

THE GAEIL

The Newsletter for Alumni and Parents of St. Mary's/Kennedy Catholic High School

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Archbishop Gives Ringing Endorsement of Kennedy

His Excellency, Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, celebrates the Mass of the Holy Spirit at Kennedy Catholic on Sept. 10. Read what the Archbishop had to say about his trip to Gael Country on Page 3.

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**KENNEDY
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

It's an exciting time here in Gael Country. From a visit by Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, to begin the new school year, to work on our new athletic fields that is presently underway, a lot has been happening at Kennedy Catholic. I hope the pages to follow will give you a snapshot of present-day Kennedy and a reason to share in our excitement.

As Archbishop Dolan said during his homily here on Sept. 10, "More is caught than taught. There are some things which cannot be taught in a classroom, but instead are absorbed from the environment in which the school lives". That environment is one of courage and compassion, forged by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion since 1920 and our early days as St. Mary's of Katonah, and passed on to countless generations of Gaels.

Here is what the Kennedy Catholic legacy produced in 2010:

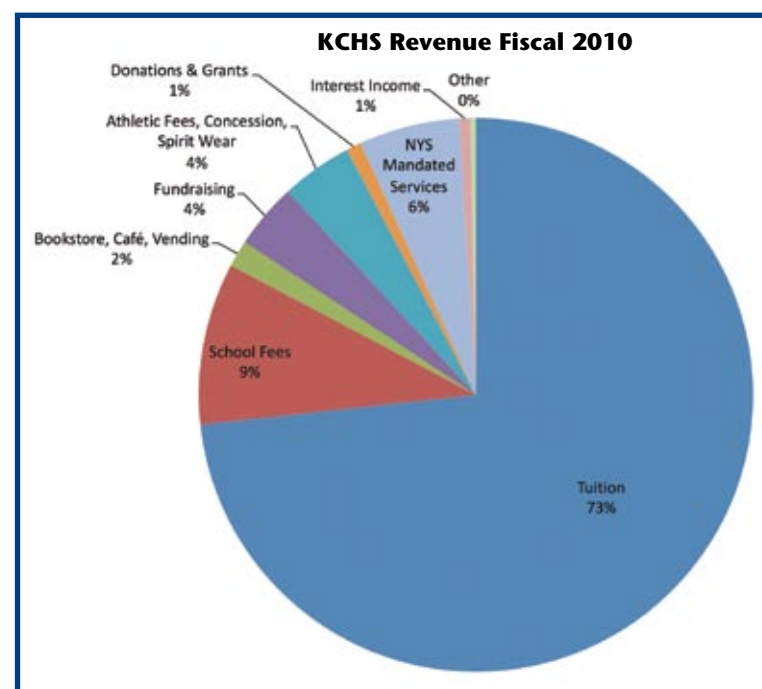
- More than \$12 million in scholarships earned by the Class of 2010
- Acceptances to institutions such as Cornell, MIT, Notre Dame, RPI, UPenn and more.
- 6 League Champions and 4 Coaches of the Year
- 2 Metropolitan Youth Theater Awards; 6 nominations

Success stories abound, and we are continuing to build on that legacy with the addition of all new athletic fields. In addition to some renovations to our main parking lot and entranceway, across the pond our brand new baseball field is almost complete. Behind the Main Athletic Field, work has already begun on a multi-purpose, synthetic turf field and an all-new softball diamond. Please read more about our latest capital project in the center spread. As you can see from the revenue chart below, we continue to need your help if we are to move beyond the limits of tuition-based income.

I hope you can join us for one of our many upcoming events, or pop by for an impromptu visit. Our doors are always open. Until then, our prayers are with you and the entire St. Mary's/Kennedy Catholic family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mark G. Vaillancourt, Ph.D.
President/Principal



COVER STORY

To Whom Shall We Go?

From the Blog of Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, September 15th, 2010



Are they worth it?

That's the looming question we often hear about our Catholic schools, elementary and secondary.

Even many fans of our schools, who support and promote them, are at times tempted to sigh and wonder, "Yes, we know they educate more effectively, catechize better, and form character well, but... given their heavy financial weight, are they worth it?"

Last Friday I spent a good chunk of the day at one of our stellar Catholic secondary schools, Kennedy Catholic High in Somers, Westchester County.

As I drove in, I admired the magnificent campus, with a new baseball field described as the best in the area. I would later hear of their competitive baseball, track, basketball, football, and hockey teams. The building itself has won architectural awards for its eco-friendliness, and the school rightly boasts that it was dedicated by none other than Jacqueline Kennedy, only a few years after her husband's assassination, and Cardinal Francis Spellman.

At the door to greet me was the chairman of the board, Mr. Joseph Costello, his wife, and devoted members of the board. Each of our archdiocesan high schools (there are other private Catholic high schools, mostly governed by religious orders, which, while wonderfully Catholic, are not considered "archdiocesan"), is now jurisdictionally governed not by the archdiocese, but by independent boards, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, so revered in Catholic social thought, that the "closer to home" the administration of any institution is, the better it is.

