



# THE WARRIORS REPORT

Dunkirk Warriors Monthly Newsletter March 2026

*Developing athletes. Building confidence. Having fun.*

## ORGANIZATION UPDATES

**Welcome to the first edition of the Dunkirk Warriors Report.** As our organization continues to grow, we're excited to introduce a monthly update to keep families informed about program news, league updates, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved.

The Dunkirk Warriors organization is entering an exciting new chapter as we expand our programs and strengthen the structure that supports our athletes and families.

**As part of this growth, we have recently redesigned our website** to provide more detailed information about each of our programs, upcoming events, and ways for families to get involved with the organization. We encourage you to check it out and explore everything the Warriors have to offer.

We are also currently looking for **new board members, coaches, and volunteers** to help lead key areas of the organization. If you are interested in helping shape the future of Dunkirk Warriors, please see the **Get Involved** section later in this newsletter for more information.

We are also excited to **reintroduce standing Board Meetings** and open them to all Warriors families who would like to attend. These meetings are a great opportunity to stay informed, share ideas, and help shape the direction of the organization.

- Board meetings will be held **the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 PM.**
- *Please note: Due to Easter, the April meeting will take place **April 6 at 8:00 PM.***

## LEAGUE UPDATES

We're thrilled to share that our Football Commissioner, Joe Cronin, has joined the Anne Arundel Youth Football League (AAFYA) Rules Committee and Championship Committee. This gives the Dunkirk Warriors a much-needed voice in the league's decisions.

Recently, the league held a Commissioner meeting to discuss significant improvements for the upcoming season. Here are some of the proposed changes:

- **Exploring a post-Labor Day start.** This is a crucial change for our families, and we're advocating strongly for it.
- **Adding an additional referee to improve time management and address other issues.** We're pleased to hear that the Referee Union is under new leadership and eager to listen to organizations about enhancing the experience for the coming season.
- **Considering starting 7U and 8U games a week later** to allow extra development time for these young players.

- **Working towards more home games this year.** Now that we're out of our probationary period since joining the league, we know how important this is for our families and players.

We warmly invite families to share their feedback, so we can effectively represent our community. Please email us at [dunkirkwarriorsfootball@gmail.com](mailto:dunkirkwarriorsfootball@gmail.com) with your thoughts on these matters.

## BASKETBALL UPDATE

We wrapped up our first basketball season on a high note with our 8U and 10U teams! **Our 10U team clinched the championship in the 10U Bracket for our division.** Both teams showed incredible growth, and we couldn't be prouder of them and more grateful to our dedicated coaches.

We're thrilled to announce the expansion of our basketball program this winter, **welcoming both girls' and boys' teams.** There's been an overwhelming interest in girls' basketball, and we're eager to build a development-focused and competitive program within our community.

We have some amazing coaches already volunteering, but we're on the lookout for more passionate individuals. If you're interested, please reach out by emailing [Dunkirkwarriorsvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:Dunkirkwarriorsvicepresident@gmail.com).

Keep your eyes peeled for:

- Upcoming **basketball clinics** in the next few weeks
- Winter **registration opening in September**



## FOOTBALL UPDATE

**REGISTRATION FOR FLAG, TACKLE AND CHEER IS NOW OPEN.**

Football season is almost here, and we're gearing up for one of the most exciting seasons yet for our Dunkirk Warriors. **Register before May 15, to take advantage of our \$25 off Early Bird special!** [2026 Fall Registration | Dunkirk Warriors](#)

This year we're bringing several exciting upgrades to our football program designed to strengthen development and elevate the experience for our athletes, preparing them for high school and beyond.

**Strengthening Our Northern High School Partnership** - We are continuing to grow our partnership with NHS creating a stronger development pathway for our athletes. This partnership will provide:

- **Access to Northern facilities** for select practices and home games
- **Coaching development opportunities**, with our coaches attending clinics led by Northern staff. Our coaches already preparing for the season, having participated in a recent clinic with the Northern's staff.
- A stronger focus on preparing our athletes for **high school football and beyond**

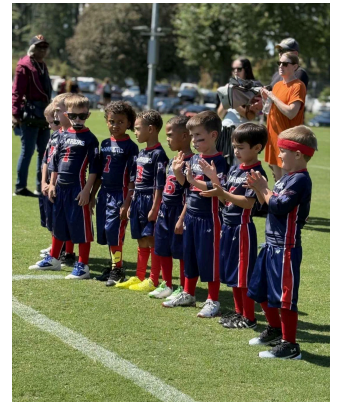
### New Uniforms

- We're redesigning our football uniforms and want our families involved in the process. Keep an eye out for an upcoming email where you'll be able to **vote on design options** and help shape the future look of the Warriors.



## Football Clinics

- We are kicking off a series of **Skill Position Football Clinics** designed to help players sharpen their skills before the season begins. Starting March 19, clinics will be held **every Thursday from 6:00–7:30 PM at Dunkirk Park (by the basketball courts)**.
- These clinics are **open to players of all skill levels (registered or not)**, whether they are looking to improve their position skills or are brand new to the game.
- For our youngest athletes, we will also include an **introduction to safe tackling**, especially helpful for players transitioning from **flag football to tackle** or those interested in trying tackle for the first time.
- **Follow our Facebook page for updates and reminders.**



## Practice Start Date

- Mark your calendars! **Non-padded practices begin July 27th.**

# CHEER UPDATE

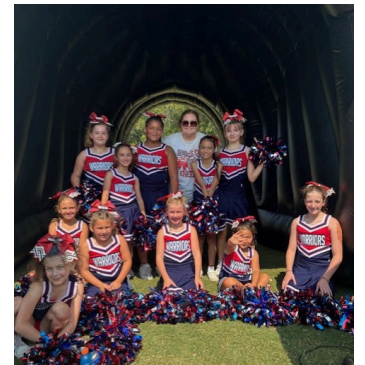
**REGISTRATION FOR CHEER IS NOW OPEN.** [2026 Fall Registration](#) | [Dunkirk Warriors](#)

We're excited to welcome both returning and new cheerleaders for the upcoming season.

