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Kennedy to celebrate new field at Homecoming Halftime
4 games, blessing to highlight Oct. 15 festivities

SOMERS, N.Y. (Oct. 15) – Homecoming has traditionally been a big deal at Kennedy Catholic, as it for most high schools anywhere. This year, in addition to a trio of winning teams, the Gaels have a little extra something to celebrate – a new home.



Over the summer, Kennedy completed construction on its new multi-purpose field, complete with synthetic turf and a midfield logo designed by Matthew Walker '93, of Walk Design. It is the second of three new fields the school will be introducing as part of a capital campaign to improve its athletic facilities. The new multi-purpose field is currently being enjoyed by the varsity field hockey, football and boys and girls soccer teams.

“I said it in the spring when we officially opened our new baseball complex along Route 138, and I’ll say it again,” remarked the Rev. Mark Vaillancourt, president/principal of Kennedy Catholic, “it was high time our championship caliber athletes had fields of equal measure to play on, and that’s been our goal since we began this capital campaign.”

And the teams have responded in kind. Field hockey started 2-0, boys’ soccer is 6-1-1 heading into Saturday’s 10 a.m. showdown with Pawling, and girls’ soccer is 8-2 before Saturday’s game against Peekskill. Even the volleyball team, which plays in a gym that is part of another capital project, is 8-1 as the Lady Gaels look to defend its first-ever league title.

Students will join Father Vaillancourt at midfield at 2:45 p.m. to formally bless the new synthetic turf with a number of alumni, faculty, parents and students in attendance. The football then kicks off against Briarcliff at 3 p.m. The complete schedule for the day is as follows:

9:30 a.m.
JV Football vs. Lakeland

1:00 p.m.
Girls Soccer vs. Peekskill

3:00 p.m.
Varsity Football vs. Briarcliff

10:00 a.m.
Boys Soccer vs. Pawling

2:45 p.m.
Blessing of the new field

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—including six league champions in 2009-2010—and more than 25 extracurricular activities, there is something for everyone at Kennedy Catholic.