-11:15am Disc. Adv 1 & 2 – 10:00am-11:00am Swim Fit – 10:00am-11:00am

### Sunday December 20th – No practice any groups

# \*Always be prepared for dryland with running shoes & dryland clothes\*

### Coaches Corner Easy or Better? HERE

It's been great to see & experience the positive support that we have seen the past few months with schedule, meet changes and so much more. As we know, it's not always been easy, which is why I chose the Easy or Better article from Train Ualy linked above. Secondly, how grateful we are to have 2 pool options and being able to host events and provide opportunities for our youngsters, plus other swimmers/team who may not be as fortunate as Sharks. We are very appreciative of the Friendswood High School Admin, Coach Sikkema and Friendswood Parks & Rec. who see and support the value of allowing folks opportunities to exercise and have some normalcy in our lives. Also, how our staff/board/volunteers have stepped up to do extra without worrying about who gets the credit. A good quote that may apply to how we (many have done) handle these challenging times. "Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitudes toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we respond to it" Charles R. Swindoll, American Clergyman.

Let's continue to be patient with one another and realize that we all share this wonderful place we call earth that gives us so much. Coach Tim.

### **Upcoming Events**

Links will be highlighted in blue to click on and take directly to page on website.

**Bleacher signup** – sign up to be in the natatorium while your swimmer is in the pool – as we are limited on numbers <u>HERE</u> This list will be refreshed each Sunday for the upcoming week.

**T-Shirt Pickup** – All swimmers receive a shirt, pickup today through Friday from Nat. Volunteers needed. Signup <u>HERE</u>

## Dec 20th – No optional practice due to meet

Dec 18-20th – Sharks Winter Invite for 13 & Friday Timed Finals, Sat & Sun Prelim/Finals and Timed finals middle session Final Entries HERE
Job Signup HERE
Itinerary HERE
Pre-Order Jason's Deli Lunch box for delivery Sat & Sun HERE

Jan 15-17th – Belton Travel Meet Sr. Perf, Sr, Pre-Senior, Challenge & Expl. Adv groups - <u>HERE</u> Meet Announcement <u>HERE</u> Group Hotel info <u>HERE</u>

**Hosted Meet Job Descriptions HERE** 

**Important Deadlines** 

Belton Travel Meet - Dec 20th

Progress Reports & Test Sets by group **HERE** 

**Small group signup** for Exploratory & Disc. Adv Swimmers – can sign up for 1 spot each month, a second, if space is available. <u>HERE</u>

<u>Senior Performance Dryland</u>: Monday, Wednesday & Friday or Saturday to be determined on the week.

**Blue Santa Toy Drive –** Last days for the toy drive. Toys can be placed in box in the Natatorium lobby through Thursday. We are collecting for the Friendswood Police Officers Association Blue Santa for our toy drive this year. Please see the flyer. A large box will be in the Natatorium for you to place unwrapped gifts. You can also make a paypal donation for gift cards to be be purchased. Flyer HERE. For questions regarding the toy drive, please email Michele Foster @ michelefoster74@gmail.com

### Holiday Practice Schedule HERE

Sharks Hosted Winter Invite – Dec 18-20th – 13 & Over Champs meet – begins Friday evening and runs through Sunday evening. As this is one of our hosted meets, we require more volunteers to ensure the meet runs smoothly. The timeline is shorter than anticipated. Please note: all Senior group swimmers are now in Prelms/Finals sessions.

Friday evening is one session, and both Saturday and Sunday have three sessions each.

We require many volunteers, not just from those with swimmers in the meet, we need your help 12 & Under parents. Some parents without swimmers in the meet have already signed up – thank you! We have many more needs. Please check the job signup and consider signing up for at least one position. Urgent need is the mid session each day: Sat 2 Mid and Sun 2 Mid. Please check your availability to see if you can signup HERE

JOB SIGNUP IS BEING ADJUSTED TO PROJECTED TIMELINE – WILL OPEN AT 5PM.

Lunch Box for Meet - Our wonderful concessions ladies have set up a lunch box order from Jason's Deli for Saturday and Sunday. Delivery will be to the Natatorium between 11 & 11:30 Saturday & Sunday. Orders must be received 24 hours ahead – so order now! (under \$6, Gluten sensitive available for \$10.66 (veggie option available as well) HERE

Sponsorship T-Shirt Pickup – Shirts are available for pickup today through Friday, at the Natatorium. Volunteers will be set up outside the front doors – please take the time to park and pickup your swimmer's shirt after drop off or before pickup. Swim Fit families, please drive over to pick up shirt after drop off at Stevenson

<u>Inked Design Orders</u>— If you ordered Sharks Merchandize, all orders are now in and can be picked up. Pickup orders by Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> before Inked closes for Christmas.



### **Qualifiers**

### **Age Group Champs**

Emery Fitzharris, Hayden Holcomb, Andi Jeanes, KK LeBlanc, Cameron Lowman, Paige McCray, Selim Mahmoud, Streeter Moore, Hayden Nielsen, Lauren Tillman, Gabi Volpe

### Tags

Selim Mahmoud

### **Sectionals**

Stevie Balistreri, Kara Boemio, Anjali Friedman, Leah Givens, David Hensley, Joseph Lukner, Maven Moore, Abigail Nelson, Allie Vidinha, Erika Yeguez

### **Southern Senior Zones**

Stevie Balistreri, Elaine Bentley, Kara Boemio, Chase Ferguson, Emery Fitzharris, Anjali Friedman, Leah Givens, David Hensley, Andi Jeanes, KK LeBlanc, Alex Linden, Joseph Lukner, Paige McCray, Spencer Meyers, Maven Moore, Abigail Nelson, Lauren Tillman, Emma Vestal, Allie Vidinha, Erika Yeguez **Belton Travel Meet – January 15-17th, 2021 –** Invited groups are Sr Perf, Senior, Pre-Senior, Challenge & Expl. Adv groups. See 1st page for more info and to declare your swimmer to attend. We have group rates for 4 local area hotels. Thank you to Allison Fitzharris for getting the same competitive rate for all four hotels. Families will travel together and stay in own hotel rooms.

13& Over swimmers will finish before 5pm Sunday, 12 & Under swimmers will finish Sunday night.

If you have not yet committed to this meet, please do so now.

### Sharks Social Media – Links to follow:

Sharks Facebook <u>HERE</u> Sharks Instagram <u>HERE</u>

Sharks Youtube channel **HERE** 

Sharks All Time Top Performances (updated 3/24/20)

Team Records:Short Course YardsLong Course MetersTop 10 Individual:Short Course YardsLong Course MetersTop Relays:Short Course YardsLong Course Meters

Time Standards are linked HERE on our website.