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Kennedy hosting ‘Maureen’s Hoops for Hope’ Dec. 17 *Alumni honor memory of deceased classmate with fifth annual tourney*

SOMERS, N.Y. – Chances are you never knew Maureen McAvoy. You never got to see what a great student-athlete she was or the fine young woman she became. And yet, if you know a daughter who makes her parents proud, a sister who makes her siblings feel loved, or a friend who can make you laugh, then you knew Maureen.

Maureen died in October 2007 after a long and courageous battle with a brain tumor, but the memory of her contagious laughter and boundless enthusiasm lives on at Kennedy. To ensure that memory remains alive and well for future generations, Maureen’s 2006 classmates have put together the fifth annual Maureen’s Hoops for Hope on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6 – 10 p.m. at Kennedy so that her friends and family can share in the game of basketball that Maureen played and loved so much.



“It’s been five years since my sister died, and not a day goes by that I don’t think of her and miss her dearly,” said Siobhan McAvoy, a 2007 Kennedy alumna, Maureen’s sister and one of the tournament organizers. “But to know that those same five years later, her friends and family are still coming together to make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer is comforting.”

Teams of Kennedy Catholic alumni and faculty, as well as Maureen’s friends and family, will take on one another in this friendly, 5-on-5 tournament that was established in the spirit of fun and camaraderie with which Maureen lived her life. There will be food, refreshments, T-shirts, and a 50-50 raffle. Admission is a suggested \$7 at the door, and proceeds from the tournament will be donated to childhood brain tumor research at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

“We do not stop laughing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop laughing.”

Those were the words with which Maureen ended her high school career. Sadly, Maureen did not get the chance to grow old with her friends, but her legacy of laughter and love lives with Maureen’s Hoops for Hope on Dec. 17.

Named one of the 50-best secondary schools by the Catholic High School Honor Roll in 2005, Kennedy Catholic provides a rigorous, college-preparatory program that seeks the fullest development of mind, body and spirit. Founded as St. Mary’s in 1924 by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion and located on 64 scenic acres in Somers, N.Y., Kennedy Catholic offers state-of-the-art technology—SMART Boards, wireless Internet, computer labs and a TV studio—that prepares today’s students for tomorrow’s world. Home to 52 athletic teams across 17 sports and more than 25 extracurricular activities, there is something for everyone at Kennedy Catholic.