



# THE WARRIORS REPORT

Dunkirk Warriors Monthly Newsletter April 2026

*Developing athletes. Building confidence. Having fun.*

## ORGANIZATION UPDATES

It's been another busy month for the Warriors.

We held our board meeting on the 6th, and our Football Commissioner was back at another league meeting earlier this month. A lot of good conversations, a lot of progress—and as always, we want to keep you all in the loop and give you a look behind the curtain on what's happening. **Be sure to check out our Warrior of the Month at the end!**

### Building Opportunities

As you know, building relationships with high schools—like Northern—and other programs is a priority for us. We're excited to share that we've also started building a relationship with **Archbishop Spalding High School**.

Spalding is a private school known for competing at a high level and developing athletes who go on to play at the next level — and this gives our players early exposure to that kind of environment.

This is all about creating more opportunities for our players and our coaches.

- Our coaches will have the chance to attend their clinics — and they'll be joining us for ours as well
- Our players have already been invited to camps and practices, and we'll be organizing visits in the near future
- These experiences give our players a firsthand look at the next level and the opportunity to begin building relationships within that program

This is exactly the direction we want to go — more development, more exposure, and a clearer path for our players as they grow in the game.

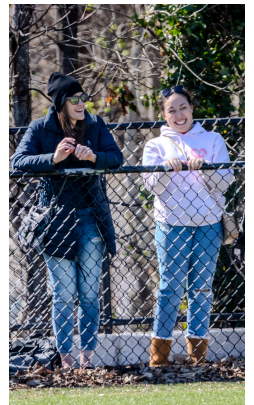
### Growing the Right Way

We're also rolling out something new for the fall. As we continue to build this program, one thing we care a lot about is growing the right way—with families who believe in what we're building and want to be part of it.

The best way we've seen that happen is through all of you—families telling other families. So we're leaning into that with a **Referral Program for Fall 2026 Football and Cheer**:

- \$50 back for every new family you refer
- You can earn up to your full registration fee.
- **Yes - that means you can play for free this fall.**
- The player just needs to be new (or not have played in the last 2 years)

It's a small way to give back, but more importantly, it helps us keep building the kind of community we want this program to be. View FAQs and policy on our site [Warriors Referral Program](#).



## FOOTBALL UPDATE

## \$25 Early Bird Discount Ends May 15: Register Now [2026 Fall Registration](#)

Football season is getting closer, and there's a lot of good momentum right now.

- We've wrapped up coaching interviews and will be announcing coaches soon.
- Flag registration has been especially strong—it's been great seeing so many of our youngest Warriors getting started.
- We've also been happy to see so many new and returning faces at our football clinics! Keep showing up and getting better! **We're at Dunkirk Baptist Church every Thursday at 6pm.**



## League Update

We attended a recent league meeting and here are some updates from that meeting:

- **More home games are coming**  
Now that we're out of probation, we've been told to expect a more balanced schedule moving forward.
- **More referee improvements**
  - Games will now include a Senior Referee (red patch) to help resolve issues on the spot
  - Coaches will complete post-game evaluations that factor into referee evaluations
- **Game Day expectations**
  - ID checks will be mandatory to ensure player safety and fairness
  - Home teams must have a game clock (we'll need help running this—reach out if interested)
- **Safety requirements**  
The league is now requiring at least one coach per team to be **USA Heads Up certified**. This is a program we already follow for our teams!



## CHEER UPDATE

We're continuing to build our Cheer program for ages 5–14, and we'd love your help spreading the word. Registration is \$125 and includes uniforms, making it an easy way to get involved this season.

As we continue to build, we're looking to add a second Cheer Coach to support the team alongside our Cheer Commissioner, Lily Weldon, who's been doing an incredible job leading the program. **Learn more and sign up here: [Warriors Cheerleading](#)**



## LACROSSE UPDATE

Lacrosse season is fully underway, and it's been great seeing all of our teams out there competing and improving each week.

One of the highlights recently was our girls **Youth Night at Northern High School**. It was an experience that will stick with our lady warriors - connecting with the players and getting a feel for the next level.

We've got a couple really fun events coming up to close out the month:

### Boys Youth Night at Northern – April 24

Our boys have been invited to participate during Northern's game against Leonardtown.

