



Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®

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Here's to a strong start to 2022!

Wow, what a great start to 2022! After completing our mid-year UCS grant report, we are so excited to have over 50 schools participating in our Unified programming- with more signing up every day! Know of someone that wants to get their school involved with Unified programming? Have them email us!

Upcoming Events:

Mandatory Unified Basketball Coaches

Meeting: Wed, Feb 16th at SORI Office

-Middle school at 4:00pm

-High school at 6:00pm

Young Athletes Community

program: Offered for children ages 2-7 on Saturdays at our SORI office

UCS Plunge Saturday: March 19, 2022

HS & MS Unified Basketball



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Coaches, just a reminder that our **mandatory** Unified Basketball Coaches Meeting is on Wednesday, Feb 16th at our Special Olympics Office located at [570 George Washington Highway in Smithfield](https://www.google.com/maps/place/570+George+Washington+Highway,+Smithfield,+RI+02917)
Middles coaches: 4:00pm
High school coaches: 6:00pm.

Please remember to wear a mask! We will be giving out uniforms and equipment to those who haven't received it yet! Email Jerry D with any questions: gdandeneau@cox.net

Unified Champion Schools Plunge!



With just under 50 days left before The Plunge, we already have 20 amazing school teams registered and have raised over \$15,000! A big shout out to Coventry and Ponagaset for being our top fundraising teams, but the race is close! Be sure to check our Instagram and Facebook every Friday for updates! All Middle and High Schools are invited to participate! 50% of the money that your teams raise goes directly back to your school!!

We also have a Plunge option for Elementary Schools! While the little ones cannot participate in plunging into the ocean, their teachers and administration still can! We are encouraging any Elementary schools that are interested in fundraising for their Unified group to join, create a team, and have your students help you fundraise! We even have some elementary schools who are considering doing an alternative Plunge event at their school! Let Tanya know if you are interested in learning more!

For more info and to join or donate click here: [Unified Champions Schools Plunge](#)

Contact Tanya with any questions at tanya@specialolympicsri.org or call (401) 349- 4900 ext 326. *Online pre-registration is required for this event! or call (401) 349- 4900 ext 326. *Online pre-registration is required for this event!

RI UCS Youth Ambassador Podcast



Join East Greenwich High School's Director of Student Services and our RI UCS Youth Ambassador, Lexi, for an awesome podcast all about Unified Champion Schools! Lexi, a Senior at East Greenwich High School, talks about how she became involved with Special Olympics Rhode Island and how that led her to be a Youth Ambassador for Special Olympics!

[Listen Here](#)

[Spread the Word Inclusion Day!](#)



STW is coming: Wednesday March 2, 2022!

Visit the [Website](#) to take the Pledge now! Also find out more information about how to bring this day to your school!

Need a STW Banner for your students to sign? We have them! Contact Tanya to bring them to your school!

Young Athletes Community Program



Young Athletes is an inclusive play program for children ages 2-7 with and without intellectual disabilities, designed to introduce them to the world of sports prior to Special Olympics eligibility at age 8.

Get introduced to the world of Special Olympics by becoming involved in the Young Athletes program offered by SO Rhode Island!

Location: Special Olympics Rhode Island
370 George Washington Highway, Smithfield, RI 02917

Spring 2022 Schedule:

Saturday mornings, 9:30am: March 19, 26, April 9, 23, May 1

For registration or more information please contact:

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