

Double the Practices Double the Fun

Monday officially marked the last day of school for most Sharks. Everyone was very excited...right up until they remembered that they would still have to wake up early and go to morning practice. Yes, (perhaps in preparation for twin day), the number of practices doubled, giving the Sharks many more opportunities to be reprimanded by the coaches for not streamlining. Even more unfortunately, the Sharks played many games of Foxbox at these new morning practices, ensuring that they won't immediately forget everything they learned this year at school (just as long as the only things they learned were useless trivia facts). On the bright side, the morning practices allow Coach Tim to have more time working with the Sharks.

Hair

All the extra opportunities for practice came in handy, as the new warm weather brought thunder and rain, which severely limited the Sharks' chances to practice in the afternoon. Perhaps inspired by Coach Andy's new haircut, (or maybe trying to give Andy some competition for worst

hair on the team), Kiana Johnson took advantage of the lack of practice to open a hair salon. She negotiated with many 9-10 boys and attempted to convince them to allow her to braid their hair. The *Review's* inside reporter was able to confirm that these talks began as promising, but eventually stalled. Meanwhile, Josh Freedman firmly separated himself from the rest of the field in the competition for best hair on the team.

Potomac Meet

On Wednesday night, the bad weather continued and threatened to ruin the Sharks "staycation" to Hawaii and meet against the Potomac Porpoises. Luckily, the rain held off long enough for the Sharks to have a great meet. For the second Wednesday in a row, Dominic Oertel led the way with 4 best times, including a 7 second drop in the IM. This week he was joined by Maddy Adams, Matthew Klein, James Lieske, and Sophia Lieske, who all had best times in 4 events as well. Fortune continued to favor the 9-10 boys. Just days after everyone succeeded in not allowing their hair to be braided, Devin Johnson and Sam Mahoney both dropped 9 seconds in the freestyle for the

biggest drops of the day. Zoe Cheng, Helen Duan, Alexander Lopez, Arvind Navada, Lucy Villiers, and Andrew Vorozheykin joined Dominic, Sam and Devin in dropping at least 5 seconds in a single event. Connor Combs, Sarah Fagan, and Jingjing Wu are clearly most in need of a vacation, as they won best dressed for the night. However, all the Sharks looked great thanks to the leis provided by Ms. Wilbur.

Friday Activities

On Friday morning, the older Sharks prepared for the Lake Marion meet by partaking in the first ever "man-killers". After a thrilling competition, in which we learned which Sharks will grow up to be basketball players (too bad Kiana and Kierra Johnson weren't there), which Sharks will grow up to be architects, and which Sharks will grow up to be neither, David Fan held off a late charge from the ageless Albert Tang to win the competition for his team. The 10&unders didn't get to do any "man-killers," but many did have fun doing the stroke apparently known as "porkscrew." At afternoon practice, the only ones getting killed were the coaches, thanks to the "cataclysmic" lane-rope situation. The week ended with

a great pasta dinner, put together thanks to many hard-working parents.

Lake Marion Meet

On Saturday morning, the Sharks got up very early to decorate their cars before heading to Lake Marion to take on the Lasers. Fans everywhere were disappointed that Coach Lauren's car was unable to be decorated. Fortunately, this minor setback did not stop the Sharks' spirit, as they dressed alike in an attempt to provide double trouble for Lake Marion. The Coaches belatedly realized that forcing Aava Kimia and Eva Yeghyan to wear the same clothes, made it even more difficult to keep them straight. However, the theme was tailor-made for "real twins" Sarah Fagan and Gwen Klein. Max Fuster and Nick Kim won the award for best dressed thanks to their homemade, "jawsome" t-shirts. Once they turned back into individual swimmers, the Sharks were great in the water. Jocelyn Merkin, Gwen Klein, Sarah Fagan and Avery Breen got the meet off to a great start by winning the Girls Open-Age Medley. Jocelyn and Gwen, along with Kayleigh Hepburn, went on to lead the team with best times in at least 3 events. Other swimmers with best times in multiple events included Hank Breen, Sofia Eliseeva, Sarah Fagan, Max Fuster, Charles Liang, Sophia Lieske, Ben Margolin, Arvind Navada,

Dominic Oertel, Joey Wildman and Jingjing Wu. Charlie Freedman had the biggest drop of the day with an impressive 11 second drop in the fly. The Sharks were able to sweep 3 events against the powerful Lasers. Kyle Fuster, Gabriela Lamb, Patrick Liang, Erik Lieske, Erica Lopez, Lizzie Nelson, and Sidney Thompson contributed to those sweeps. Lizzie Nelson and Joey Wildman swept their events. Maddie Kelly and Jingjing Wu combined to win all the 8&under girls events. Maddie and Jingjing proved to truly be twins as they even tied for first in one event. Many Sharks stepped up in various ways for the betterment of the team. Albert Tang swam up as a 15-18 for the second week in a row. Sarah Fagan and Gwen Klein swam "off" strokes. Shayna Kreiser was added to the meet late Friday night, but still dropped almost 2 seconds. The Sharks went to Panera and had a great time celebrating all their outstanding swimmers.

Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, the Sharks will swim like superheroes as they compete at Potomac Woods, against the Demons. They return home to the Reef on Saturday to take on the Calverton Chargers. The Calverton meet will be followed by a team bbq. On Sunday, the Sharks will travel out to Calverton to take on all of

Division I in the division-wide relay carnival.