

Sharks NewsUpdate
October 2, 2013

1. The Fall Swim Team will run until October 18 and the winter season will begin on October 21. The Fall practice schedule is:

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| Green (ages 9 & under) | Mon, Wed, & Fri | 4:00 – 5:00pm |
| Gold (ages 9 & above) | Mon & Wed | 5:00 – 6:30pm |
| | Tues, Thur, & Fri | 3:15 – 4:15pm |
| Senior | Mon & Wed | 5:00 – 6:30pm |
| | Tues, Thur, & Fri | 2:45 – 4:30pm |

2. Green Team swimmers who are not in the 4th grade may come to the pool when they arrive at the YMCA from school. A coach will be there to greet the Sharks as they await their practice time.
3. Thanks to the 3 volunteers that manned the Sharks Water Station (Anna Naggert, Tyler & Jim Willis) at the MDI YMCA Half-Marathon. Lots of water was handed to the runners who gave many thanks for to the volunteers for being there.
4. The meet schedule is available online and attached to this email. The first home meet will be a an optional meet with DEFY (Ellsworth) and CCSC (Old Town) on November 16 and the the first home dual meet will be on November 23 with PenBay (Camden). We will need all the team members at the meet with PenBay.
5. The State Meet will be swum on Feb 28 – March 1. The 13 & over boys will swim Friday night, Feb. 28. On Saturday the 9-10 girls will swim first followed by the 9-10/11-12 boys followed by the 13 & over girls. On Sunday the 8 & under girls will be first, followed by the 8 & under boys concluding with the 11-12 girls.
6. The WeeSharks (on Tuesday & Thursday's during the Holiday & Winter sessions) will replace the Friday Swim Club and will be for swimmers who aren't ready to make the full commitment to the Sharks or just new to competitive swimming. Practices will be from 4:15 – 5:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday beginning on November 5. Information on the WeeSharks will be available on the Sharks website and in the Y's Holiday Program Brochure due out in a few weeks.
7. In addition, we are always on the lookout for new Shark Swimmers. New swimmers may try the Sharks for a week before joining. No one is cut from the Sharks and anyone from ages 6 – 18 is welcome on the team. There will be a 'Bring-A-Friend' week from November 4 – 8 but any week can be bring-a-friend to practice.
8. We are always looking for officials to help with the Sharks home meets; there will be two trainings in October. There will be a class on October 20 in Portland and on October 27 at UMaine at 8:00am. The fee is \$25 plus \$6 for a rulebook. The Sharks will reimburse anyone who takes the class.
9. For the upcoming season we have some parents step up to take over some important roles. We still need lots of parents to help during swim meets, the Aquathon, and any other events during the season. Some big news is that the new event/heat scoreboard is now working and we have ordered 3 new touchpads. We will have a Parent's Informational Meeting/Potluck in early November for both new parents and returning Shark parents. I will look at the school schedules to see if there are major conflicts to avoid. I was thinking of holding it on Wednesday, November 13.
10. We would like to get an order out for team suits by the end of the month to makes ure swimmers have their suits by the first home meets. I will send out information on suits in the next day or two as soon as I get a price. We use the same suit as last year but will be going back to D & J sports for the suits because the letters stayed on when we got them from them.
11. Please expect the Annual Informational Mailing in the next week, I will send it by email and then by snail mail to anyone that would like to receive it the slow and expensive way.
12. If you have any questions or are interested in helping out the Sharks for the upcoming season please email. The Sharks website is www.mdiysharks.com is loaded with info about the team.