

Hello All!

Wow – what an amazing last four weeks we’ve experienced here at Miami Country Day Aquatics! In the past month, we’ve seen team participation explode from the 40 or so swimmers we had this summer to over 125 current participants!

We are thrilled to have so many people on board, but as I’m sure you can all understand, the administrative load over the past few weeks has been nearly overwhelming. So, please forgive us as we do our best to communicate relative to practice schedules, upcoming meets, billing questions, and the general day to day issues. We are doing our best, and I assure you, our communications will only improve!

We are a program committed to quality – quality in the coaching we provide your child, quality in the structure and philosophical direction of our program, and quality in the overall experience we hope MCDA brings to your family. Although our numbers have grown considerably, we will not waiver in our commitment to provide you with a top quality program, in all aspects of what we do. Unlike some programs which may be looking for quantity, and hope that the cream will rise to the top to create top caliber swimmers, we are not looking to have 300 or 400 kids in our program. Instead, we are quite satisfied with the numbers we currently have, and we are dedicated to helping each child grow and develop as a champion for life.

A few administrative items to note:

1. Practice schedules are available [here](#). We also have hard copies available in the office.
2. Please note the following:
 - a. We will have practices, as regularly scheduled, on Wednesday, September 19 and Wednesday, September 26. Miami Country Day School is not in session on either of those days, but we will be having practices.
 - b. Due to interscholastic home meets, we will not have practice on 9/20, 10/9, 10/15 and 10/18. We attempted to schedule our home meets for Spartan Swimming at 6pm, but realized during the last few meets we’ve had at that time, that the pool deck and surrounding areas are simply too dark by 8pm at night. We simply can’t continue to hold our interscholastic meets at such a late hour, and as such, those meets have been moved to 4pm and 4:30pm start times. Therefore, we must cancel practices for Pathways, Red, Blue and Advanced Blue on those days. However, we’d love for you and your swimmer to come out and cheer on our MCDS Spartan Swimmers! It’s a great way to expose your young swimmer to the high school swimming arena, and get them excited about things to come later on in their swimming careers! Our meet on Thursday, September 20th begins at 4:00pm, and our JV Boys take on Gulliver Prep. Hope to see you there!

3. Signing up for swim meets.
 - a. You must sign up for swim meets using our website.
 - b. Please review the meet schedule, identify which meets your swimmer is able to attend, and then log into your team account and sign your swimmer up for those meets.
4. Registration
 - a. If you are not receiving team emails, that is a problem. Generally, if you are not receiving our emails, it means you are not registered online via our team website. Please see the attached information on how to register online.

Again, thanks for your patience with us as we work to grow Miami Country Day Aquatics into a top caliber, high quality swim program, dedicated to building champions for life.

See you at the pool!

Coach Megan Pittman