

# On the Dry Side: News from the Secretary's Desk September 2023

## Greetings, 757swiml

Like many of you the afterschool rush has started! Take a deep breath and read on. This month's newsletter has important reminders and information as we look ahead.

Please pay close attention to emails from your lead coach. Each swim group has a parent meeting scheduled via Zoom that will be recorded for those who cannot attend. This meeting is different from our full parent team meeting (see below).

September is dedicated to our value Connection. I have listened to swimmers at practice as they learn about their teammates. Let's encourage them to continue to show kindness and welcome all members!

In everything we do, be kind.

"Being a good teammate isn't about recognition. I do it because it makes me whole and complete." - Dwyane Wade

## -Evie Burnet, Secretary

## Practice Rules and Etiquette

As we return to practice there are several rules we all need to follow for the safety of our swimmers. Regardless of your practice site, please be mindful of the speed limit and noise. Parents may watch from the parent viewing area but are asked not to engage with coaches while practices are in session.

If swimming at 757's pool, swimmers should enter through the main entrance, rather than the patio/swim lesson entrance, and sit on bleachers in the designated area for his/her practice group. Drivers may not park/wait in the fire line.

For those 757 swimmers with practices at the Rec Center, please be sure to fill out the waiver to receive your Rec Center pass. While you must have the pass to access the pool for practices, you are not authorized to use the Rec Center without a membership.

The playground at First Colony is only open to their HOA members, not open to the public. Please stay off the playground equipment.



#### 2023-2024 Home Meet Schedule

Just a reminder of our home meets at the 757swim Aquatic Center:

October 6 to 8: IMR/IMX Meet October 27 to 29: Fall Fiesta December 1 to 3: Grand Illumination January 12 to 14: Splash & Dash February 10 to 11: 8 & Under Developmental Champs April 20: Developmental Meet

#### <u> Parents' Team Meetíng</u>

We will hold our start of the season parents' team meeting September 25th at Jamestown High School's auditorium. Information tables and uniform distribution will be available at 5:30, and the meeting will start at 6:30. We look forward to seeing you!

#### <u>Volunteer Survey</u>

Parent Volunteers are an essential part of making 757swim successful. For that reason, for many of our group, parent volunteer hours are required. (See our Volunteer Policy) If you haven't already, please take a moment to check out the Sign Up Genius of volunteer jobs. If you have questions, reach out to our volunteer coordinator, Lora Long at volunteers@757swim.com.

## <u>Meet Marshalls</u>

Interested in serving as a Marshal at home meets this season? We would love to have your help! VA Swimming now requires that marshals take and pass the online Meet Marshal Training. Simply log into your <u>usaswimming.org</u> account and click on EDUCATION and then VOLUNTEERS to find the course. The course and test should take no more than 30 minutes total, and your certification is good for a lifetime. Once completed please send certificate/screen shot to president@757swim.com. We especially need a few guys to jump in as we are now required to have both a male and female on duty at all times and most of the folks who have completed the training are ladies.

#### Save the Date

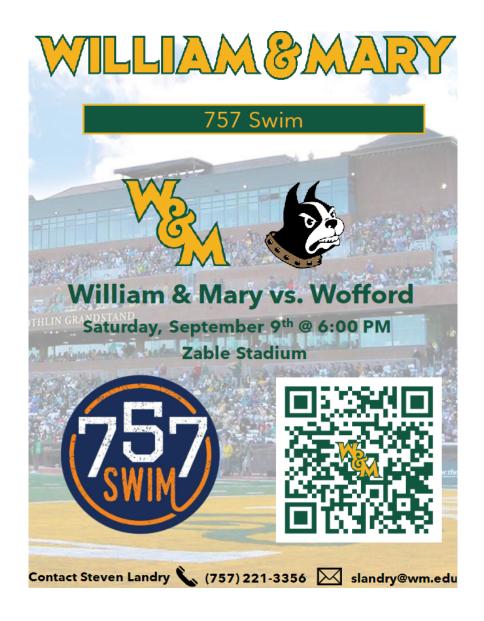
757swim's 1st Annual 757swim Auction and Gala will be held January 19 at Colonial Heritage Golf Club. If you or someone you know would be interested in making a donation of an auction item, all donations are tax deductible. Stay tuned for more information!



## W&M Football Day

Please do not forget about our 757swim gathering at William & Mary's home opener football game on Saturday Sept 9 at 6 PM. Tickets are at a reduced cost of \$10 per person for 757swim athletes and their families. **Please wear your ORANGE 757swim t-shirts.** We will be pictured on their scoreboard and they will recognize 757swim over the PA during the game. Purchase your tickets here: <u>https://fevogm.com/event/757swim</u>.

\*\*\*<u>Please note that swimmers in Senior, Gold, and Platinum will have a separate</u> retreat this weekend and are unable to attend the football game!!!





## TYR Swimsuits: TOMORROW IS THE FITTING!!!

Swimsuits for meets must be TYR team suits. Please place your order for team suits, along with spiritwear, through the TYR portal (set-up for portal access found <u>here</u>). If you have any questions email Christina Scordo at <u>Director2@757swim.com</u>

There will be a tech suit fitting September 7th, 2:30 to 6:30pm at 757swim. Swimmers 11 years and older are recommended, but not required to have tech suits. Due to our contract with TYR, they should be the TYR brand for competition.





## <u>Socíal Medía</u>

Please remember to use the following <u>form</u> to help us identify all successes within 757swim.

## Facebook Swap and Swag

Be sure to like the 757swim Shop and Swap page on Facebook. This is a great resource to buy/sell/giveaway gently used swim gear.

#### Papa John's Dollars for Dough

The next time you place an order with Papa John's Pizza apply promo code 757swim and 10% of your order will be donated back to our club!

#### Mega Auto Spa

Visit our sponsors at Mega Auto Spa and enter fundraiser code 9043 and a portion of your wash will be donated back to 757swim!

#### Upcoming Dates

- TYR Tech Suit Fitting, 9/7 2:30-6:30pm
- Parent Team Meeting, 9/25 5:30-8:30pm Jamestown High School Auditorium
- SwimAThon November 18





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