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**Happy New Year's: What's New in 2022?**

Happy New Year's from all of us here at Special Olympics Rhode Island! We have so many exciting things coming in 2022; keep reading for more!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Unified Basketball:** Coaches! Please check your emails for a message from Jerry D ([gdandeneau@cox.net](mailto:gdandeneau@cox.net)) with an update for participating teams.

**Save the Date: UCS Plunge**-March 2022

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**Mid-Year Paperwork is DUE!**

**Announcing our 2022 Unified Champion Schools Plunge!**



We are incredibly excited to announce that our UCS Plunge is ON!!! The UCS Plunge will be held on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at **Roger Wheeler State Beach**. All Middle and High Schools are invited to participate! 50% of the money that your teams raise goes directly back to your school!!

This year all registration and fundraising can be done ONLINE! Liaisons will be able to create a team, add participants, and share

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Thank you to all our school liaisons who have returned their completed **Commitment to Inclusion Forms**. If you have not yet completed them, these are due ASAP! Please return them to Tanya via email, fax or by mail! \*If you do not return your Inclusion Form then you will not be eligible for the end of year Stipend\* Please call with any questions!

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out fundraising links all online. We will be offering 2 timeslots for teams to Plunge once we have a better idea of registration and numbers of participant, we will invite your team to attend our Plunge at 11am or 1pm. Please mark your time preference when you do register and we will do our best to accommodate!

In order to make the entire event as COVID safe and contactless as possible, we are asking everyone who wishes to participate, to pre-register online, and submit any cash donations to Special Olympics RI, prior to the event. For the safety of our students, volunteers and athletes, we are planning to *require facemasks* and no walk-on registration or handling of cash donations will be permitted the day of the event.

We will be reaching out with specific instructions about registration and fundraising soon! Don't forget 50% of the money that each team fundraising goes directly back to your team and you Unified Athletes, so mark your calendars now!

Contact Tanya with any questions at [tanya@specialolympicsri.org](mailto:tanya@specialolympicsri.org) or call (401) 349- 4900 ext 326. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date info about the UCS Plunge!

### **2022 Unity Ball**

Thanks to two North Smithfield HS Seniors for their work on planning and fundraising for the 2022 Unity Ball, as part of their Senior Project! The Unity Ball will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and is open to all high school Unified athletes at no cost! Please keep and eye out for formal invitations coming soon!

### **HS & MS Unified Basketball**

Coaches, please be on the lookout for emails from Jerry D ([gdandeneau@cox.net](mailto:gdandeneau@cox.net)) with season schedules and more info about the coaches meeting. If you need help recruiting Unified partners or athletes for your basketball team, please let us know!