Dear Lane Tech Swimming Parents,

This year has been a very trying year for Lane Tech Aquatics. The pool was emptied at the end of July to start construction. The start of construction was delayed for multiple reasons. Since then, the contractors have come across some unexpected problems. However, there is good news and an end in sight. Here is the remaining time line for construction. Next week, Monday thru Wednesday, the contractors will finish bricking in the old pool lights and clean the entire pool. On Thursday they will begin to fill the pool. This is a long process and will take until Monday or Tuesday (1/17 or 1/18) as it is a large amount of water and must be checked frequently. The pool will then be chemically treated and heated before IDPH comes in on Friday 1/21/11 for the inspection. If all goes well with the inspection and Lane is approved to open, the boys swim team will have its first swim practice of this school year that afternoon.

Here is a list of all the work that has been completed

- Removed and replaced all old heating, piping, and filtration system.
- Removed and replaced all lights and electrical
- Removed pool lights and replaced with concrete and brick
- Replaced vents and fans for the ventilation system
- Removed and replaced all entrance doors to the pool
- Added handicap automatic door openers to main entrance of pool
- Removed water pipes that were caped and exposed on deck
- Two wall mount water spickets added
- Removed old score board and miscellaneous items left attached to walls
- Repair, replace and fix cracked brick and joints
- Painted the ceiling and floor in the stands
- Cleaned ladders to pool, starting blocks, and walls
- Grouted top of pool wall and gutters
- Added new black tile line on the bottom of pool to meet state requirement

The pool area looks great but it is not new. Unfortunately no one will see the biggest and most important part of the job, the filtration and heating system. This is very important as the old system was 40+ years old and the pool use is going to increase with the Iguanas Swim Club practicing at Lane.

The Iguanas are a great established team with a variety of swimming ages and levels. This is going to give Lane students a great opportunity to swim year round if they join the team. It will allow future Lane Indians to swim in a great facility and meet the current team and coaches. This is going to also improve Lane’s teams over the years as the best swimmers swim for a club year round. You can learn more about joining and the club team at www.iguanaswimming.org.

I want to thank the parents for all the hard work you have put in as you have kept up with the schedule changes and making sure the swimmers get to and from practices. Without your work and dedication the team would not be the same. I know you are just as excited as I am to see the pool back open.

Below you will find a note from Dr. LoBosco January principal letter and a few pictures I took on Friday 1/7/11

Sincerely,
Coach Paul Rummelhoff
Lane Tech High School
Mathematics Teacher
Head Coach Girls & Boys Swimming
Director of Boys and Girls Water Polo
Note from Dr. LoBosco

My apologies to all of our swimmers and their families. The upgrades to the pool were supposed to be completed before school started. Unfortunately, CPS sent the bids out late and work on all 20 high schools was delayed until September. This is one project completely out of our hands and there have been numerous setbacks with the construction schedule. Most recently we have been told the pool will be operable at the end of January. Despite this hardship our girls won the city championship.

The entire principal letter can be found at http://lanetech.org/principalspage.php