

# WARRIORS

## Corinth School District 2022 Fall Sports Preview Guide



**FOOTBALL**

**CHEERLEADING**

**BAND**

**DANCE**

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**VOLLEYBALL**



Front Row, L to R: Broderick Alexander; KD Fields; Jaylon Stackins; DJ Woods; Brawner Cregeen; LaDomonic Brown; Griffin Enis; Devon Jones; Dicaybrion Blake; Chris Rodgers; Drew Williams; Eli Johnson; Anderson Atkins; David Dilworth; Second Row: O'Darian Johnson; Tahja Bell; Nick Woods; Eli Burciaga; Xavier Young; Patrick Crump; Maynor Solis; Bari Wooden; Trey Williams; Braedyn Burress; Jay Cummings; Jaydon Spence; Archer Doran; Hayden Robbins; Bentley Newton; Jake Brawner; Third Row: Jerry Pham; Sam Dilworth; Jakelseon Pruitt; Taten Null; Nick Nunley; Hank Robbins; Landon Walker; Zion Wimsatt; Evan Hollon; Matt Williams; Ty'Vondre Kirksey; Damarian Patterson; Kwaveon Tucker; Kyson Floyd; Ma'Corian Wyke; Marshall Hughes

The 2022 football season kicks off soon, and the Corinth Warriors open up on the road taking on the Saltillo Tigers in their first game of the season. Head Coach Justin Dye leads the Warriors for the 2022-2023 season as they hope to improve on last year's 2-8 record.

Dye begins his second season and returning coaches for the 2022 season are Ivan Denton and Colin Harris. Joining the Warrior coaching staff this year are Andy Greening, Ryan Summers, and Terrell Pinson.

While reflecting on last season and looking to this season, Dye said, "We faced a lot of adversity last year as a team. Last year was tough on our team and we learned from our experiences. I expect us to have a much better season. This year you can expect to see a much more well-conditioned and experienced team."

The Warriors return nine offensive and defensive starters from last year's team. Twelve seniors lead Corinth as they face a strong non-division and Division 4 A schedule.

Returning offensive starters include Jake Brawner, Sam Dilworth, Hayden Robbins, and LaDomonic Brown.

Cregeen, the returning quarterback, leads the Warrior offense after completing 77/144 passes last season for 1312 yards with 8 interceptions. Cregeen was good for 14 touchdowns. Also returning for this year's season are Broderick Alexander and Drew Williams who contributed nine touchdowns as they rushed for over 350 yards and hauled in 38 receptions for 675 yards.

Defensive starters returning for the 2022 season are Kwaveon Tucker, Dicaybrion Blake, Jay Cummings, Chris Rodgers, Jaylon Stackins, Nick Woods, Drew Williams, Broderick Alexander, and Griffin Enis.

Heading up the Warriors defense is seniors Jay Cummings and Chris Rogers. These two returning starters combined for over 100 tackles during the 2021 season.

Eli Burciaga continues to handle the kicking and punting duties for the Warriors. Last season Burciaga averaged 37 yards a punt and completed 27 of 29 PATs.

The Warriors have worked hard this spring and summer to prepare for the season. Dye said, "Summer has gone really well for our team. We have had great attendance and the guys worked extremely hard to get ready for the season. I could not ask for a harder working group of young men. It's really exciting to see the growth in just the last few months of running and working out."

Corinth will travel to Kossuth for the second game of the season before matching up with the Tupelo Golden Wave for its first home game. Rounding out the non-division schedule will be Houston and New Albany before beginning the division schedule with Caledonia.

After missing the playoffs last year for the first time in many years, the Warriors are determined to be back in the playoffs come the end of the season.

