

Introductory Team Email Sent September 3, 2025

Subjects Covered in Email: Bshop McDevitt Swimming & Diving: Welcome, Email Contact List, Team Website, Athlete Information Form, Pre-Season Information Meeting, Diving Information, Boys Roster, Fall Mum Fundraiser, Fall Team Car Wash, Practices, Preliminary Meet Schedule, General Expectations for Team Members, October Events

Bishop McDevitt swimmers, divers and parents:

Welcome to a new school year! This is the first general information email addressed to all swimming and diving team members for the 2025-26 season. If you reply to this email (swimming@bishopmcdevitt.org), Coach Kurt will see your response.

If you received this email, your email contact was...

- Retained from last school year
- Provided by the school's advancement office or current team member
- Added to the team's database via a direct request

Please note: some emails from late August might have been overlooked since Coach Kurt was out of town and not monitoring the school's swimming/diving email account (swimming@bishopmcdevitt.org).

Team members are encouraged to forward this team email to any student or parent of a student that plans to join the swimming and diving program this school year.

Most of the information contained in this email highlights several important dates and activities for the coming days and weeks ahead. **Please respond accordingly.**

Team Website - <https://www.bmcswimming.org>

Bookmark and begin to become familiar with the information that is posted on the team's website.

Swimmer/Diver Information Request Form – Response Requested

If you have not done so already, and you will be a new member of the team this school year, [please return this form to a coach ASAP](#).

Please provide all information requested on the *Athlete Database Information Form*. You may either print the form, fill-in the requested information, scan and then return via email, or you may simply provide requested information in the body of an email.

Pre-Season Meeting for Parents - Date TBD

A pre-season meeting will be held for all team members sometime during the month of September (date & time in the evening TBD) in the high school cafeteria.

The coaches and parent coordinators will review team policies and general information (swim suit and warm-up requirements, spirit wear, practice and meet expectations, parent volunteers needed, why we fundraise, dual meets, local invitationals, travel meets, championship meets etc). There are many details that everyone needs to be aware of prior to our first day of practice.

Becoming a Diver on the Bishop McDevitt Swimming & Diving Team – Please Share This Information

If you or anyone you know has an interest in learning more about becoming a diver for Bishop McDevitt, please get in touch with Coach Kurt ASAP.

Our team's website has general information about becoming a diver and representing Bishop McDevitt at dual, invitational, and championship meets. Please note, much of the information on the website is specific to *last season* (for the 2024-25 school year). New information will be provided soon. You can view information about diving for McDevitt [HERE](#)

Boys Team Roster - Please Share This Information

As many of our returning members are already aware, the boys roster has been decreasing in size for the past two seasons. If we are unable to identify/recruit additional boys to join the program, we will enter each dual meet with at least a half dozen empty lanes (lost scoring opportunity).

Please share this information with any boy at Bishop McDevitt that may be an ideal candidate to join the program!

Our girls roster has been holding steady at between 18-24 members for the last 5 years and this season should remain true for this season based on early interest communicated to Coach Kurt

Annual Mum Fundraiser - Orders Due September 14

Members of the Bishop McDevitt Swimming & Diving Team have established an annual tradition of selling mums.

This year the colors are red, yellow, orange, and purple. The mums are \$10 for a 9 inch pot

[The fall mum order form is HERE](#)

Order forms are due on Sunday, September 14. Please return order forms to the high school office, attention Dawn Kaloz (care of Samantha Kaloz, homeroom 319). Please contact Dawn directly if you wish to provide her with your orders in another manner.

Mums will be delivered to the grass field near the football field on Wednesday, September 24. Pick-up is between 2:45 - 4 pm.

Checks should be made out to Bishop McDevitt Swimming & Diving.

Please direct any questions about the team's fall mum fundraiser to Dawn Kaloz.

Email: dsk.kaloz@gmail.com

Call/Text: 717-579-7362

Team Car Wash - Saturday, September 27 at the Susquehanna Valley Harley-Davidson

Please note this is a new date and new location. First National Bank is no longer sponsoring car washes at their Allentown Blvd location. Let's hope for a sunny and warm day on September 27 at the Susquehanna Valley Harley-Davidson .

Set-up: 8:45 a.m.

Car Wash: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Volunteers and several items will be needed to conduct a successful event. All current team members, their family members, team alumni, NEW members (for the 25-26 season), and friends of the program are invited to volunteer for this event.

A sign-up sheet to volunteer or donate items for the car wash is [HERE](#).

Practices (in-season) – “Official Practices”

Practices are held 3:45-6:00 p.m. (in-water 4:30-6:00) at the Central Penn Fitness Center, [450 Powers Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17109](#). Students are not required to have a club membership. All fees for our use of the facility are paid for by the high school.

The first official winter sports practice allowed by the PIAA is Friday, November 14. Students are not required to have a club membership. All fees for our use of the facility are paid for by the high school.

The coaches will conduct school sponsored, *non-mandatory* practices prior to the first official date. These practices will begin during the week of Monday, November 3 (exact date TBD). Students will not be required to have a club membership. All fees for our use of the facility are paid for by the high school.

Pre-Season Practice Opportunities – Optional

Unofficial and informal practices will be held during the month of September, October and first week of November until full team practices begin.

The pre-season practices are NOT sponsored by the school and any swimmer that chooses to attend will have to have a membership with the Central Penn Fitness Center. These sessions are being offered as an option to all returning and potential new team members. No registration is required, and attendance will not be recorded. Attendance is strictly voluntary. Swimmers choose to attend because *they want* to attend.

More Information about optional non-mandatory pre-season practices [HERE](#).

Preliminary Competition Calendar – Expect Updates

A copy of the team's competition calendar for the 2025-26 school year is [HERE](#). Several of the invitational dates are tentative – you can expect changes to be made by the host teams.

Basic Expectations to be a Member of Bishop McDevitt Swimming & Diving

[Swimmer General Expectations](#)

Any questions about team expectations should be directed to Coach Kurt well in advance to the start of the season (communicate early!)

Other Fundraisers During the Month of October - FYI - Planning Ahead

[Swimming & Diving Bake Sale During Home Football Game \(7:00 p.m.\) vs CV, Friday, October 3](#)

Members of the Swimming & Diving team Assigned to Run the Main Concession Stand During Home Football Game on Friday, October 24