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Charlotte Gym Classes Have Students Shooting and Scoring in the Pool



Students at Charlotte Middle School and Charlotte Upper Elementary have a unique opportunity to learn water skills in physical education classes. The curriculum received an infusion this semester with the help of an area water polo coach. Over the past several weeks Mitch Fountain of Spartan Water Polo Club has been working with school staff and leading students in water polo skills; planting the seeds for growth of the sport in the area.

Fountain, an MSU student, has lived and breathed the sport, and is excited to develop a program in the Charlotte area. He competed on an undefeated middle school team for Okemos in 2007 and 2008, received Academic All-American Honors, and was 2013 All-Region and All-State 1st team while in high school. He also led all freshman at Washington & Jefferson College in goals. Mitch has been coaching with Spartan Water Polo Club since 2012, and has

volunteered his time these past several weeks to help grow the sport in Charlotte. “We see a great opportunity in the Charlotte area to bring water polo to the community and introduce the sport to area youth”, said Fountain of his time working with students.

Along with water polo, new Charlotte Public Schools teacher, Caley Faulkner, ensures that students are learning skills for both water safety and competitions. “Our goal for students is to master freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly”, said Faulkner. “We also learn safety skills and how to dive as well”.



For more information on Spartan Water Polo Club and their activities at Charlotte Aquatic Center, please visit www.spartanwaterpolo.com .