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Dear Sunrise Sharks Families,

The 2010 swim season has yet to begin, but your Parent Board has been busy organizing and planning for the upcoming season. The Board has been faced with a difficult task given the budget cuts by the Park District. Some changes will have more impact than others and some won't even be noticed. We spent many hours trying to organize the best possible swim season.

Our team will continue its tradition of well-run Sharks meets and many family activities. Look for themed swim meets, Family Fun Night, pizza nights, and return of our very successful basket raffle. In our never ending effort to improve our team, we would also like to add a few items to help us run our meets more efficiently. An eight-lane scoreboard, mounting apparatus, Xerox machine and new printer are a few items on our wish list. Only with the continued efforts of the Sharks families will these become reality.

Again this year we will be holding a Mass Registration on Thursday, March 25th from 6-7:30 p.m. at Roundtable Pizza on Lichen, which will also be a fundraiser. Please read the attached registration information carefully. At registration we will be collecting all needed paperwork, and we will once again be collecting our required, separate \$40.00 fundraising check. Also, our swim suit representative will be present to take orders.

NEW this year, we will be keeping track of parent volunteer hours. You may earn volunteer hours by working a shift at the meets or other non-meet jobs such as coordinating the basket raffle, working family fun night, etc. We are increasingly having difficulties getting parents to fulfill their volunteer obligations which can put a heavy burden on the parents who are consistently putting in their hours. Quite a few teams in our league are collecting \$75-150 for volunteer hours. If families' volunteer hours have been fulfilled by the end of the season, their money will be returned. This is something the Sharks Parent Board objects to, but we may need to consider it in the future if we continue to have difficulties getting our families to help out.

In October, the Nor Cal Swim League completed their annual realignment of teams. For the 2010 season, the Sunrise Sharks will move up to the Eureka Conference. We will be swimming against West Sacramento, Del Norte, Roseville, Fulton-El Camino, and Fair Oaks. We will also be swimming one non-conference meet against Arden Hills. Be sure to review the attached Calendar of Events and meet schedule as you make plans for summer getaways. Championships are the weekend of July 17th and 18th and the Awards Celebration will be on Monday, July 19th.

We look forward to seeing you once again for the 2010 swim season.

On behalf of the Sunrise Sharks Parent Board,
Rebecca Wright Shayegi, President, Sunrise Sharks Parent Board