Weekly Splash – March 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 racing this weekend at 13O YMCA States and NJ JO’s. Swim Fast!**

**Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser –** Thanks to all the families who participated in the pancake breakfast. It was a huge success! The National swimmers who attended all worked extremely hard and displayed a great sense of teamwork. Thanks as well to Michele Foreback, Bonni Mora and Sirena Carnevale for their hard work in organizing this event.

**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!**

**Practice Schedule Update:** Refer to the website for details on practice schedule changes.

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

* 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.
* NJ Swimming 2018 Senior Open will be held on March 15-18th at Berkeley Aquatic Center.
* Eastern Zones will be held March 29th -31st.
* YMCA Nationals will be held on April 3-7th in Greensboro.

**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. Registration for Spring Training is now open!!!  Please click on the link below to register online or stop by the Welcome Center (fee schedule is attached).  Please note that Spring Training will run from Monday, April 16th thru Sunday, June 17th. **Swimmers must register for the practice level group they were assigned to in September.**  Online registration will close Sunday, April 15th.  <https://operations.daxko.com/Online/2197/ProgramsV2/Search.mvc?category_ids=TAG22415>

**Swim Team Tryouts – March 19th:** This tryout is for NEW swimmers ONLY. Current Red Bank swimmers do not need to attend this tryout.

**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.

**End of Season Banquet:** The end of season banquet for ages 9 and older is scheduled for Sunday, **April 22nd.** The banquet will be held at Jacques Reception Center (500 Palmer Ave in Middletown) from 12-4 PM. The theme this year is the 70’s.

To rsvp, please click on the link below before the **deadline of April 1st**:

[http://rbyswimbanquet2018.rsvpify.com](http://rbyswimbanquet2018.rsvpify.com/)

You will need to RSVP for each and every one of your swimmer(s) and parent/guardian attending. Due to the size of our team and space restrictions, no non-swimmer siblings are allowed.  All 12 and under swimmers must be accompanied by an adult.  If a parent cannot attend, another swimmer's parent must be responsible for your swimmer.

The cost of the meal for parents/guardians will be $38.00 while swimmers are included.   **For all swimmers 9-12 years of age, please select the child meal.**  If you choose, you can upgrade their meal for a $19.00 surcharge.  If you have any questions, please email rbyswimteam@gmail.com

**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.