

Dear Parents,

Our Long Course season has started and we have done some great swimming already. After the first two meets we have 39 qualifiers for Junior Olympics, 20 qualifiers for Senior Mets, 11 qualifiers for Zones and 15 qualifiers for Y Nationals. We had 45 swimmers at tryouts and accepted 23 onto the A team. A meeting for new parents will be held Tuesday, May 27th, 6:30 for anyone interested in attending.

Memorial Day weekend we will have regular workout on Saturday and Sunday. There is no workout on Monday. The 11-12's have survived another season at ICC and are now back at the YMCA. Our team dinner is May 28th and we have approximately 170 people attending.

Our summer workout schedule will begin Monday, June 23rd. As of now we will all be swimming at Bay Terrace again. We have tried to get a second facility but have not been successful yet. The West Side Tennis Center wanted to charge \$300 each morning, Flushing Meadows wanted to charge \$675 each morning, Fairview Apartments is only 17 yards across and the Bay Terrace Co-op does not rent to anyone. The first week we will all swim from 6am to 7:30 depending on your school schedule. Beginning with the second week, Richie's group and Jonah's group will swim from 6am until 7:30 and Shirley's group will swim from 7:30 to 8:30 (drylands at 7:15). Please remember the first week school is still in session so you can't park in front of the Public School after 7am. You also can't park in the Shopping Center.

Updates to the meet schedule – We will not be going to LIAC meets on Wednesday June 25, July 2, 9 or 16th. The 12 & unders and some 13 & overs will be going to the Red Tails International Invitational June 21, 22 at Lehman College. The meet info will be posted shortly. 11-12, 15 & over warm up at 8:30 AM and 10 & under, 13-14 warm up at 1:30 PM.

At the moment we have nine Hotel rooms reserved in Nanuet, NY for JO's. They are available on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is \$104 per night plus tax. Nanuet is approximately 50-55 minutes from Flushing depending on traffic. Consider the cost of gas and tolls and plan ahead.

Next year's meet schedule has been passed by Metropolitan Swimming and there is NO conflict between the Zone Qualifying meet and any YMCA meets. Our swimmers will be able to participate at Y States and at Zones if they qualify.

With some families graduating we are looking for replacements to serve on our parent committee. The commitment is to try to come to meetings once a month and help the club run as smoothly as possible. Meetings last for about 1 hour.

If you have any questions about anything please contact either Richie, Elisa Pickel or Karin Guelly.