**Swim & Dive Summary 2023 Season:**

Sprinting to September Meet:

Senior, Andon Ellzey, was the high-point male winner of the meet. He made Sectional qualifying times in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. Seniors Alyse Jenkins, Mal Bryan, Henry Bylinowski, and Landon Liles also made Sectional qualifying times in the 50 yard freestyle and Liles & Bylinowski in the 100 yard freestyle. The boys team placed 2nd behind St. Paul’s beating McGill-Toolen, UMS-Wright, Davidson, and Cottage Hill Christian Academy.

100’s Meet:

Ellzey tied for 1st overall – placing 1st in the 100 yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly qualifying for the Sectional Meet. These were also state qualifying times. Also, scoring points for the team were Alyse Jenkins (tied for 8th overall), Lily Cuesta (14th), Landon Liles (17th), and Henry Bylinowski (19th). Jenkins won the 100 yard breaststroke and placed 10th in the 100 yard backstroke qualifying for both events for the Sectional meet. Other sectional qualifiers were: Lily Cuesta 100 yard breaststroke (5th place), Landon Liles 100 yard backstroke (6th place) and 100 yard freestyle (12th place), Henry Bylinowski 100 yard butterfly (8th place) and 100 yard freestyle (14th place), and Mal Bryan 100 yard freestyle (15th place).

UMS Meet:

The men’s, women’s, and combined teams placed 2nd behind UMS-Wright beating Davidson High School, Murphy High School, Theodore High School, and Alma Bryant High School. Both the men’s 200 yard Medley and Freestyle relay teams consisting of Seniors Mal Bryan, Henry Bylinowski, Andon Ellzey, and Junior Landon Liles swam state qualifying times. Andon Ellzey won the 200 yard freestyle and the 100 yard backstroke both with State qualifying times. Senior Addison Martin and Landon Liles both placed 2nd in the 200 yard Individual Medley with Liles making a Sectional qualifying time. Senior Alyse Jenkins placed 1st in the 100 yard breaststroke (.34 of a second away from a State qualifying time) and 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle. Mal Bryan also placed 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle. Henry Bylinowski won the 100 yard butterfly.  Sophomore Connor Burroughs placed 3rd in the 100 yard backstroke. Senior Stella Byars, 8th grader Ellison Parker, and 7th grader Cameron Gaston also scored points for the Hornets.

High School Invitational Meet:

The combined teams tied for 4th with Davidson High School outscoring T.R. Miller High School, Cottage Hill Christian Academy, Bayside Academy, and Saraland. The men’s team placed 4th and women’s team placed 7th. Senior Tatiana Avalos made a Sectional qualifying team in the 50 yard freestyle. Andon Ellzey was 2nd overall.

Speedo Gulf Coast Classic Meet:

The men’s team placed 2nd beating Daphne High School, Davidson High School, and Cottage Hill Christian Academy. The women’s team placed 3rd beating Davidson, Cottage Hill, Murphy High School, and Mary G. Montgomery. Andon Ellzey placed 1st in the 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly and Henry Bylinowski placed 4th and 3rd in the same events. Alyse Jenkins placed 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle and 100 yard breaststroke. Landon Liles placed 4th in the 100 yard backstroke. The men’s 200 yard freestyle relay of Andon Ellzey, Henry Bylinowski, Landon Liles, and Mal Bryan placed 1st and their 400 yard freestyle relay placed 2nd. The women’s 200 yard freestyle relay team of Tatiana Avalos, Kaylah Green, Lily Cuesta, and Alyse Jenkins placed 3rd and the 400 yard relay team of Avalos, Ellie Parker, Cuesta, and Jenkins also placed 3rd.

Battle of the Bay:

Baker swim team competed at the Battle of the Bay meet against Fairhope, Gulf Shores, Daphne, Spanish Fort, and Satsuma. Senior, Andon Ellzey placed 1st in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle races and Senior, Alyse Jenkins placed 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle and 3rd in the 100 yard freestyle. Sophomore, Lily Cuesta placed 3rd in the 100 yard breaststroke. The boys’ relay team of seniors Mal Bryan, Henry Bylinowski, Andon Ellzey and junior, Landon Liles placed 2nd in the 400 yard freestyle relay and 3rd in the 200 yard freestyle relay. The girls’ relay team of Lily Cuesta, Alyse Jenkins,  senior, Addison Martin, and 8th grader, Ellie Parker placed 3rd in the 200 yard freestyle relay and 4th in the 200 yard Medley relay.

Relay Meet:

The boys’ relay team of seniors, Mal Bryan, Henry Bylinowski, Andon Ellzey, and junior Landon Liles tied for 3rd place overall with UMS-Wright beating McGill-Toolen, Cottage Hill Christian Academy, Daphne, and Satsuma. The girls’ A relay team of seniors, Tatiana Avalos, Alyse Jenkins, Addison Martin, and sophomore Lily Cuesta placed 5th overall beating Spanish Fort, Daphne, and Satsuma. The girls’ B relay team consisting of seniors Stella Byars, Kaylah Green, junior Bethany Griggs, and 8th grade Ellie Parker also raced well.

Spooky Splash:

Baker Swim & Dive team competed at the 8th annual Spooky Splash hosted by Baker, Daphne, and UMS-Wright. The team placed 6th overall beating St. Michael Catholic, St. Paul’s Episcopal, Saraland, MGM, McGill-Toolen, and Murphy High School. Andon Ellzey placed 1st in the 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly. Alyse Jenkins placed 1st in the 100 yard breaststroke and 4th in the 50 yard freestyle. Landon Liles placed 4th in the 100 yard freestyle and 5th in the 50 yard freestyle. Henry Bylinowski and Addison Martin both placed 5th in the 100 yard butterfly. Diver, junior Bethany Griggs placed 5th. Several members of the team qualified for the South Sectional meet: Tatiana Avalos, Mal Bryan, Henry Bylinowski, Lily Cuesta, Andon Ellzey, Bethany Griggs, Alyse Jenkins, and Landon Liles.

Sectional Meet:

Several members of the swim team competed at the AHSAA South Sectional High School meet at Bishop State. Individual state qualifiers were Andon Ellzey in the 200 and 100 yard freestyle, Henry Bylinowski in the 100 yard butterfly, and Alyse Jenkins in the 100 yard breaststroke. The men’s 200 and 400 yard freestyle relays (Ellzey, Bylinowski, Mal Bryan, and Landon Liles) both qualified as well.

State Meet:

Five members of the Baker swim team competed at the AHSAA State Championship. Senior, Andon Ellzey placed 2nd in both the 200 and 100 yard freestyle events. Racing his personal best in both with times of 1:39.09 and 45.99, respectively. Senior Alyse Jenkins placed 16th in the 100 yard breaststroke and senior Henry Bylinowski placed 19th in the 100 yard butterfly. The men’s 200 yard and 400 yard freestyle relays teams (Ellzey, Bylinowski, senior Mal Bryan, and junior Landon Liles) placed 7th with a best time of 1:34.30 and 11th 3:33.55, respectively. The men’s team placed 18th overall out of 49 teams and 12th in 6A-7A.

We also had several social gatherings this season. We teamed up with the Davidson swim team for practice, food, & fun at Springhill Swim Club. In October, the Burroughs graciously hosted us for pumpkin carving, axe throwing, pickleball, and food. In December, we gathered at the Jenkins’ for a night of togetherness – more fun & food. We have 7 seniors graduating this year and that leaves 6 swimmers and 1 diver going into next season. So, please spread the word to your friends about the swim & dive team. We will have an informational swim & dive meeting in the Spring and I hope all of you will attend so you can tell those interested about your experience.