

Boys swimming champions for 10th year

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13th

place at state

2nd

place at
Sectionals

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Again with no surprise boys swimming continued their dominance of the GMC by winning for the 10th year in a row. The team also was recognized by Channel 19 FOX news on Friday, February, 18 as their Team of the Week. The Boy's coach **Dr. Dan Carl** accepted the award on television.

The season was strong with a 2nd place finish at the sectional meet and a 4th place finish at districts. **Heath Tameris, 12**, and **Mark Bernstein, 11**, were the only individual qualifiers for state, 200 IM, 100 Breaststroke, 500 Free, and 100 Butterfly, respectively. The boys also had their 200 Medley relay and 400 Free relay qualify for state. **Andrew Wittkuguel, 11**, **Ben Parker, 12**, and **Alphonse Harris, 10**, swam on the relays at state.

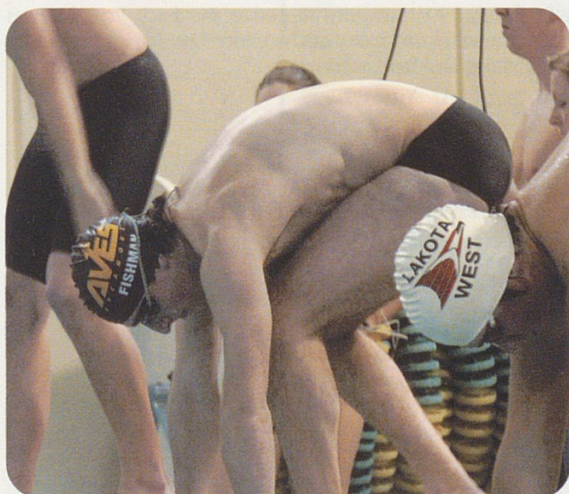
The team was so strong at the end of the season because of all their hard work. When most people were having fun vacationing on winter break, the swimmers were having double practice. Winter break is referred to by swimmers as, "hell week." Although the practices were hard they were worth it in end.

"Swimming was a great way to learn self discipline," said **John Wilkes, 11**.

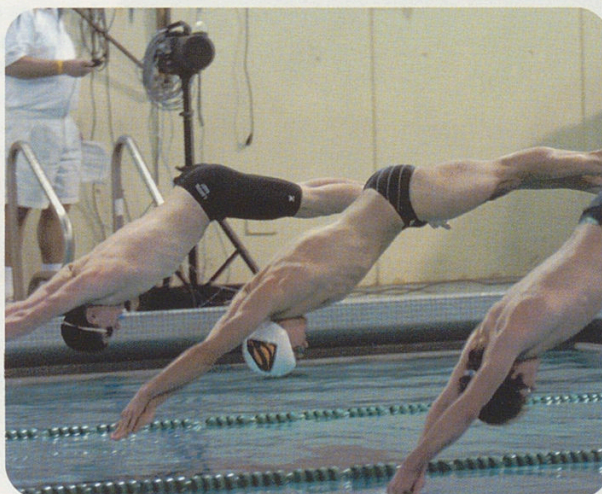
The team had lots of fun throughout the season at pasta parties and other bonding activities.

"My favorite part of the season was travel trips because I missed school," said **Andrew Wittkuguel, 11**.

The excellence proved that the boys swimming team had a legacy the are sure to continue for the years to come!



Jamie Fishman, 11, getting in position for his race. Fishman was a member of the JV team. Throughout the season meets were held having both JV and Varsity swimmers compete.



Streamline! Andrew Wittkuguel, 11, is about to enter the water. The dive and start was crucial to the beginning of the race. Especially for short race events like the 50 or 100 meter freestyle.



Getting focused for his race, Ben Parker, 12. It was very important for a swimmer to be in the right mind set before their race. It helped them perform to their full potential.



Row 2: Coach Dave Lienesch, Matt Oberly, 9, Tal Shulman, 10, Jamie Fishman, 11 and Coach Dan Carl. **Row 3:** Mitch Heltman, 10, Jules Rosen, 12, John Wilkes, 11, Carter Roust, 9, and Elliot Skopin, 11.



Row 1: Heath Tameris, 12 and Ben Parker, 12. **Row 2:** Andrew Wittkuguel, 11, Alphonse Harris, 11, Mark Bernstein, 10, Jon Su, 10 and Alan Kelpie, 11. **Row 3:** Coach Alan Wight, Jamie Dowdall, 9, Colin Hanner, 9, Jason Kao, 9 and Coach Dan Carl.

