



## RISING ABOVE

The Wave – September 2021

### News from the Executive Director

By Mike Switalski

Welcome Back to the start of our 2021-22 season! As you may be aware from recent announcements, the City Swim Project continues to make progress in our services to you, our members. The improved services have resulted in the organization achieving its goals in and many circumstances superseding them. We have done the following:

- Returning from COVID, the staff hoped to have 150 swimmers return to the water by September 2021. Over 250 kids returned. This is a direct result of the efforts of Coach Patti, her staff and our members spreading the word about the City Swim Project.
- Additionally, Coach Patti and her staff launched our Adult Learn-to-Swim program based on the many requests we received from parents. We opened 40 spots that filled within a week. We intend to offer that opportunity to adults again this fall. If interested, please go to the Adult Learn-to-Swim page on our website.
- Head Coach Rick Aronberg has started to build our competitive program. The kids experienced many successes including breaking team records this past year. We also added two pre-competitive levels to the program to help kids graduating from our Learn-to-Swim program, transition to the competitive groups.
- We hired a Director of Support Services, Dr. Sue Baldwin, that has begun work on providing opportunities to our families away from the pool.

These opportunities will help our swimmers and our families become strong pillars in their communities and assist our kids with experiencing success in the classroom.

- We have also added a “Resource” page to the website to help our families find products and literature that may be culturally relevant.
- City Swim Project is now on the list for Amazon Smile. We ask our families that use Amazon to change to Amazon Smile, select us as the not-for-profit you would like to support and continue to purchase your items as you would. Amazon Smile is the same as Amazon but offers the ability to support organizations with a percentage of the purchase going to not-for-profits.
- The Team Store is updated. Please feel free to use it to outfit your child. You might want to use it to purchase birthday or Christmas gifts.

On September 1, 2021, the City Swim Project started registering swimmers for 2022. Approved memberships will run from September 1, 2021 to December, 31, 2022. Please consider completing your renewal paperwork as soon as possible.

This coming year looks to be another year of promise as we continue to work towards being one of the premier sports organizations locally, regionally, and nationally.

See you on the deck!

## From the desk of Learn to Swim Director

By Patti Nabinger

As summer closes and fall begins, I want to extend a big thank you to all the LTS instructors. They make the summer program fun and they ended summer on an extreme high note elevating 5 youths to the next level. It can at times be a difficult job managing the growth of a swimmer versus the need to structure play. The staff does an amazing job at it and that's why the great success. Great job staff and swimmers!

The Summer of 2021 we hired our first staffer from within our swim club. This has the potential to be a great first job for many of our youth and we so enjoyed watching the growth from athlete to instructor occur these last couple of months. This was so successful we plan to continue this practice in the future with a hiring of one swimmer coming on this fall and potentially one more before this winter.



This summer brought us the relaunch of our adult learn to swim program. While it had some

interruptions out of our control, I would say it was a great success and it will be coming back in the fall. Schedule to be determined. Keep looking to the website for information.

As we move towards winter all current members are good through December 2021. The renew window began on September 1<sup>st</sup> all current members will need to renew by the end of December. All renew and new memberships will be active through December 2022. All members not renewing will expire on December 31, 2021.



The City Swim Project will be rolling out emails about the upcoming schedule for lessons and the annual meeting. Stay tuned for more information.

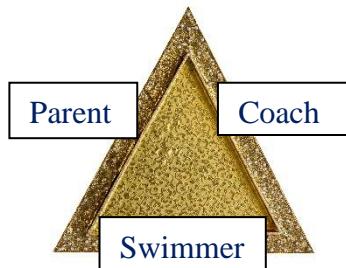


# CITY SWIM PROJECT

## News from the Head Coach By Rick Aronberg

*Thank you, parents!* -The unsung heroes of our team

To have a successful program, there should be a strong understanding and cooperation among parents, swimmers, and coaches. The progress your child makes depends to a great extent on this **GOLDEN** triangular relationship.



With the swimmer being the focus here, it is up to the parent and the coach striving to help the swimmer reach his or her goals. All three need to work together over the

years and the rewards can be remarkable.

You the parent, do so much for your swimmer. You are the one who drives them to and from practice every day. You are the one that feeds them before and after practice every day. You are the one that takes them to swim meets once per month (sometimes twice per month). You're the parent who gives so much of yourself to not only your swimmer, but to the entire Buffalo TIDE program. Thank you for being you!



As the 2021-2022 season starts right now, we are still in an “unknown situation” with swim meets. Teams are continuing to figure out how to host and run their competitions safely and

within the guidelines of their building’s rules. As of this newsletter, we will continue to seek out swim meets that we can get into and reach out to all our pre-competitive and competitive swimmers on those. We ask you for your continued understanding.

The City Swim Project would like to congratulate our very first Swimmer of the Month (July 2021) to **Elizabeth Flewellyn – Silver team**



**Favorite Stroke:**  
Breaststroke

**Favorite Movie:**  
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

**Favorite Food:**  
Ramen Noodles

**Favorite Subject:**  
Math

**Favorite Animal:**  
Tiger

This year, we will be starting off practicing three times each week for our **Pre-Competitive** team (Green and Black) keeping the same days and times as this past season. They are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4:45-5:45pm. Please try and be there by 4:30pm so you are ready to get in on time.

Our **Competitive** team (Bronze, Silver and Gold) will be keeping the same days and times as well. They are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:45-7:15pm. Please try and be there by 5:30pm so you are ready to get in on time.

Finally, we would like to welcome our newest addition to the coaching staff. Welcome Coach **Alexis DeLuca**!

Coach Alexis will be coaching both the Pre-Competitive and Competitive teams.



Please register your child for the 2021-2022 season starting now.

Please continue to use the Sign-up genius for practices.

Please notice the Monthly Calendar on our practice page.