



October 30, 2008

Dear Middies Parents:

On behalf of the swim team and the YWCA we would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance in making the "Shriek or Swim" Meet such a great success this past weekend. With such a large number of swimmers attending each of the five sessions over the course of three days, it was truly a unified effort that allowed for the meet to be such an enjoyable and positive experience..

To Cherelle Vasudevan, a multi-tasking wizard, your undying commitment to this team is above and beyond. We cannot dare try to put into words how thankful we are for all that you have done and continue to do for this team. You are more than just a parent but rather the fuel that runs the Middies engine.

As for our officials in training, Mrs. Binney (great bake sale as well), Mr. Patrouch, and Mrs. Hall, we thank you for the past two weekends and putting in the extra time to officiate at the meets which enables us to continue hosting events of this caliber. Up top in the bleachers running our timing system Mrs. Economos, Mrs. Dell'Orto, Mr. Doherty, Mrs. Mitzian and of course Antionette Klatzky ran a perfect meet. The swimmers and more so the coaches were grateful you kept us on the deck and got through every session under the projected time lines.

Overall, this was such a team effort and so many tasks were covered by you, the parents. Some of you came to volunteer during sessions where your own children were not even swimming while others pulled off double sessions on Saturday and Sunday either timing or working the table upstairs. No job went uncovered and you all pulled off this special event for the Middies and our swimmers. We are so grateful to have such a supporting cast of parents.

Adding to the positive buzz of pulling off such a wonderful event, the staff is very excited about the way our swimmers have opened up the 2008-09 season. Over the past two weekends we have seen this very young team step up to the blocks with focus, poise and desire. Our swimmers are having fun and enjoying each others company while keeping their eyes on their goals and striving towards excellence. Something special is in the Middies waters this year and we are very proud to be coaching such an awesome team.

As we look ahead, our November Meets are on the web site at [www.middiesswimming.org](http://www.middiesswimming.org).

### **8 & Under Meet at Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester in Mt. Kisco**

Saturday, November 8

All scratches/changes due by Friday October 1st

3:30 PM Warm-Up 4:15 PM Start

All 8 & Under Swimmers are entered

### **Gael Aquatic Club 9 & Over Meet at Iona College**

Thursday, November 13 and Saturday and Sunday, November 15 and 16

All scratches/changes due by Monday, November 3rd

All 9 & Over swimmers are entered

- Unfortunately, the Friday night session of this meet has been changed to Thursday due to a basketball game at Iona College. For this reason, swimmers can only be entered in one event that evening. In fact, the meet is quite crowded so proper scratching for the weekend in advance would be greatly appreciated by the host team.

### **Middies "Thanksswimming" Meet at the YWCA**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 28, 29, 30

All scratches/changes due by Monday, November 10th

All Silver, Gold, Junior and Senior swimmers (No Bronze) entered

On a side note, we would like to welcome Jodi Tomanelli and Kel Trebon to the coaching staff. Jodi has been here the past several Tuesdays and Thursdays working with the Gold and Senior groups. Kel will be starting full time on November 3rd and he will be coaching the Bronze, Gold and Senior groups Mondays through Fridays and Sundays as well.

Many parents have expressed that they would like to have more personalized stroke work with one of the Middies coaches. We are going to open up Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 PM when the seniors are practicing. If you are interested in this please contact a coach and set up such lessons personally with them. A full price list and form for such sessions will be put on the web site early next week.

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Kel Trebon	914-391-9212
Jodi Tomanelli	914-523-4274

Hopefully you are all aware that there will be no practices tomorrow and we wish you a **Happy Halloween** (be safe out there). Also, the Senior group will have their first Sunday evening practice this week from 4:30-7:00 PM. Please make sure to wear sneakers and work out gear.

Thanks and as always, Go Middies!

Your Coaches