

WARRIOR FOOTBALL



Dear Young Warriors Families,

Now, more than ever, young people are deeply engaged in so many fulfilling activities. Our children have diverse interests and pursuits, often without the time to do it all. So, of all the things that they can do, “*Why football?*”

It’s a question that I love discussing, although the answer is ever-evolving and deepening as I spend more years coaching. It is impossible to enumerate all of the reasons why, but here are some:

- **Teamwork:** Football is the ultimate team game that relies on the entire organization to work in harmony. It welcomes people from all walks of life, and requires them to work together towards common goals.
- **Toughness:** It prizes hard work, perseverance, patience, and discipline.
- **Relationships:** It creates positive bonds and long-lasting friendships. It is multi-generational.
- **Personal Growth:** Football allows young people to push past their limits and prove to themselves that they can be successful in a challenging environment. It provides a place of support, encouragement, and mentorship.
- **Commitment:** Football requires buy-in. It pushes young people past the short-term and into the long-term mindset. Its rewards are not always immediate, but they are deeply gratifying.
- **The Importance of Play:** Football should be fulfilling and fun. It should lead to contentment long after your playing days are done. Like all of the best games, it brings joy!

The Young Warriors program embodies these principles and strives to provide a positive, inclusive, safe environment. Each level emphasizes age-appropriate skills, techniques, and concepts so that all players can grow and thrive. They will be well-prepared to play high school football for the Deerfield Warriors!

In my life, Warrior Football has been an enduring, rewarding presence. As a child, I rooted for the Warriors from the stands. As a young man, I was a Warrior Football player, and as an adult I have had the privilege to coach and teach at DHS for over 20 years. My wife and I have chosen to call Deerfield our home and raise our family here; my children will be 3rd generation Warriors!

One of the special parts of our community is the legacy of Warrior Football, and I am thrilled that you are joining the Deerfield Warrior Football Family. I look forward to seeing you in the community, most especially on Friday nights and Sunday mornings on Adams Field!

GO WARRIORS!

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