

ALLIGATOR NEWSLETTER

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A GREAT BIG THANKS!

A big thank you to all the Alligator families who volunteered their time and energy to help make our meet a huge success! If not for your efforts and team work our meets would not be possible. Our home meets are our biggest fundraiser of the year. So much work goes into running them, but out of them comes new friends and acquaintances, and a lot of fun and good times.

Your kids, together with the Coaches, put forth great effort at practice. From that effort came many life-time best swims. To see the look of excitement on the kids faces when they come to the end of their race, whether they have gotten a best time or just finished a race they never dreamed possible, makes all the hard work worth it!

Mark on your calendars Sun. February 18th. We will be hosting the “Gold Conference Meet”. This is a one day meet which will be held at Elk Grove. It is a select line up from each team in the conference, so not everyone will be swimming, but all are wanted to cheer and help out. There will be a lot of fast swimmers and the kids always have fun. So please make sure you mark it down on your calendars, computers, log books, blackberries, phones, wherever you can—just don’t forget.

REMEMBER ALLIGATORS WALK THE WALK

HEY ALLIGATORS GREAT JOB AT THE MEET! YOU WORKED HARD, STAYED FOCUSED AND SWAM FAST.

ONE QUESTION: *DID YOU GIVE YOUR PARENTS A BIG “THANK YOU” FOR MAKING YOUR SWIMMING POSSIBLE? WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE A TEAM TO PRACTICE WITH. SO DON’T FORGET TO SAY THANKS!*



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Tom Cleary	11-7	Lauren Battaglia	12/12
Abby Younger	11/11	Aleks Niemiec	12/17
Kelly Jarvis	11/22	Steven Sirios	12/27
Margaret Spacapan	11/29	Rachel Majercik	12/29
Grace Skorin	11/30	Emily Behn	12/30
Pat Cullen	12/1	Nick Fit	12/30
Eric Zwerling	12/1		
Mike Ruskiewicz	12/7		

Keep up the great work all you Gators!! Many of our Alligators have made fantastic improvement since the beginning of the year. Many swimmers have had very consistent attendance as well, and that is the best way to improve. We can't coach you if you are not there. See you at the pool!!!

Attendance Award!

We will be awarding Best Attendance in each group for the month of December.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GIRL SWIMMERS!
WAY TO GO JULIA STATE CHAMP IN THE 100 BREAST!**

This years High School season went great for our girls. The Alligators are proud of each and everyone of them. The Gators were represented in many different high schools this year. Each swam great for their team. They all should be proud of their performances.

Sylvia Knap

10th 50 Free

12th 100 Free

Julia Andracki

1st 100 Breast

14th 100 Free

Amy Andracki

21st 100 Breast

Erin Rodriguez

20th 200IM

19th 500 Free

Joanie Cullen

29th 50 Free

27th 100 Fly

K.C. Dix

14th on the Medley Relay
with Julia and Amy Andracki



A big thanks to Matt and of course TYR for their constant support of the Gators.

EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER!**Dec. 8-10th** NASA Blastoff Meet**Dec. 16, 17th** Camp Duncan**Jan. 5-7th** NSSC Meet**Jan. 12th-14th** PAC meet**Jan. 15th** Release of room block for the Schroeder meet.

Make your reservations soon. Courtyard Marriott 414-355-7500

Senior Retreat Time is running out for you to attend the Senior Retreat!!! Get your forms in ASAP.

**Julia Andracki & Sam Wilcher make a splash at the U.S. Open!**

Julia and Sam (who is currently swimming for Purdue) swam at the U.S. open @ Purdue University on Nov. 1st-Dec. 2nd. Julia dropped her time to come within .23 of the Olympic trial cut. She also placed in the top 24 in both the 100 and 200 Breast.

Sam achieved his second Olympic Team Trial cut, this time in the 100 Fly.

He also placed in the top 16 in both the 100 and 200 Fly!