

Late August/Early September 2026 Announcements for McD Swimming & Diving

Annual Mum Fundraiser - **Orders Due September 10**

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 Deadline: On or before Thursday, September 10.

Students/parents may drop forms off to Gina Crawford in the main office. Please be sure to have Gina's name on an envelope containing your orders. Please also include a description of what Gina should find in an envelope (mums fundraiser order form form(s) for Swimming & Diving).

Please direct any questions about this fundraiser to Shannon Sweeny 717-439-3508 or email at **shannonsweeney2@hotmail.com**

Pick-Up:

Wednesday, September 23 from 2:45–4:00 p.m.

*new pick-up locations this year because of construction: baseball field behind visitors' bleachers of football field

Payment:

Checks payable to Bishop McDevitt Swim and Dive Team

Please direct any questions about the team's fall mum fundraiser to Shannon Sweeney.

Email: **shannonsweeney2@hotmail.com**

Call/Text: 717-439-3508

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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
- added to the team's database via a direct request or recommendation of another team member

Team members are encouraged to forward this team email to any student or parent of a student that might have an interest in joining the swimming and diving program this school year.

Welcome New Volunteer Coach, John Kesler

We are excited to welcome coach John Kesler on deck this season as a volunteer assistant. John has also joined Bishop McDevitt's math department on a full time basis. Coach Kurt, Coach Virginia and Coach Jonah all return this season.

Coach Kesler has been coaching swimming for over 30 years, most recently as the head coach at CD High School. Coach Kesler was an accomplished competitive swimmer. As an age group swimmer, he was on the YMCA National Team and was YMCA All American. In high school he was a four-year varsity swimmer at CD East, a two-time High School All American and PIAA State Champion. He swam at the collegiate level, one year at USC and three years at the University of Pittsburgh where he was a three time Big East Champion. He qualified for and competed in the 1988 Olympic Trials. In 1987 he was inducted into the Central PA Sports Hall of Fame and in 2007 was inducted into the CD East High Hall of Fame.

Team Website - <https://www.bmcdswimming.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 later part 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, some of the information on the website could reference dates and events that are specific to *last season* (for the 2025-26 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 three seasons. As of this email, this trend appears

unchanged for the 2026-27 school year. 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.

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 20. 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 9 (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 2026-27 school year is HERE](#)

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 September - FYI - Planning Ahead

[Swimming & Diving Bake Sale During Home Football Game \(7:00 p.m.\) vs CV, Friday, September 25 | Bishop McDevitt Swimming & Diving](#)

[Members of the Swimming & Diving Assigned to Main Concession Stand During Home Football Game on Friday, October 30 - Senior Night | Bishop McDevitt Swimming & Diving](#)

Team Car Wash - Susquehanna Valley Harley Davidson is no longer offering their property for car wash fundraisers. We are exploring other location opportunities. As any information is confirmed, we will share this with all team members.