Weekly Splash – January 29th

**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.

**Strong Kids Invitational Meet**: Thank you to all the parents who helped this past weekend.

**Volunteering:** Team Unify will open TODAY 1/29 between 6-8pm for the 8 and Under Championship and February Sprints.

**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, Seniors are early and Sr 1 are late.

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

* 8 and under YMCA Championship will be held on February 3rd.
* February Sprints will be held on February 10th.
* 8 and under Mini-Pentathlon will be held on February 25th at SAY.
* YMCA Bronze will be held on February 10 and 11th at Raritan Bay YMCA.
* 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 Apparel:** Apparel that was ordered in January will be distributed later this week. Your orders will be placed in your family folders.

**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.

**Lost and Found:** All lost and found items not claimed will be donated the end of January.

**Family Folders**: As a reminder, check your family folder on a regular basis for awards and news items.

**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.

**Highschool Meets at Zehnder:** Parents-please note that practices will be ending at 8:10 pm on the following dates due to High School meets: Thursday, 2/1. Please adjust your carpool pick-ups accordingly.

**Save the date:**

The 8 and under end of season party is scheduled for **March 16th.**

The 12 and under Championship Pasta Party will be held on **February 5th** at St. James School Cafeteria from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

The end of year banquet is scheduled for Sunday, **April 22**. Additional information will be available shortly.