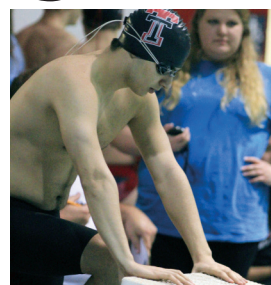


**BOLD**

Getting support after the UTA meet, Kenzie Crews, 11 hugs teammate Ariana Schumann,9. "We were a close team and were excited when we did well at meets," Crews said. photo by Leah Thy



**SWIM**



**BOLD**

Before getting on the platform to start his laps Amin Berger,11 mentally prepares for his laps. "Starting off was hard because I had to get use the fact that my head was in the water at all times but it got easier as I swam more," Berger said. photo by Marisa Pouiphanvongxay



# FREESTYLE TO FINISH

## Trojan swim team strives to lap up victories at meets

**ACTIVE**

Having fun with her teammates and getting a work out is what swimming is all about for Ashley Torres,12. Started when she in fourth grade, Torres had been swimming ever since and continued throughout high school. "I started from a young age and really enjoyed being active and being in the water," Torres said.

**SUPPORTED**

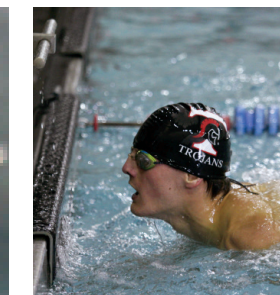
Starting swimming in fifth grade, Scott Painter,11 has kept with it through high school. Swimming was something that he was good at and kept him close to his friends. When he swam he felt relaxed and like he was in zero gravity. For Painter swimming was his niche and loved it. "Everyone on the team was really close and we all had each other back and supported each other during meets," Painter said.

**MOTIVATED**

When she started swimming when she was 16 Lauren Hooper,12 continued doing it because it pushed her to become a better person. The swim team encouraged and supported each other through every swim meet. "My favorite part of swimming was the feeling that I accomplished the goals I had set for myself before the meet started," Hooper said.

**LAP AFTER LAP.** While swimming freestyle Marisa Pouiphanvongxay,12 races to place at District. "Taking part in the last district meet made my swimming experience wonderful," Pouiphanvongxay said. photo by Leah Thy

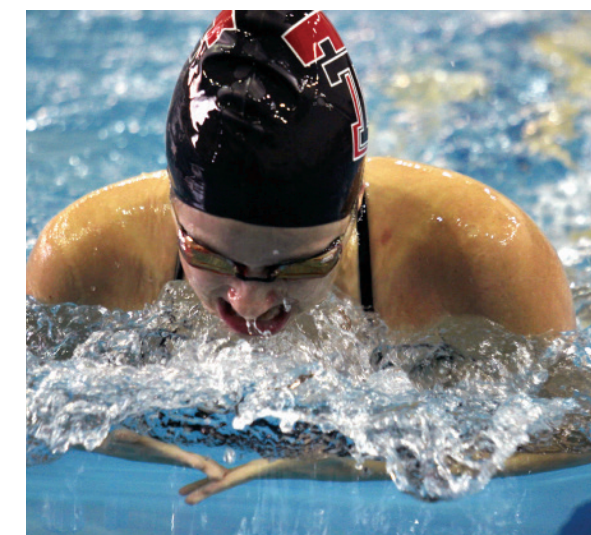
**UP FOR AIR.** Performing the butterfly, Scott Painter,11 swims 200 yards. He had competed in the first meet of the year at Granbury. "Although the race was only two minutes long it felt like an eternity," Painter said. photo by Marisa Pouiphanvongxay



Andrew Buhrow,11 photo by Leah Thy

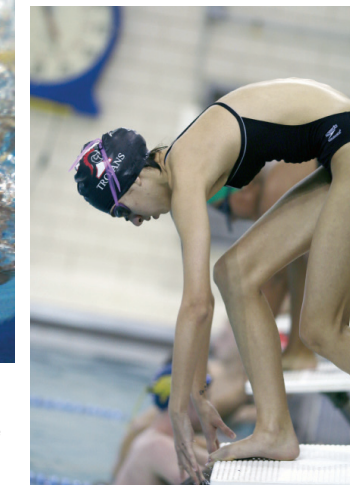
- 1 First meet at Granbury
- 2 Thirteen swimmers went to Regionals
- 3 Hours of swimming each day at TCC
- 4 Four relays went to Regionals
- 5 Boys 400 Free relay timed 3:30.62
- 6 Girls 200 medley clocked 2:10.07
- 7 Time they begin practice
- 8 Burhow set record for 200 IMI
- 9 Girls ties for second in district
- 10 Boys finished 4th in district

**TEAMMATES.** Standing on the sidelines Marisa Pouiphanvongxay,12 and Ashley Torres,12 cheered on their teammate swimming. "We wanted to make sure the person swimming knew we supported them no matter what," Torres, 12 said. photo by Nicole Murillo



**BREATHE IT IN.** Doing the breaststroke Lauren Hooper,12 competes at the district swim meet. This was her last district meet and wanted to do well. "It was the last swim meet for me and I wanted to do something that would make me remember it," Hooper said. photo by Leah Thy

**UP FOR AIR.** While performing the breaststroke Chris Alvez, 9 comes up for air. While at his first district meet, Alvez was extremely nervous but kept his confidence high. "It was my first year swimming for the school and I was nervous but I had fun," Alvez, 9 said. photo by Leah Thy



**DIVE IN.** Preparing to jump in, Masha Dyachok, 10 readies herself for the dive in. At the district meet Dyachok had been extra prepared. "I swam because it gave me purpose and kept me in shape," Dyachok, 11 said. photo by Nicole Murillo

## WATCH Support from the side



**SPIRIT SQUAD.** During the first swim meet of the year Troy Warfield,10, Ashley Torres,12, Amin Berger,11 and Ariana Schumann,9 watch the team perform from outside the water. photo by Marisa Pouiphanvongxay

**SWIMMING**

**EFFORT**

After he finished his laps, Ashton Nelson,12 looks for his time. photo by Leah Thy

**INTEREST**

With her teammate and coach, Ariana Schumann,9 watches. photo by Marisa Pouiphanvongxay

**START**

Preparing for backstroke, Brayden Meadows,12 gets in ready position. photo by Leah Thy

