

AHS Swimming Regionals Press Release

On Friday and Saturday, Feb 3-4, the Austin High Swimming & Diving team traveled to San Antonio for the Region VII-6A Swimming and Diving Championships. Out of 30 teams in the region, the Lady Maroons finished 19th in the team standings, and the Maroon men finished in 14th place.

“This is one of the fastest regions in the state,” said Austin High head coach Ryan Goodwyn. “Our kids stepped up and went head-to-head with some of the best swimmers in the state, and they swam their hearts out. In every event we managed to come back and swim faster than we did at the district meet one week ago. We also had points scored by multiple freshmen, which makes me excited to see what those kids do in the future for our program.”

In the boys 200-yard medley relay (Lawson Thomas, Ryan O’Leary, Sam Miller and Evan Smith), the Maroons dropped two seconds from their district qualifying time to finish in 13th place. The girls 200-yard freestyle relay (Sora Jenkins, Josi Avila, Charlotte Gottsman, and Mia Corbin) dropped three seconds from their district championships time to finish in 13th place, less than three seconds away from the school record. The boys 400-yard freestyle relay, with the same 4 swimmers as the medley, dropped 3 seconds from their district qualifying time to finish in 12th place.

The Maroons also had five individual swims that placed in the finals and scored points. Senior Lawson Thomas dropped half of a second from his district qualifying time to set a new school in the 200-yard individual medley and finished in 5th place. Later, he dropped one tenth of a second from his district qualifying time in the 100-yard backstroke for a 7th place finish. Senior Ryan O’Leary dropped 1.1 second from his district time in the 200 freestyle and dropped a full second in his 100-yard breaststroke time, finishing 7th in both events. Freshman Megan O’Leary dropped one full second from her district time in the 100-yard butterfly, with a time that is only one second away from the school record, to finish in 13th place.