- They will run the player tunnel, meet and greet players after the game and play in their first half time scrimmage!

### Girls Homecoming – April 26 (Games start at 2 PM)

- A full day of lacrosse, food, and community.
- Perennial Imaging will be onsite capturing the action, with photos available for viewing and purchase after the games.
- They are offering a deal if you pre-register: [Perennial Imaging & Photo](#)



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We've completely redesigned our sponsorship program—and we're really excited about it.

This isn't the same "logo on a banner" approach. We've built something that's more engaging, more visible, and more connected to the game-day experience for our families and community.

Our new sponsorship levels are designed to give businesses real interaction and recognition, not just passive visibility.

- **Game Day Experiences** – sideline access, in-game announcements, and fan engagement
- **On-Field & Team Integration** – logo placement on coach gear and direct connection to teams
- **Vendor Presence** – set up at games and interact directly with families
- **Premium Placements** – uniforms, helmets, and scoreboard visibility

Our sponsors are seen by 200+ Warriors families, thousands of spectators throughout the season, and 2,000+ followers across very active social media and website.

But more than that—you're supporting a long-standing community program and helping create opportunities for local athletes. View the full sponsorship details and sign up on our site: [Sponsorship Levels](#)

# WARRIOR OF THE MONTH



The graphic features a central photo of a lacrosse player, James Greenwell, in action on a field. He is wearing a white jersey with red and blue accents and a helmet. A red banner at the top left reads "JAMES GREENWELL". To the right, the text "WARRIOR OF THE MONTH" is written in large red letters, with "April 2026" below it. Further down, it says "Years with Dunkirk Warriors: 5 | Sports: Lacrosse and Football | Age Group: 10U". A quote in red script reads: "James is 100% Heart, Class and Hustle... The Warrior Way." Below the quote, a section titled "What Coaches Say" contains a testimonial. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo for "WARRIOR OF THE MONTH" with "THE WARRIOR WAY" and three stars. A small box with "#75" is in the bottom right corner of the photo area.

**JAMES GREENWELL**

**WARRIOR OF THE MONTH**  
April 2026

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*"James is 100% Heart, Class and Hustle... The Warrior Way."*

**What Coaches Say**  
"If you watch him play, you'd never know it's his first year of organized lacrosse. He plays his heart out every game.

James is a very coachable player. He listens and pays attention every practice. He also puts in the extra work, always throwing and catching well before practice starts, never taking a second off."

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# GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORT

## Get Involved

As you'll always hear us say—we are completely run by volunteers. The only way we execute the vision we have for this program is with people stepping in and helping out. We'll be **starting interviews soon** for a few key roles:

- **Program Leads:** Basketball (Boys & Girls), Flag Football Commissioners
- **Operations:** Events, Volunteer Coordinators
- **Growth:** Fundraising, Sponsorships Coordinators

If you're even a little curious, come check out a board meeting and see how things work behind the scenes. You don't need experience—you just need to care. If you are interest in getting involved, let us know here: [Get Involved](#)

Next Board Meeting: May 2 (Virtual @ 7 PM)

## Upcoming Fundraisers

First—thank you to everyone who has supported our dine-in fundraisers so far. We truly appreciate it. We have one more left for the lacrosse season:

- **MOD Pizza – May 7 (ALL DAY)**  
Dunkirk Location  
Please mention *Warriors* at checkout or we won't receive credit

We'll also be launching **basket raffles on our site soon**, so keep an eye out for those.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs**

### **Football Clinics**

Every Thursday @ 6pm-7:30pm. Location: Dunkirk Baptist Church

**April 20**

### **Lacrosse Pictures**

Dunkirk Fire Volunteer Department - Get your team time from your coach

**April 24**

### **Boys Northern Youth Night**

Northern High School @ 6pm Varsity - Arrive by 5:30pm

**April 26**

### **Girls Lacrosse Homecoming**

Dunkirk Park @ 2pm - 5pm

**May 2**

### **May Board Meeting**

Virtual @ 7pm - Link on Website

**May 7**

### **Mod Pizza Fundraiser**

Dunkirk Location - Mention Warriors

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