***Come out and enjoy Friday night football with an exciting Warrior team!***



Varsity Football Schedule

|                               |                              |                             |                              |  |                                 |                               |                             |                            |  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| August 26                     | September 2                  | September 9                 | September 16                 | September 23   | September 30                    | October 7                     | October 14                  | October 21                 | October 27   |
| Saltillo<br>Away<br>7:30 p.m. | Kossuth<br>Away<br>7:30 p.m. | Tupelo<br>Home<br>7:30 p.m. | Houston<br>Away<br>7:30 p.m. | New Albany<br>Home<br><i>Homecoming</i><br>7:30 p.m. | Caledonia*<br>Away<br>7:30 p.m. | Mooreville*<br>Home<br>7 p.m. | Itawamba*<br>Away<br>7 p.m. | Shannon*<br>Away<br>7 p.m. | Tishomingo<br>County*<br>Home<br><i>Senior Night</i><br>7 p.m. |

\*Division Games

JV Football Schedule

|                  |                     |                           |                 |   |                    |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| August 29        | September 6         | September 12              | September 19    | September 26                            | October 3          |
| Kossuth*<br>Home | Booneville*<br>Away | Shannon<br>Away<br>6 p.m. | Ripley*<br>Home | Tishomingo<br>County*<br>Away<br>6 p.m. | New Albany<br>Home |

\*Games played after CMS football games

 CorinthMiddle  Corinth Middle School Sports

Middle School Football



7th Grade Team: Front Row, L to R: JJ Dillsworth; Logan Wilson; Bo Mitchell; Jaquarius Atkins-Patterson; Ayden Skelton; Makhi Stanton; Curtis Roby; Samuel Pennington; Middle Row: Easton Turnage; Alex Gonzales; Griffin Carmichael; Keith Hall; Eli Null; Toni Reaves; Zyrion Warren; Zayonn Patterson; Nadrick Bell; Jadarrien Patterson (manager); Back Row: Coach Bobby Mayes; Coach Logan Lyles; Brooks Bain; Jordin Williams; Zeppelin Winter; Knox Sexton; Marquis Causey; Ayden Hensley; Brashawn Harris; Amarion Wicks; Jamari Williams; Coach Leo Burnett; Coach Anthony Brown



8th Grade Team: Front Row, L to R: Jadarrian Patterson (manager); Ben Skelton; Cyrus Savell; Noah Latch; Caden Johnson; Blake Wade; Phil Burt; Seth Stephenson; Jamir Barton; Swayzee Hartnell; Zavion Greer; Brodie Roberts; Jayden Wilson; Back Row: Coach Bobby Mayes; Coach Logan Lyles; Marlon Alexander; Nabrandon Patterson; Qwuantiver Young; Carter Boyd; Jack Haynes; Payton Burns; Miyae Holbert; Jake Edmondson; AJ Blackwell; Clinton Johnson; Lagene Bean; Jack Davis; Coach Leo Burnett; Coach Anthony Brown

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| August 22        | August 29       | September 6        | September 13    | September 19   | September 27             | October 3          |
| Itawamba<br>Away | Kossuth<br>Home | Booneville<br>Away | Guntown<br>Away | Ripley<br>Home | Hardin<br>County<br>Home | New Albany<br>Home |

All games start at 5:30 p.m.





Front Row, L to R: Sarah Katherine Curtis; AnZhen Cornelius; Darbi Gifford; Olivia Hines; Middle Row: Maddy Hall; Madison Bidstrup; Abby Ballard; Jaylynn Palmer; Sheridan Shipp; Baylee Anna Bain; Mary Morgan Gardecki; Back Row: Aleigh Jordan; Allison Wigginton; Blessin Kirksey; Pierce Peterson; Maggie Green; Anna Hudson; Katie Shelton; Angie Mai; Not pictured: Brentley Greenlee

The Corinth High School Cheer squad has competed in the Game Day cheer division since 2018. Last year, they finished 2nd at the Mid-South Regional; 3rd at MHSAA State Championship; 2nd at the Deep South Rock n Roll Classic; and 7th out of 60 squads at the school's first ever appearance at the National High School Cheerleading Championships (NHSCC) in Orlando, Florida.

