



September 9, 2008

Dear Swimmers and Parents;

On behalf of the White Plains YWCA and the Middies, we would like to thank all of you for considering our swim team for this coming year. This year we had almost 90 swimmers returning from last years team with over 120 new swimmers that came for try outs since last Thursday.

The full team placements will be on our web site at www.middiesswimming.org by early Wednesday morning. All swimmers placed on one of the team levels will start normal practice either tomorrow, Wednesday, September 10, or Thursday, September 11. We ask that any swimmer who is placed but cannot participate on the team this year, please contact Coach Dorsey immediately so that the proper team and group numbers can be factored.

Unfortunately, as the team can only fit a certain number of swimmers in each group, some swimmers have been placed on a waiting list. For swimmers we placed on a waiting list, please understand that several factors, such as age, technique, speed, and ability to train, were used to determine proper placement for each swimmer. Many of these swimmers still need time to improve upon their swimming background in order to be ready for competitive swimming. There are opportunities open through the YWCA and we encourage all swimmers not placed to take advantage of these by calling 914-949-6227 (ext 152 or 100).

In order to make sure that we can see all groups in action and take into consideration the many elements of the day to day routines along with the group dynamics, we will not make any group changes or take in any new additions until after Wednesday, September 24th. That will give the staff two weeks to truly evaluate the groups and team as a whole and ensure that all is moving in the right direction.

For all swimmers placed, along with the team practices beginning tomorrow, there are several details for all Middies swimmers and parents to look for in the first few weeks of the season. Next Tuesday beginning at 6:00 PM there will be a parents meeting in the lower lounge that looks down upon the pool. We encourage as many parents as possible to join us and find out more about the team and the many aspects that go into its functioning throughout the season.

Also, Gulbenkian Swim Shop will be here on Monday, September 15th and Tuesday, September 16th from 5:00-7:00 PM for team suit fittings. All team suits and other team items should be ordered on one of these two days. Due to the suit fittings and parents meeting, we will also have a special practice schedule on Tuesday the 16th. Bronze and Gold will swim from 5:15-6:00 and Juniors and Seniors will swim from 7:00-8:15. (There will be no dry land for Seniors). Lastly, because of an important USS meeting on Saturday, September 20th, we will not be scheduling a Great Adventure trip and practices will be scheduled as usual.

Once again we are very appreciative of everyone's support in the Middies and are very excited about the upcoming season. Based upon the success of our returning swimmers from last season along with the large number of new and very qualified swimmers that we

placed from our try outs, this looks to be a break out season for the team. It is truly an exciting time to be with the Middies.

Sincerely,

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