

# Charlotte Tiger Sharks

## Fall and Winter Tiger Sharks Information 2023-2024

### **Who Are the Tiger Sharks?**

The Tiger Sharks are a competitive Swim team which competes in the Lansing area. We will have meets with East Lansing, Mason, Eaton Rapids, Coldwater, Grand Ledge, Marshall, and maybe a few others. The club's mission is to provide the best opportunity for growth--personally, physically, and competitively, for boys and girls through the sport of swimming. All school aged swimmers from first grade and up are welcome.

### **Is my child ready? Is this a good time to start?**

Tiger Sharks for our youngest swimmers is very much like a more intense swimming lesson. The goal of our 1st - 3rd grade program is to get each swimmer to where they can compete all four strokes (fly, back, breast, free) for 25 - 50 yards. Each practice will have both lessons and strength building components as well as building stamina in the water. As long as the kids are having fun, they are in the right place.

### **Middle School Swim Team:**

The middle school swim team will be a branch of the Tiger Sharks this year. It is our great hope that Tiger shark members that are in grades 6-8 will participate in the middle school swim season. They will have additional practice and meet opportunities between Thanksgiving and mid January. Beginning Tiger Sharks now will give middle school swimmers a jump on the season so they are ready.

### **Will my swimmer have meets?**

Your swimmer will have several opportunities to compete in meets. Meet participation is strongly encouraged, but not required. Meets are a great way to have fun and track progress. Tiger Sharks participate in one or two meets each month with local teams. A meet schedule is attached.

### **Free Trial Practices and Parent Meeting:**

There will be a parent meeting to learn about the Tiger Shark program with a free trial practice available for your swimmer to come to a practice to see if they would be interested in joining the team.

## **Practices:**

Practices will start September 18th.

Middle school (7th and 8th grades) practice will be M,W&F from 2:45 - 4:00.

CUE (4th, 5th, and 6th grades) practice will be T&TH from 3:45 - 5:00.

Parkview and Washington (1st - 3rd grades) will be after school on T&TH from 4:30–5:30.

**Early Release Days:** If there is an early release on a practice day, we will not have practice that day.

**Meet Days:** We will not have practice on meet days.

## **What gear will my swimmer need?**

Your swimmer will need a suit, cap, goggles, and a towel. One piece competition style swimsuits for girls and boys can wear competition trunks or jammers. It is recommended to have the same style suit for practices and meets in order to maintain consistency. There will be a team suit you can purchase for meets.

## **What costs are involved in Tiger Sharks?**

Membership is on a month to month basis. The cost to be in Tiger Sharks is \$77 a month for CMS/CUE and \$55 a month for 1st-3rd grade. That amount includes a membership for your swimmer and the coaching. There will also be a \$10 meet fee per meet attended. That will also cover the cost of coaching and travel for the coaches.

## **How do I sign my swimmer up?**

You can sign up for Tiger Sharks online at [registration.swimcharlotte.org](http://registration.swimcharlotte.org) or by calling our office at 517.541.5740.

## **Tiger Sharks Meet Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sat, Oct. 14th	Home	11:00 am. WU, 11:45 am. Start
Sat, Oct. 28th	Coldwater	9:00 am. WU, 10:00 am. Start
Sat, Nov. 11th	East Lansing	8:30 am. WU, 9:15 am. Start
Wed. Nov. 15th	Mason	5:15 pm. WU, 6:00 pm. Start
Sat. Dec. 2nd	Marshall	9:00 am. WU, 10:00 am. Start
Sat. Dec. 16th	Home	9:00 am. WU, 10:00 am. Start
Fri. Dec. 29th	Coldwater (Fun 50's)	5:00 pm. WU, 6:00 pm. Start

## **Middle School (6th,7th & 8th grades) Meet Schedule**

Additional meet dates starting in November TBD