



MISC UPDATES

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Hey BAC families

This email is going out to all active swimmers. Hope this lovely fall weekend is off to a great start!
A couple of quick notes and then a couple of fun stories from the first few weeks.

E-CARD FOR DREW

We still have a BAC Fall Social planned for Tuesday, October 11th from 5:30 – 7:30; we'll have more information on that next week. Besides just a chance to socialize, we're using the social as a chance to honor and celebrate Drew, who retired as Head Coach and CEO at the end of the summer. We've attached a shareable flyer with some more information, including a link to an e-card if you'd like to leave a note for Drew.

SPOOKTACULAR

The meet is filling up well – remember that the deadline is Thursday. A couple of miscellaneous notes...

- Some have been asking about how many events to do, and that answer is going to be different for every swimmer. Generally, we feel that most swimmers can find 3 doable events, but 2 is okay as well, especially for newer swimmers. 4 events is probably going to be the most common, but don't feel the need to push to 4 if swimmers are more comfortable with 3.
- Others have asked about volunteering. We'll have more information on that early next week.
- Many of you were confused by the automated email that went out. That's set up to go to the whole team, regardless of if you've already signed up or not. We'll likely disable them in the future as it seems to create more confusion than it helped :^/

HOLLAND

Still 'radio silence' from the meet host unfortunately. We'll likely send something this weekend with our best guesses on the details as we need to get moving and make plans for the meet. Sorry for those of you looking to firm things up – the lack of information is a little frustrating.

STORY TIME!

Three weeks into the season, and we've seen and heard so many great things at practices. I talked with a swimmer after attending their first practice last week. She said she was a "7 out of 10" nervous for practice, but afterward felt "0 out of 10" and was really excited to come to practice #2! We've also seen some fast-developing friendships as the kids get to know one another.

But the best story I've heard was the other day when one of our older groups overlapped a bit with a younger group, and the kids did a relay together. The 'big kids' did a great job having energy and being silly and fun for the 'little kids'. Afterward, one of the younger kids came up to me and told me to tell the 'older girls' that "I want to be just like them when I grow up". Fostering that admiration and developing those mentorships is never going to show up on a best times report and it won't score us any points at State, but it's an incredibly important part of the youth sports experience!

That's it for now – keep an eye out for future emails on Holland, Michigan and the BAC Fall Social. **GO BAC!**