



AHS Swimming

Team Newsletter, 8/22-8/26

Howdy Maroon Swim Family

Here are the things I need from you this week.

(1) Welcome New Swimmers

We have three new swimmers who have joined our roster after last-chance tryouts this week for kids who missed our tryouts last semester. Welcome to AHS Swimming Caroline Crosnoe, Clye Cowan, and Karol Gonella

(2) Snap Raise Fundraiser

Our annual Snap Raise fundraiser kicks off this week. This fundraiser generally brings us \$11-13,000.

For those of you unfamiliar with our fundraiser, it's simply a donation-based fundraiser. We ask that every family have at least one swimmer create an account. For families that have multiple kids, just have one of your children create an account.

Once your swimmer has an account created, they need to input at least 10 emails, no more than 20. If you have at least 10 friends and/or family members that you don't mind asking for donations, please use real and valid emails. Some families are not comfortable asking friends/family for donations. If that's the case, please help your swimmer come up with 10 emails that you do not mind using anyway... mom's work email, dad's work email, brothers and sisters, etc. The Snap Raise company will not go live with our fundraiser until we at least 85% participation of kids with at least 10 emails. However, we do need donations to afford the travel and equipment needs we need each year.

Parents, once we go live, I ask that you post the link on your social media. You'd be surprised how many old friends/teammates/classmates etc will want to donate \$10-\$20 to support your kids with a little message of encouragement, and those little donations among 50 athletes start to really add up.

There are two flyers going out in email today with information about the fundraiser as well as instructions for how to set up an account and add in their emails. **Please take care of this before Wednesday when our Snap Raise representative comes to talk to the players.**

(3) Start Date

We have a change in our first day of practice. We have some housekeeping things we need to finish taking care of this week before we head over to the pool.

Instead of starting this Friday, August 26, our first practice will be Monday, August 29

(4) Parent Meeting

We will have a parent meeting at Austin HS on the evening of Thursday, August 25th. Swimmers are welcome to come but they do not NEED to be there. However, I do need every swimmer to be represented by at least one parent/guardian. If this is not possible, please contact me. We will be going over our season plan, expectations, practices, fundraising, travel, etc.

Parents will also need to bring cash and/or a checkbook with them. Many of these things can also be paid for/purchased online with the School Cash Online system that AHS uses, but we have the following items available for purchase that night

- * Yearly Activity Fee (\$100/swimmer, \$50 for additional swimmers if siblings)
- * Old team t-shirts available for \$5/shirt (optional)
- * Team sweats available for new swimmers for \$30/set (top and bottom)
- * Yard signs for \$15 (optional, until we run out)

(5) Physicals and Rank One – MUST DO ASAP!! --

Before our first practice on August 29, I need EVERYONE to make sure they have completed their yearly participation physical and turned in that form to the school's trainer. If your swimmer has it with them at school, they can give it to me and I'll turn it in to the trainer. Everyone must also make sure that they have created a parent account in the Rank One portal and signed the required forms there for UIL participation, steroid policy, and concussion protocols.

All of this can be found at this website: <https://www.austinisd.org/athletics/forms>

There is a pdf you can print up to take with you to your physical, as well as a link to the Rank One parent portal for parents to sign the on-line forms. Please take care of this ASAP if you have not already. This must be complete before your swimmer can attend a practice.

We have a lot of kids who have turned in the physical form, but they do not have the parent signatures in Rank One yet. Parents, please take care of this ASAP.

Have a great week!! See you on Thursday,

**Coach Goodwyn
Coach Calver**