



**Merrimack Cardinals Football and Spirit**  
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### **POP WARNER IS BACK IN MERRIMACK FOR 2008**

On January 27, 2008 The **Merrimack Cardinals** Board of Directors voted to return to **New Hampshire Pop Warner** (NHPW) and its national affiliation within **Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc.** And will participate in both Youth Football and Cheerleading at ages 5-15 years of age within the age/weight structure of Pop Warner.

The Cardinals offer Youth Football and Cheerleading to over 300 Merrimack Children Yearly. The Cardinals Proud tradition dates back to 1973 and were members of Pop Warner thru 2004.

“We are excited and proud to be a member of Pop Warner at the State, Regional and National level again, It will provide all the children of Merrimack the very best opportunity for instruction and competition at the State, regional and National Level. NHPW continues to see growth while New England Pop Warner and Pop Warner Little Scholars remain the best competition and largest true national program by far”. Said Cardinals President Richard Mailloux.. “Having the ability to expand our program with an instructional level for 6-7yr olds for football and cheer is also a great enhancement to our program”.

"We are thrilled to bring the Merrimack Cardinals back into our league for 2008," said Jason Patch, President of New Hampshire Pop Warner. "Their board has done a fantastic job of obtaining the information necessary to make the best decisions possible for the kids in their program. The Cardinals have a history of success that spans 35 years and we are fortunate to have them back in the Pop Warner family."

The Cardinals will continue its Participation within the Northeast Junior High Football League(NJHFL) for its Middle School(6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) aged players. NJHFL is a High School Football prep league which has no weight restrictions.

The Cardinals will hold the 2008 Information Night at the MYA Building on DW Highway, Merrimack on Wednesday March 26, 2008 At 7:00pm . First registration dates will be Friday March 28, 2008 6:00pm, and Saturday March 29, 2008 9am-1pm. As always registrations are on a First come Basis. For more information please visit [www.merrimackcardinals.org](http://www.merrimackcardinals.org)

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