They have 16 girls returning from last year. This squad is led by eight seniors: Maggie Green, Anna Hudson, Aleigh Jordan, Blessin Kirksey, Angie Mai, Pierce Peterson, Katie Rose Shelton and Allison Wigginton. This year's captains are Maggie Green, Anna Hudson, Blessin Kirksey and Pierce Peterson.

The 2022 University Cheerleaders Association (UCA) All-Americans are Maggie Green, Anna Hudson, Blessin Kirksey, Angie Mai, Pierce Peterson and Allison Wigginton. This honor is given to athletes who try out at UCA camp by performing a jump of choice, an All-American cheer and a camp routine dance. Once chosen, All-Americans perform at special events across the country and around the world.

Lesley Bain is starting her 7th year as the high school head cheer coach, and Brittanie Brown is starting her 5th year as the middle school head cheer coach. Coach Johnny Taylor with Taylor Built Champions is starting his 3rd year as the team's choreographer.

The squad attended their first ever UCA Masters camp this summer. This invitation-only camp focuses on skill training to prepare squads for competition. According to Coach Bain, "There's just something different about this squad. The girls are hungry and it shows! These girls cannot wait for Friday Night Lights to cheer on the football team. Our game day competition is just a continuation of what we do every Friday night. We want the state championship title and a bid to compete again at nationals. Our squad believes this is OUR YEAR!"



Middle School: Front Row, L to R: D'asia Shields; McKendry Roach; Ivy Monaghan; Kate Walker Williams; Loxley Ethridge; Ella Little; Tanle Jones; Allyn Tucker; Back Row: Taylor Keen; Bella Grace Bumpas; Presleigh Barry; Mary Nancy Pittman; Brantley Green; Allie Bradford; Hadley Rutledge; Lynlee Shipp

## Lil Warrior Cheer Camp Oct. 6-7

Open to K-6th grades, this camp consists of different cheer stations led by our varsity cheer squad. Campers focus on stretching, kicks, jumps, chants, cheers, dance and stunting. On Friday, Oct. 7, campers perform at the varsity football game against Mooreville. Hosted at Corinth High School, this camp is \$50. Sign up on the first day of camp.

## Save the Dates

Mid-South Regional Competition  
**Oct. 29**

MHSAA State Cheer Championship  
**Dec. 10**



# BAND



First Row, L to R: Sara Cornelius; Ciara Smith; JT Dotson; Macy Hall; Second Row: Rachel Williams; Sandy Rosales; Liliana Del Angel; Lucy Smith; Sabrina Patterson; Makenzi Johnson; Noah Jalla; Chloe McElwain; Lilah Edmonson; Emoree Skelton; Third Row: Ben Strickland; Kayleigh Smith; Caden Wright; Katelyn Mitchell; Abby Cavanaugh; Chase Mills; Emily Rios; Jack Frame; Landon Bonds; DeShawn Scales; Aden Usener; Fourth Row: Isaac Cavanaugh; Nevaeh Leanord; Francisco Del Angel; Diego Rosales; Jonathan Sorcia; Myrtralynn Shanks; Charity Gossweiler; Ayden Follin; Ethan Nelms; Andrew Ballard; Fifth Row: Kaliyah Smith; Wyatt Murphree; Donovan Harville; Sam Dilworth; Marshall Hughes; John Thomas Draper; Kade Shumpert; Carson Kiddy; Jaden Edwards; Eden Harville; Haley Roach; Sixth Row: Monae Green; Joseph Edwards; Jaydon Spence; Jerry Pham; Cannon Wilson; Maynor Solis; Ben Frazier; Rilee Vanderford; Seventh and Eighth Row (color guard only): Lizzie Carpenter; Isabella Crawford; Chloe Andrews; Not pictured: Melissa Bullock; Braxton Carnathan; Andrew Carpenter; Braxton Green; Jaya Hoey; Holden Nickels; John Parker; Will Senf; Annie Stanley; Jeremiah Vaughn; Joel Vargas

Last year, the high school band had its most successful season in several years. The band earned superior ratings at its own Crossroads Marching Classic, the Northeast Mississippi Community College Band Contest, and the State Marching Evaluation in Tupelo. The band also earned superior ratings in concert and sight-reading at the State Concert Evaluations in Oxford, earning a superior rating in every possible category.

