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Port Angeles High School Girls' Swimming & Diving

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Dear Swimmer or Diver,

I hope this letter finds you having a super summer and you are looking forward to your first practice, **Monday, August 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at William Shore Memorial Pool.**

My name is Rich Butler and I will be your head swimming and diving coach for Port Angeles High School again this season. I ended my own swimming career in 1994 as a national champion in the 200 yard breaststroke at the NAIA National Championship Meet. Since that time I have coached both club and high school teams and work as a seventh grade math teacher at Stevens Middle School. We look forward to meeting you and having you join our successful Port Angeles High School Swimming and Diving Team. We have a strong and proud tradition based on sportsmanship and the pursuit of excellence both in the classroom and in the pool.

Before our first practice, you will need a yellow athletic clearance card from Port Angeles High School. The yellow card ensures that you have gotten a physical from your doctor. If you have not already made an appointment, please do so! You will need to **complete the physical form from the high school before your appointment for your doctor to sign.** Then, **return it to the high school** and fill out a yellow card to bring with you to practice. **We cannot let you participate until your yellow athletic clearance card is turned in. Please consider registering online at: <http://www.portangelesschools.org/pahs/athletics-registration.html>.**

On Monday, August 23, come to practice ready to get in the water. You will need a one piece swimming suit, cap, and goggles. If you are having trouble finding any of these items, you can purchase them at the pool, Big Five Sports in Carlsborg, or from the Port Angeles Swim Club. Enter through the pool locker room and walk out on deck through the glass garage door. We will begin with a meeting outside in the fenced in area at 2:00 p.m. and we will move to the pool afterwards. You can plan on being done by 5:00 p.m.

At the first practice, I will hand out a packet including another season calendar, letter requirements, practice schedules, more meet schedules, and other information for the year. Practices will be daily from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturday morning practices will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please set aside the evening of Tuesday, August 31st for a parent meeting and team get together. **The first practice is very important. If you cannot attend, please call and let me know. Realize that you must have completed ten days of practice before you are able to compete in a swim meet. Our first swim meet is Thursday, September 16.**

I have included a calendar, meet schedule, four questions survey, and list of items you will need for the first practice. Meet suits and caps will cost \$40 with the rest of the cost subsidized by our swimming budget. You can pay for your suit when you purchase your ASB card and pay the other athletic fees for the year. Here is how I understand our fees: **\$50 once a year fee to participate in any extra curricular activity**, \$25 per sport fee with a maximum of this fee and the one time fee reaching \$100 per year, and a \$35 Associated Student Body fee. This is a \$110 total cost up front **before** paying for your team suit, \$150 total including our team suit. To complete payments, the High School needs two separate checks. One check made out to ASB totaling \$75 for the ASB fee as well as the team suit. The second check would be made out to the Port Angeles School District for the \$75 athletic participation fee. I believe there are payment plans available if needed and help for those of you who may need assistance. **Please do not let money keep you from participating.** Instead, contact me, and we will look into other options. Please keep your receipt as proof of purchase so I can give you your suit when they arrive. Suits should be purchased by the first swim meet, September 16. I look forward to meeting all of you. We have a great team and I am looking forward to a fantastic swimming season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at home (417-3937) or on my cell phone (460-2970). We look forward to seeing you Monday, August 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the William Shore Memorial Pool with your yellow athletic clearance card.

Sincerely,

Rich Butler
Port Angeles High School Swimming and Diving Head Coach
Stevens Middle School Math Teacher