



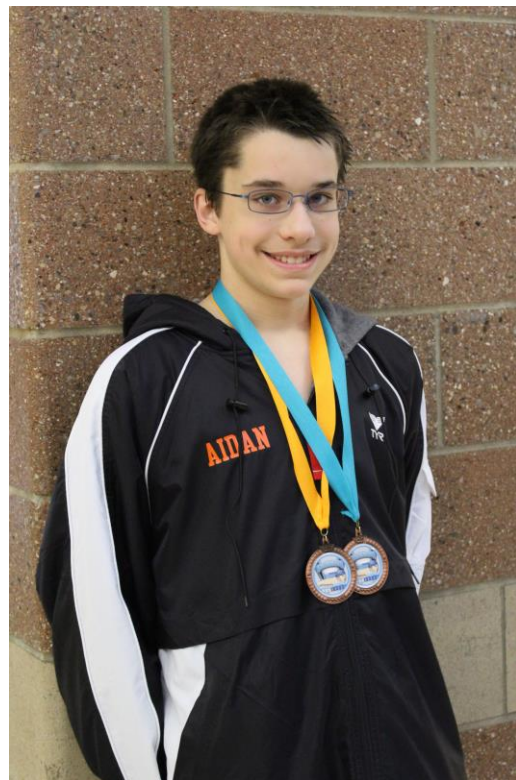
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CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMER RANKS AT STATE FINALS

Charlotte Middle School swim team 8th grader Aidan Hammons, achieved top ranking at the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) State Finals meet held at Holt on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Aidan swam for 4th place overall in the 50 yard butterfly, finishing with a 27.90. He also took 8th place overall in the 50 yard freestyle with a 25.53. These personal best times decreased his 50 yard butterfly by 00.71 seconds, and his 50 yard freestyle by 00.81 seconds, ranking Aidan among the fastest middle school swimmers in Michigan.



At six years old Aidan learned to swim at the Charlotte Aquatic Center where he took the deep end test five times before being successful on his 6th attempt which allowed him to swim solo in water over his head. Much has changed since those early days. Aidan has been a member of the Charlotte Tiger Sharks Swim Club for seven years and has just completed his third and last year on the Charlotte Middle School Swim Team. In addition to being a leader and positive role model to his fellow teammates, Aidan has consistently put in the many hours required to progress steadily in both stroke technique and endurance. His work discipline has resulted in All State ranking as a middle school swimmer and positions him very well for his upcoming high school swimming career. His advice, as learned in the deep end of the Charlotte Aquatic Center at the young age of six, is to "never give up". Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!"