Including marching alternates and helpers, the band will have 70 members this year, including 10 battery percussion members, 5 front ensemble members, 11 color guard members, 42 wind members, and 2 drum majors. Our leadership this year includes Drum Majors JT Dotson and Ciara Smith, Band Captain Rachel Williams, Brass Captain Wyatt Murphree, Woodwind Captain Carson Kiddy, Drum Captain John Thomas Draper, Color Guard Captains Macy Hall and Sara Cornelius, Section Leaders Will Senf, Lucy Smith, Katelyn Mitchell, and Kayleigh Smith, and Property

Lieutenant Andrew Ballard.

This year's show is entitled "Warriors Take Flight" and includes the selections Cornfield Chase from the movie *Interstellar*, Becoming One With the People from the movie *Avatar*, Learn to Fly by the Foo Fighters, Test Drive from the movie *How to Train your Dragon*, and Fly to Paradise by the choral composer Eric Whitacre.

"The students have worked extremely hard this year already," said Band Director Ben Ratliff. "We had an extremely successful band camp, and I think this will be our most successful year since I have been here. Ms. Tutor is also doing an excellent job working with our color guard. I think this year's show will be exciting for both fans and the judges."

The band hopes to continue its success by attending state championships in Jackson for the first time. The band will be declaring for state championships and will attend if they earn a superior at State Marching Evaluation.



Band Captain: Rachel Williams



Drum Majors: JT Dotson and Ciara Smith

## Crossroads Marching Classic ■ Sept. 24

Held at Corinth High School, this event hosts 10-18 bands from across the state. Bands use this contest to prepare for State Marching Evaluations and to receive early feedback from judges. Bands compete for division awards and a grand championship trophy. The Corinth High School and Northeast Community College Bands perform in exhibition at the end of the competition. **Admission: \$7**

## Save the Dates

Northeast Band Competition  
**Oct. 1**

State Marching Evaluation  
**Oct. 8**

State Band Competition  
**Oct. 29**





Front Row, L to R: Amaria Swinney; Jayan'a Hill; J'Korianna Crump; Myrelle Garcia; Akiya Davis; Mikirah Hurd; Azyia Shields; Back Row: Andrea Vargas; Angelia Brown; Ayanna Esters; Takhia Crump; Alexandria Williams; Aleasha Harris; Icsis Harris

The Corinth High School dance team was created in 2011. Abby Smith, current coach of dance team, was fortunate enough to be one of its first members. "Being a part of a school dance team was a dream come true for me," said Coach Smith. "The dance team prided itself on being a versatile group of dancers who were able to perform various styles such as jazz, lyrical, pom, contemporary, and hip hop."

Mrs. Volante Hill coached the team for ten years. Smith became the dance coach in 2021. The program has grown in the last two years. They participated in a regional competition in Brandon last year.

This year, the dancers will focus on mostly game day or sideline performances and hip hop dances because these are the categories that they will perform at the state championship.

They have also increased their social media presence, gotten new uniforms, participated in volunteer activities, and even held the dance team's first-ever fundraisers.

This year, the team has seven seniors: Andrea Vargas, Angelia Brown, Ayanna Esters, Takhia Crump, Alexandria Williams, Aleasha Harris and Icsis Harris.

"Coaching has provided me with incredible growth opportunities, and my girls have inspired me more than they will ever know," said Smith. "I want little girls throughout our school district to look up to the dance team and dream of being a part of it one day."

## **Warriors on Wick** **Thursday, Aug. 25 • 5:30 p.m.**

This annual event begins at Dilworth's in downtown Corinth. The band, dance, cheer and football teams march to the Care Garden and then host a pep rally with a few words from Coach Dye. Join us for this exciting tradition!

