Weekly Splash – February 12

**RBY Swim Team Mission Statement:** To provide a positive team environment that promotes respect, integrity, perseverance and accountability which enables optimal health and athletic development through swim training, instruction and competition.

**Good luck to all swimmers that are racing at YMCA Silvers and NJ Silver/Bronze meets this weekend. Swim Fast!**

**12 and under Pasta Party:** Thank you to Mary Ryan for organizing this wonderful event. Mary would like to thank all parents who donated the food, chaperoned the kids and help make this party a success.  The swimmers enjoyed a delicious meal and had a great night.

**Points**: Just a friendly reminder the end of the short course season is rapidly approaching.  As per the handbook, there is a $50/point penalty for all points not earned.  It is your family’s responsibility to be checking Team Unify to be sure your points have been recorded properly. Just a friendly reminder that your yearly point obligation is the **minimum** required by the team.  As per the handbook, if your child is swimming in a Championship Meet you will most likely be required to work.

**HOW TO CHECK YOUR POINTS**

* Sign into the team's website
* Head to the My Account > My Invoices/Payments section
* Click on the Service Hours Tab
* You'll see your hourly/points obligation and balance on the far-right side of that screen. You may need to scroll over to see this, which can be done with the arrow keys on the keyboard

**Thursday Practice and Spin Schedule for Senior/Senior 1:** This Thursday, Seniors are early and Senior 1 is late.

**Scheduled Upcoming Meets:** See website for additional details. Please commit your swimmers for the meets.

* 8 and under Mini-Pentathlon will be held on February 25th at SAY.
* YMCA Silvers will be held on February 16-18 at GCIT.
* NJ 12 and Under Silver/Bronze will be held on February 17th and 18th.
* YMCA 12 and Under States will be held on February 23-25th at OCY.
* YMCA 13 and over States will be held on March 8-11th at Franklin and Marshall College.
* NJ 14 and younger JO’s will be held on March 9-11th at Rutgers.
* YMCA Nationals will be held on April 3-7th in Greensboro.

**Championship Meets**: For detailed championship meet information, please refer to the 2018 Winter Championship Meet document that is found in the “Documents” dropdown of the “Parent Info” tab on the website.

**YMCA Silver Championship Apparel –** You can pre-order championship apparel. Please see our website for details on how to order.

**13 and Over State Championship Apparel:** This year you can purchase your State Championship meet apparel on-line. By pre-ordering, you will be offered merchandise that is only available on-line. Items available for sale at the meet will be limited to the short sleeve shirt with limited quantities. Please use the link below to order your State apparel. To ensure you get the item you want, we suggest you place your order now as items are limited in supply. Your order will be available for pick up at the meet. This online link will only be active until **February 19**, so don’t delay and place your order today! The link to order is: http://www.factorydirectpromotions.com/njymcastates13o. The password: NJChamp18

**13 and Over YMCA States:** There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of swimmers participating in states. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 6th**. Jobs and parking passes will be given out at the meeting.

**Important Reminder -** Your swimmer is done with the Short Course season after the completion of his/her last championship meet. For some this may be in February, while for others it may be in March. Any questions, contact your PLR.

**Spring Training:** Spring Training is tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, April 16th.

**Swim Team Photos:** If you have swim team photos you would like to share, please email them to the following address: rbyswimteamphotos@gmail.com. Please make sure you include the swimmer’s names and their practice group.

**Family File Folders:** Make sure you check your family folders on a regular basis. If you have any medals or apparel in your folders please take them home.

**Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser –** The National Team is sponsoring a Flapjack Fundraiser on **March 4th** from 8-10AM. We only have a limited number of tickets available. If you wish to purchase tickets, place cash or a check made payable to The Community YMCA Swim Team in an envelope and label the envelope Swim Team Breakfast Social. The envelope should also have your family name and number of tickets you wish to purchase. Place the envelope in the metal box outside either location's swim team office. After money is received tickets will be placed in your family folder

**End of Season Banquet:** The end of season banquet is scheduled for Sunday, **April 22nd.** The banquet will be held at Jacques Reception Center in Middletown from 12-4 PM. Shortly we will be posting the RSVP site on the website. In addition, the link will be included as part of the weekly splash. We ask that you make sure that your email is up to date on Team Unify. Invitation and links to the RSVP will be sent via email to each family. If your email is not on Team Unify or it is incorrect, you will not receive an invitation. Please feel free to contact Christine Heyt (chrisheyt@comcast.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

**8 and Under end of year party**: The end of season party for all 8 and under swimmers will be held on Friday, **March 16th** from 5:30-7 in the YMCA GYM. Pizza and dessert will be served. Please commit your swimmer if they plan on attending.

**Team Year Book**: Every year our team publishes a Team Year book that includes Senior bios, team participants, record breakers, ads showing parent appreciation of their athletes, etc. This is the time where you as a parent can show how proud you are of your swimmer's accomplishments, performance, self-motivation and success on any level. Every swimmer leaves the banquet with this Year Book that he/she will keep for many years as a remembrance to look back on. Whether you're a parent, grand parent, aunt, uncle, business associate, etc... let's show our kids how impressed we are with them. Why not put in there a piece of lasting memory, that they will treasure for years to come. Adds are due **by March 1st!**