Weekly Splash – February 5

**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 Bronze meet this weekend. Swim Fast!**

**College Commitments** – Congratulations to some of our seniors who have committed to colleges for next year. We wish continued success to Casey O’Hagan (Rowan), AJ Poznanski (US Merchant Marine Academy), Kevin Lu (U Penn), Max Walther (Princeton), Matt Chang (Cornell), Dimitri Maldonado (Rider), Joey West (Seton Hall), Connor Wright (Fordham), Erin Wren (Scranton), Marie Schobel (Penn State), Tara Caucino (Susquehanna), Karly Leiman (Hamilton), Veronica Sowinski (Iona), Meghan Schienvar (Florida Gulf Coast), Breezy Mulcahy (Iona), Tommie Reerink (MIT).

**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.

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

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

* YMCA Bronze will be held on February 10 and 11th at Raritan Bay YMCA.
* February Sprints will be held on February 10th.
* 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.

**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

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

**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.

**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. We will be posting additional information regarding the Year Book in the next couple of weeks.