Leading our program again this year is our amazing Cheer Commissioner, **Lilly Weldon**, whose energy and dedication continue to make our cheer program such a special part of the Warriors community.

As we prepare for the season, we are working on scheduling a few **cheer clinics this summer** to help our girls build skills and get ready for the year ahead. We expect to **kick off practices in early August at Mt. Harmony.**

We can't wait to see our Warriors cheerleaders back on the field this season!



# LACROSSE UPDATE

## Lacrosse Season Kicks Off with Record Participation

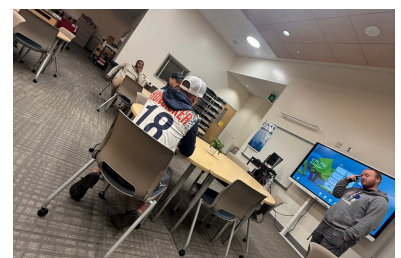
We're thrilled to announce that lacrosse season is officially underway with our highest registration numbers to date. This year we've formed 3 girls teams and 3 boys teams, with especially exciting growth in our girls program. To support this expansion, we've welcomed several experienced new coaches who are helping strengthen and develop our program.

We have also invested in a significant amount of new equipment and goals to support our growing teams and ensure our players have the resources they need to practice, develop, and compete at a high level.

## Growing Our Northern High School Partnership

Just like our football program, our lacrosse program is also benefiting from our growing partnership with Northern High School. Through this partnership:

- Our coaches are receiving development support from Northern's coaching staff and have already participated in a Coach's Clinic to continue strengthening the quality of instruction for our athletes.
- Northern coaches and players joined us for a preseason clinic, helping our athletes sharpen their skills.
- Some of our team practices will take place at Northern High School.



## Looking Ahead

- We have secured field space for additional home opportunities this season, including scrimmages and a **special Warriors homecoming event** to bring our athletes, families, and community together.
- **Fundraisers are currently underway** to help support equipment, field access, and program development. **Be sure to see the section below** for details on how you can support the Warriors.
- **Warriors Night at Northern High School is set for 4/10!** Come out and support Northern and the next level of Warriors athletics — we'd love to see all of our LAX Warriors there.

## GET INVOLVED

Our organization is only as strong as our community. We encourage everyone to get involved however they can and help support our mission of developing our youth for the next level. Here are a few ways you can help:

### Coaching

We are always looking for passionate, dedicated Football coaches who want to make a positive impact on our athletes. We train you and prepare you to be a successful coach, all you need is the passion and dedication!

### Board Positions

As our programs continue to grow, we're also looking for additional board members to help support the organization. Current openings include:

- **Girls Basketball Commissioner** - Help lead and grow our girls basketball program.
- **Boys Basketball Commissioner** - Help lead and grow our boys basketball program.
- **Flag Football Commissioner** - Help lead and expand our Flag program.
- **Event Coordinator** - Help plan and organize Dunkirk Warriors events that bring our community together.
- **Field Coordinator** - Help oversee and prepare our fields so our Warriors have a safe, game-ready place to play.

### Volunteering

There are always opportunities to volunteer throughout the season. If there's a specific area you're interested in helping with—such as fundraising, marketing, scoreboard operations, or other support roles—please let us know.

If you are interested in coaching, being a board member or volunteering please email us at [dunkirkwarriorspresident@gmail.com](mailto:dunkirkwarriorspresident@gmail.com)

## SUPPORT

Our programs continue to grow, and fundraisers play an important role in helping us provide equipment, field space, and development opportunities for our athletes. We appreciate the incredible support from our Dunkirk Warriors families and community.

### Lacrosse SOMD KnockOut Fundraiser

We are kick starting the season with a fun fundraiser, on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm, graciously hosted by SOMD KnockOutZone. This is limited to 32 kids max and registration cost is \$10 per child. You must register by March 19<sup>th</sup>. Two step process 1) Use QR code to secure your spot. 2) Register through the facility and sign the waiver: [pwzdgp.pushpress.com](http://pwzdgp.pushpress.com).

SOMD KnockOut Fundraiser



### Lacrosse Blanket Fundraiser

Show your Warriors pride and support our lacrosse program with a Dunkirk Warriors blanket. Order here: <https://www.fundraiserblankets.com/school-fundraising/dunkirk-warriors-lacrosse-fundraiser>



**Dine-In Fundraisers** - Dine at the following Dunkirk restaurants and support our Lacrosse Program. **Make sure to mention the Warriors!**

- Rita's Night – March 24
- Chipotle Night – April 14
- MOD Pizza Night – May 7

# UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs**

## **Skill Position Clinics**

Every Thursday starting 3/19 @ 6pm-7:30pm. Location: Dunkirk District Park.

**Mar 21**

## **Lacrosse SOMD KnockOut Fundraiser**

SOMD KnockOut Zone, Dunkirk MD @ 2pm - 3pm

**Mar 24**

## **Rita's Fundraiser**

Dunkirk Location - Mention Warriors

**April 6**

## **April Board Meeting**

Virtual @ 8pm - Link on Website

**April 10**

## **Lacrosse Warriors Night @ NHS**

Northern High School

**April 14**

## **Chipotle Fundraiser**

Dunkirk Location - Mention Warriors

**May 7**

## **Mod Pizza Fundraiser**

Dunkirk Location - Mention Warriors

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