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Varsity Swimming at Charlotte Aquatic Center

Eldred Toutant, a 1939 Graduate of Charlotte High School, instilled a love for swimming in Charlotte where he began his career with Charlotte Public Schools in 1947 worked until 1989. Between then and now, much has happened to make a varsity swim team a reality. Many in the community can



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remember taking swimming lessons from Sarah Cool at the old Junior High School with fondness, and still use those swimming skills today. The new state of the art Aquatic Center was built in 2004 with the support of many community members and school officials. Over the past several years, students on the Charlotte Middle School swim team have been coached by volunteers Dana Kirk, Gregg Manns, Sarah Cool, Steven Kineman, and Julie Davis. There is also the new Tiger Sharks Swim Club at the Aquatic Center for swimmers age six to eighteen which competes in state-wide competitions, and the Dolphins Swim Team which competes in the Special Olympics.

On October 14, 2014, another step will be taken as the Charlotte High School varsity girls swim team will play host to Williamston at the Charlotte Aquatic Center. "Being able to host a girls swim meet for our team, in our own pool, for the first time ever in Charlotte is long overdue and a goal that has been reached for not only the team, but for those long time supporters of our aquatic program", said Mark Rosekrans, interim superintendent for Charlotte Public Schools. Along with the girls' CHS swim team, a boys' varsity swim team is planned as a winter sport.

For more information on swim teams or other aquatic programs in Charlotte, please call the Aquatic Center office at 517-541-5740.