

1. **Taking a Stroke** At Duck Creek Golf Course, **Zach McGhee ('19)** follows through with his swing. He agreed that the new coach brought welcome changes to the team. "We all have improved with our short game and we play smarter now and have taken off a lot of strokes," he said. (L. Grimm)



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What is your Personal Strategy behind the game?



"I have no strategy. I just play golf because I like it." -Andrew Kloss ('20)



"I make sure I'm full before I tee off." -Ben Skalla ('20)



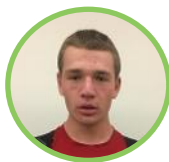
"You have to stay positive, think through your swing, make sure you play as you always play and make the most of your opportunities." -Zak Linze ('19)



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2. **Full Swing Ahead** New to the team, **Connor Bedell ('18)** takes a swing. He reflected on his best memories of his senior season. "The best part about golf was getting to try new things my senior year and meeting different types of people," he said. (L. Grimm)

"Keller actually coaches and we have real practices." -Alex McLeland ('19)



Alex McLeland

Leader. Teacher. Supporter. Many words are synonymous with the important role that a coach has in an athlete's life. With the addition of the new boys golf coach, Mr. Keller, the team had some adjustments to make. A new coach brought a whole new environment and set of expectations, but working together helped the players adapt to their biggest change for the new season.

Many agreed that the new coach enhanced individual players' games, and the athletes agreed that getting the new coach helped to improve the whole team. "Keller actually coaches and we have real



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practices," **Alex McLeland ('19)** said.

Mr. Keller helped the boys both on and off the green by rewarding them to stay motivated. "Keller bought us food once," **Brady Kakert ('19)** said.

Being a coach can be a stressful job, but the new coach brought a calm and comfortable environment to practices. "He's more relaxed and teaches more," **Bailey Heim ('20)** said.

Even though the boys faced many challenges, they had their best supporters along side them the whole time cheering them on, with the top one being their new coach. (S. Lamantia)



Bailey Heim



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3. **Putter Up** Preparing to putt, **Johnny Garrett ('20)** gets down close to the ball. He enjoyed the relaxed nature of golf. "I don't think of it as a competition. I do it for fun," he said. (L. Grimm)

"The best experience of my life was meeting all my friends this year." -Lillian Duffield ('20)

"Trying my first pumpkin spice latte was the best experience ever." -Peyton Niebuhr ('20)

Good Vibes



Natalie Thede



Lauren Pearson



Allison Fellner



Madeline Kieffer

Swimmers enjoy positive competition on team

Eight lanes, Olympic-sized and state of the art. The new pool, which was part of the 28 million dollar addition, was one of the many things the girls swim team had to look forward to for their season. "This year we are actually in the new pool. We are working harder than ever and are practicing around 22 hours a week," **Natalie Thede ('19)** said.

Swimming has always been a competitive sport, but the girls knew how to keep it fun and enthusiastic. "Being on the swim team is just very little drama. The people on the team are really nice and it just makes you a lot healthier," **Lauren Pearson ('19)** said.

Swimmers often felt confident in the individual events that they competed in. "When I swim I feel like I have a lot of energy. Everyone has their own section they swim, which means it's based on if you win, not if

we win. It's more exciting being in a sport where everyone knows how hard you have to work; it just feels good," **Allison Fellner ('19)** said.

Because their individual events were assigned to them based on preference and skill, most girls felt confident in their specific events. "When I'm swimming it feels so amazing because I always feel like I can win," **Madeline Kieffer ('21)** said.

Many swimmers loved the feel of the water and the feeling they got when they swam, having that clear mind and positivity surrounding them. "Being in the water and being able to keep swimming makes me feel really good," Kieffer said.

The swim team had a season full of positive, competitive, friendly vibes. Even though they had many changes this season, the girls came together as a team and used the positivity of the team to their advantage. (V. Gomez and H. Dreyer)

New Pool. New Coach.

NEW TEAM.



"Our new coach is really nice and is tougher on us. He pushes us harder and I have improved so much." -Elly Murphy ('19)

"Our new coach is really nice but is very tough on us to make us better swimmers." -Emmie Tiemeier ('18)



"The new captains give a pep talk or speech in the locker room and then we walk out onto the pool deck and get in a circle. Then the captains lead the team in a ton of cheers to get the team fired up." -Alexis Cummins ('18)



3. **You Can Do It!** In the new pool, **Aubrey Verdon ('18)**, **Jessica Boussemaere Elliott ('19)**, **Claire Tjaden ('21)** and **Annie Hollonbeck ('20)** cheer on another teammate. The girls stood on a moving platform that could adjust the size of the pool. "The best features of the new pool are the lights because it makes it really bright while many other pools are really dark," Hollonbeck said. (J. Jurgena)

4. **Go Go Go!** Preparing to compete, **Isabelle Shook ('19)** takes a few laps in the warm-up pool. This marked the first full season where the team was able to use the pool. "It's nice being back in our own pool because we get more practice time," Shook said. (J. Jurgena)



"The best experience of my whole life would probably be joining band and making all the friends I have now." -Jacob McWherter ('20)

"The best experience of my life was when I went to Mexico this summer. My favorite part was the ocean and how clear it was." -Colby Zank ('19)