## **Sink the Wave Pep Rally** **Thursday, Sept. 8 • 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a pep rally the night before the home football game against Tupelo. Hosted at the high school, the band, cheerleaders and dancers will cheer on the football team. Come on Thursday night to encourage your Warriors before their first home football game!

## **Homecoming Parade** **Thursday, Sept. 22 • 5:30 p.m.**

The annual Homecoming Parade is a highlight of Homecoming week festivities. High school classes and student clubs compete to create elaborate floats and cars that drive throughout downtown Corinth. The parade ends at the Courthouse and culminates in a pep rally. Come celebrate our Warriors as they prepare to play New Albany!

## **Trap the Troopers** **Thursday, Oct. 6 • TBD**

Join us for a pep rally the night before the home football game against Mooreville. Hosted at the high school, the band will perform its State Marching Band Evaluation routine. Come on Thursday night to encourage your Warriors before this division game!



# CROSS COUNTRY



Front Row, L to R: Madeline Brooks; Anahi Rivera; Lucy Smith; Adelyn Mathis; Elsie Wilbanks; Andi Kate Holley; Mayilah Stallings; Maddy Hall; Odilla Pascual; Second Row: Briley Briggs; Madison Gates; Catherine Grisham; Emma Hall; Zela Dalton; Dakota Grimes; Lauren Beech; Lexie Faulkner; Cora Johnson; Rachel Williams; Graci Laird; Abby Summers; Sheridan Shipp; Camden Lewis; Third Row: Brooks Pratt; Emilio Ceron; Christian Nelms; Diego Rosales; Nate Wilbanks; Jesus Arguello; Jonathon Sorcia; Landon Bonds; John Parker; Ethan Nelms; Makan Garcia; Andrew LeGoff; Andrew Ballard; Braxton Green; Jaden Edwards; Will Nuckolls; Top Row: Coach Emory Kirk; Reid Williams; Julio Arguello; Ross Evans; Jude Jefcoat; Andrew Carpenter; Ricardo Venegas; Tilden Studdard; John Labas; Will Steward; Sam Evans; Keller Roach; Gavin Sain; Clark Carmichiel; Parker LeGoff; Wyatt Murphree; John Thomas Draper; Cooper Elliot; Coach Luke Hatcher; Not pictured: Tetiya Cox



Middle School: Front Row, L to R: Maya Gomez; Lynlee Shipp; Annie Stanley; Hadley Rutledge; Amelia Sexton; Emma Ganus; Madeline Sain; Ivy Monaghan; Lilly Smith; Maddi Mitchell; McKendry Roach; Mary Nancy Pittman; Mattie Kirk; Hadley Butler; Kate Walker Williams; Alanna Cliff; Second Row: Coach Luke Hatcher; Curtis Dellinger; Max Evans; Cooper Fondren; Selvestre Lopez; Cyrus Savelle; Caleb Simmons; Witt Dalton; Sam Walker; Paxton Gray; Jose Arguello; Daniel Dodd; Baker Holley; Mac Fowler; Coach Emory Kirk

Last year, the varsity girls cross country team won the state championship as well as the regional meet. Also, Coach Emory Kirk was named 2021 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s High School Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Additionally, the varsity boys cross country team repeated as 1-4a division champions taking 13 of the top 14 all division spots. At the state meet, they took home 2nd place. The seven guys who ran at state became the fastest team to ever compete for the high school, running an average time as a team of 17:34.

This year, seniors on the girls team include Catherine Grisham, Dakota Grimes, Lauren Beech, Lexie Faulkner, Anahi Rivera, Emma Hall, Odilia Pascual and Graci Laird.

Starting her second year as head coach, Kirk believes it takes all 38 girls

to make a strong cross country team. “My expectation is for my team not to settle. They need to keep working and to have the attitude as if we have never won state before. Each year we have to find ways to continue to improve and become stronger as a team,” said Kirk.

