

To: SHY swim team parents

From: Jim Immormino, President SHY Swim Team Parent Organization

I hope this message finds everyone doing well.

It's hard to believe that it is almost February and we are heading into the championship portion of the season. We have already had a strong performance but there is much more to come. Get ready for everyone to swim fast!

I want to thank all of you for your support thus far and for volunteering during the meets. It takes a lot of committed people to make the swim team work efficiently and over the years SHY has been one of the best teams in the state for parent support. We are also one of only a few YMCAs that do not require a volunteer deposit for each family. The STPO has been committed to keeping volunteering at the center of what we do to support our team and our swimmers. When all families chip in, there is less to do for everyone. We are fortunate that we have such a supportive group of families. We will need your continued support as we head into the next few weeks. Our team will sponsor two important meets that will require your support. The SHY Distance meet (January 28 and 29) and the 8 & Under YMCA State Championships (February 5). Lynn Alexy, Joanne Wachenfeld, and other committee members will be reaching out to you to arrange for volunteer support. Please make at least one person from your family available to volunteer at these meets. Thank you in advance for your support.

The STPO plays an important role in supporting the team, the coaches and the swimmers. Each year we set a fundraising goal to purchase new equipment and swim team materials. Our goal this year is to purchase a new record board that will be hung in the new pool and new lane lines for one of the pools. The STPO dues and the YMCA swim team fees pay for the maintenance and use of the pool, basic swim team equipment, the coaching staff salaries and travel expenses. As you can imagine there is not much left over to purchase the equipment we need to keep our program at the top. Last year we

purchased new swim team training equipment and a scoreboard for the old pool. This year we will need to raise \$10,000 for the record board and the swim team share of the lane lines. The good news is that we have already raised \$2500 so we have \$7500 to go this year. The fundraising committee will be working on several projects to help raise the funds this year. Your support of our fundraising activities is key to our success so please watch for a note from the fundraising committee and do whatever you can to help the team achieve the goal for 2012.

One action you can take right away is to sponsor your swimmer with a note or wish that will be placed in the next five swim meet programs. For \$35 you can send your swimmer a note to wish them luck from Mom, Dad or the family. For \$50 you can send your wishes to the team or a specific group (i.e., 8 & under girls or senior boys, etc.). Each message will be placed in the meet program for all to see. If you would like to send a wish, please send your message to Martin Scheidl ([mscheidl@gmail.com](mailto:mscheidl@gmail.com)) by January 23. Send checks by January 26th made out to the SHY STPO (\$35 or \$50) to Kendra Russano, STPO Treasurer, 10 Kale Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. This is an easy and effective way to show your swimmers and the team that you support all their efforts!

Thank you again for a great season! We are off to a strong start and are poised for an excellent finish as we approach the championship portion of the season.

Good luck to your swimmers!

Regards

Jim