

Swimming



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People the world over say, "Gee but it's hot today! Let's go swimming." But Northwest School students say, "How cold is it? Is it only fifty one below? Say, I wonder if we can go swimming today?" Such are the many comments made by students, without realizing how fortunate they are in having an indoor swimming pool. Everybody around here thinks it's a great place, including the faculty.

Under the supervision of Mr. Christgau and Miss Kingston, the Frosh learn their A-B-C's in the art of swimming. New students soon learn that nothing serious is going to happen when Mr. Christgau takes a high dive into the pool. His talent in swimming gives them confidence in his ability as an instructor. Second and third year students get the necessary information on diving, dead men's float and life saving.

The four girls who have won Junior Life Saving Emblems are Bernadette Jeffrey, Virginia Watt, Patricia Durbahn and Dorothy Setterholm. These emblems are given to only those who are able to pass all of the necessary swimming and life saving tests.

Our gymnasium and swimming pool were built in 1930, and during the years the swimming pool has been in use, there have been no casualties, due to the pool regulations which are enforced by the instructors of all the swimming classes. Regular swimming classes are held twice during the week. In addition to the regular swimming classes there are two free swimming periods a week for the boys, which are always well attended. At the end of each year an inter-class swimming meet is held. The girls' swimming meet is generally held in the afternoon and the boys' in the evening of the last Friday of the school year. It is at these swimming meets that the swimmers get a chance to "strut their stuff" and to show what they have learned during the year in the way of the fancy dives, backstrokes, sidestrokes, floats and long distance swimming.

The swimming pool is perhaps more valuable than any other equipment on our campus, because it furnishes a recreational pastime that is not only interesting, but one that is enjoyed by people all over the nation.