

## **Press Release for Westlake Sprint Meet and Belton Quad Meet**

The Austin High Maroons swim and dive teams kicked off their season with two meets in the last week.

On September 23, the Maroons took part in the inaugural swim meet at the new Eanes ISD Aquatic Center for the Westlake District Sprint Invitational. This event included non-traditional high school events such as 50-yard sprints of all the strokes as well as a 100 yard I.M. Swimmers were also allowed to compete in 5 events instead of the usual limit of 4.

“This was a fun meet to start the year with,” said AHS head coach Ryan Goodwyn. “These are events that most of these kids have never had the chance to swim in a high school meet. Having the shorter distances gave some kids the confidence to try strokes they’re normally scared to try in a meet, and allowing the kids more swims gave all the coaches a lot of great data to see where we are at the start of the season. These results will be super helpful with making meet lineups and choosing relays the rest of the season.”

On the girls’ side, the Maroons finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place, while on the boys’ side they finished in 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Top 12 finishers for Austin High:**

Liam Cruser (FR): Diving (4<sup>th</sup>)

Jose Avila (JR): 100 freestyle (10<sup>th</sup>) and 50 freestyle (9<sup>th</sup>)

Ryan O’Leary (SR): 50 butterfly (3<sup>rd</sup>), 100 I.M. (4<sup>th</sup>) and 50 breast (4<sup>th</sup>)

Evan Smith (FR): 50 butterfly (12<sup>th</sup>) and 100 freestyle (12<sup>th</sup>)

Sora Jenkins (SO): 50 freestyle (11<sup>th</sup>)

Kole Esselstyn (SO): 50 backstroke (7<sup>th</sup>)

On September 28, the Maroons traveled to Belton High School for a quad meet with Belton High School, Lake Belton High School, and Belton New Tech High School. The Maroons finish in first place on both the boys and girls team scores.

Austin High coach Ryan Goodwyn was very pleased with the team's effort. “Out of 81 individual swims we had today, 40 of them were new personal best times for our kids. That’s huge,” Goodwyn said. “I was really proud of the way the kids raced all day long, and with the sportsmanship they showed. It’s always fun when you can come in as a visitor, beat the other teams in the water, and still have the other coaches compliment you about how nice, polite, and sportsmanlike your kids were. That speaks volumes about the quality of our kids, in and out of the pool.”

### **Top 4 finishers for Austin High:**

Veronica Lehman (SO): 200 freestyle (4<sup>th</sup>)

Eve Barilla-Deuschle (SO): 200 freestyle (4<sup>th</sup>) and 500 freestyle (4<sup>th</sup>)

Sam Miller (SR): 200 freestyle (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Eve Gottsman (SR): 200 I.M. (2<sup>nd</sup>) and 100 breaststroke (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Maddie Griebel (SO): 200 I.M. (4<sup>th</sup>) and 100 backstroke (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Ryan O’Leary (SR): 200 I.M. (1<sup>st</sup>) and 100 breaststroke (1<sup>st</sup>)

Trep Thomas (JR): 200 I.M. (4<sup>th</sup>)

Charlotte Gottsman (JR): 50 freestyle (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Mia Corbin (FR): 50 freestyle (3<sup>rd</sup>) and 100 freestyle (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Greysen Gaderson (SR): 50 freestyle (3<sup>rd</sup>) and 500 freestyle (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Megan O'Leary (FR): 100 butterfly (1<sup>st</sup>) and 100 breaststroke (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Sora Jenkins (SO): 100 butterfly (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Lacey Dominguez (SO): 100 butterfly (3<sup>rd</sup>) and 100 backstroke (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Lawson Thomas (SR): 100 butterfly (1<sup>st</sup>) and 100 backstroke (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Evan Smith (FR): 100 butterfly (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Josi Avila (JR): 100 freestyle (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Kelly Murphy (SO): 100 freestyle (4<sup>th</sup>) and 100 breaststroke (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Liam Taylor-Montero (JR): 500 freestyle (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Kole Esselstyn (SO): 100 backstroke (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Ian Hildebrand (SR): 100 breaststroke (3<sup>rd</sup>)