Seniors on the boys team include Will Steward, John Parker, Clark Carmichiel, Julio Arguello, Ross Evans and Parker LeGoff.

Starting his fourth year as head coach, Luke Hatcher believes every year has been a learning experience. “I look for our team to have a very strong and successful season. With their hard work, we will put ourselves in a position to chase another state title. I’m very honored to coach not only great runners but great student athletes who excel in multiple sports and the classroom,” said Hatcher.

## August

27 Brooks Invitational Florence, AL

## September

10 Hickory Flat Blue Mountain College  
17 Saltillo Invitational Saltillo, MS

## October

1 Jesse Owens Invitational Oakville, AL  
8 Pontotoc Invitational Pontotoc, MS  
15 Randolph Classic Huntsville, AL  
18 Middle School Classic Clinton, MS  
TBD Regional Meet

## November

7 State Meet

# VOLLEYBALL

This season, the varsity volleyball team is made up of 22 girls and two managers. Most of the players are young, allowing the coaches the opportunity to improve the players’ abilities for years to come. The seniors are Alleigh Jordan, Katelyn Shelton, Zakiah Gwyn, Sadie Rhea and Aleasha Harris. The managers are Blessin Kirksey and Azaria Patterson.

Head Coach Cassidy Dotter is enjoying her first year of coaching this team. “It is my mission to change the atmosphere around volleyball and show these players that the sport is just as competitive and fun as the others as long as you work hard and care about your teammates! My expectations for them are high because I know they are capable young women and hungry to change the outcome of this year,” said Dotter. “They have been working hard and persevering through obstacles. We are very proud of them and excited to see where that hard work continues to carry our team in the future.”

During their first two games this season (vs. Booneville and vs. Biggersville), they fought hard but unfortunately fell short. The team looks forward to the rest of the season!

## August

|    |                                  |      |
|----|----------------------------------|------|
| 23 | Alcorn County                    | Home |
| 27 | Corinth/Alcorn County Tournament | TBD  |
| 30 | East Union                       | Home |

## September

|    |                   |      |
|----|-------------------|------|
| 1  | Biggersville      | Away |
| 6  | Ripley            | Away |
| 8  | Alcorn Central    | Away |
| 13 | New Albany        | Home |
| 15 | Tishomingo County | Home |
| 19 | North Pontotoc    | Away |
| 27 | Tishomingo County | Away |
| 29 | New Albany        | Away |

## October

|   |                |      |
|---|----------------|------|
| 3 | North Pontotoc | Home |
| 4 | Ripley         | Home |



Varsity/JV: Front Row, L to R: Jenna Jones; Jennyiah Harris; Katelyn Shelton; Sadie Rhea; Darbi Gifford; Scarlett Sanders; Alleigh Jordan; Second Row: Azaria Patterson (manager); Aleasha Harris; Zoe Pollard-Barton; McKinley Moore; Addison Moore; Lainey Briggs; Alexis Price; Lylah Cox; Blessin Kirksey (manager); Third Row: Coach Cassidy Dotter; Maggie Parchman; Alyssa Settlemires; Callie Pounders; Zakiah Gwyn; Hayley Guare; Molly Dunn; Spencer-Kate Butler



Middle School: Front Row, L to R: Kate Walker Williams; Kiara Holbrook; Chloe Jones; Hadley Butler; Bella Bumpas; Ashton Marlar; Ella Little; Lucy Greenlee; Second Row: Hadley Rutledge; Hattie Alexander; Bree Crawford; Ella Turner; Laine Lavever; Ali Bradford; Lynlee Shipp; Amelia Sexton; Third Row: Mattie Kirk; Ivyana Smith; Ali Reece; Zakari Southward; Audrey Farr; Caroline Robbins; Presleigh Spence; Caitlee Kyle; Lynnleigh Joshlin; Camden Hendrix (manager); Not pictured: Coach Blake Hendrix; Coach Maggie Voundenstein

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