

Road to Success

By Grace Wallingford

The annual CVC match for swimming was at Beachwood High School on January 21, 2023. The Perry Swim team had to be there at 8 am and the meet didn't end until around 4. It came down to the last race, the 400 relay with Zoey Hicks, Addie Renau, Catie Caldwell, and Grace Kitchen for who would be the winner. The Perry girls ended up pulling through and becoming the champions for the 4th year in a row. The boys ended up placing 3rd. This means senior swimmers have been champions their entire swimming career.

Ella Rawlins, a sophomore for the Perry swim team explained what it was like at this meet. "It's very different from a lot of other meets we have during the year, it's more competitive and intense." Rawlins swam breaststroke and two relays at this event and placed highly. "Although it can be stressful before a race, my friends and teammates make it better. We all cheer each other on and that's how I think we pulled a win." Pictures were uploaded on the Perry Swimming Facebook page and you can see all the teammates cheering for each other and encouraging one another.

Lilly Pealer, also a sophomore who was at the CVC match last year for Perry Swim team explains how it was different. "I feel like it was a lot more competitive and that we were more aware of it, our coach pushed us more in practice to get us ready." Pealer explains that since her coaches pushed them more and got them ready for this even sooner this is how they pulled off a win with such a small team this year. "Practice was much harder during the week, it was really tiring"

On February 4th the Perry swim team will have their Beachwood Sprints meet and then the following Saturday they will have Sectionals, which will determine which individuals will move onto Districts. These meets are important because each race determines if you move onto districts or even states, the swimmers are really focused on a win.