Mr. Costello, and the school's respected principal, Father Mark Vaillancourt, told me good news: the freshman class was the largest in years, and the enrollment for the entire school was up. The school had finished last year financially in the black, because of creative marketing, strong board leadership, vigorous parental involvement, and support from the parish priests of the area, most of whom were all there for the visit.

Then into the door. (No security detectors or guards, by the way). There to greet me were smiling, courteous student leaders, obviously excited about their school, all so spiffy, boys in dress shirt and tie, girls in school uniform.

And there was another Person there: Jesus, the Teacher. There was His prominent picture, dominating the entrance foyer, with the prayer, "Jesus, I trust in Thee" underneath; there He was on His cross; there He was as an infant in the arms of His blessed Mother, whose statue was prominent; there He was, really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, in the chapel in the entrance foyer, where Mass is offered daily by Father Mark Vaillancourt or the newly appointed Chaplain, Father Matthew Newcomb. (If I can find two other priests named "John" and "Luke" to go there, I'll send them!) who described for me the retreat program, opportunities for apostolic service projects, and ample availability of the sacrament of penance for the nearly 600 students.

On to many of the classrooms. Father Mark Vaillancourt told me of the school's soaring SAT scores, and that every graduating senior last year went on to college, with the class earning over \$12,000,000 in scholarships. No wonder Kennedy has such a high academic reputation! The classrooms were clean, bright, technologically up-to-date, with teachers eager to tell me of their courses, and students who were quiet, orderly, and rose to their feet out of respect when we entered. The library and labs looked state-of-the-art.

One of the rooms I entered was in the midst of religious class. There on the board were words like "monotheism," "the one true God of Abraham," "Judaism, Christianity, Islam," "all God's children," lessons which sure seemed timely and welcome today. The Bible, the Catechism, the crucifix, the American flag were prominent.

Sister Mary Christopher, a Sister of the Divine Compassion, the religious order which has been a cherished part of this school from the start, told me how each day began with a communal prayer for the entire school.

I was fascinated by the demanding science programs, math classes, (two areas not my favorite), and showed more interest, I must admit, in the history syllabus, writing and grammar courses, and programs of fine arts and drama. A solid, classical education!

Then onto Mass: the students read, sang, and prayed. Their attentiveness and reverence, the warmth of their welcome, were inspirational! At the conclusion of the Mass, the students asked me to bless the football for next day's opening game (Kennedy won, by the way!) and gave me a team jacket (which I wore Sunday when I blessed the new Giants Stadium—and they won, too!).

Afterwards I visited with the board, faculty, parents, and — very enjoyably — a group of representative students. Their pride, loyalty, and enthusiasm for Kennedy Catholic High School was contagious!

One of them told me that, earlier, there had been trouble with — pardon me for bringing up a delicate topic — the plant's septic tank! Father Mark Vaillancourt, you need to know, happens to have his doctorate in engineering. So, down he goes, in the "bowels" of the tank, to fix the problem! Talk about dedication!

For him — and, so clearly, for his faculty, parents, brother priests, board, alumni, and, most importantly, for his students — there's only one answer to the question, "Are they worth it?"

A ringing yes!

KENNEDY IN THE CLASSROOM

From new courses to college credits, Kennedy prepares

The Class of 2010 earned more than \$12 million in scholarships. 100 percent were college-bound to places such as Cornell, Georgetown, MIT, Notre Dame, UPenn and more.



30 percent received Advanced Regents diplomas, 17 percent with Honors. 2 National Merit Commended Students. 38 combined Medal and Certificate winners on the National Latin and Spanish Exams, plus 3 Gold Medalists.



Partnerships with St. John's University and Iona College. 72 college credits available in Advanced Theology, AP Literature, AP Calculus, AP Biology, College Chemistry, Latin, AP Spanish, AP World History, AP Government & Politics.



New initiatives such as PSAT/SAT Prep Course and Summer School program for current students, as well as a Freshmen Prep Course and TACHS (Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools) Prep Course for prospective students.

KENNEDY IN PERFORMANCE

On stage, canvas or in the pit, Kennedy shines

2010 "Fiddler on the Roof"

6 Metropolitan Youth Theater Award Nominations

- Best Dance Performance
- Comedic Performance
- Stage Crew
- Achievement in Technical Merit (2 nominees)
- Best Supporting Actor

2 Metro Awards

- Best Dance Performance
- Achievement in Technical Merit

Studio Art

8 NYS Public High School Art Association Award Recipients

Memberships:

- National Art Association
- National Art Honor Society
- NYS Art Excellence



2010 Alumni Band Concert



After 11 years at the helm of the Kennedy Catholic Concert Band, the Gaels bid a fond farewell to Mr. Charles Gray.

We wish the best to Mr. Gray and his family, and welcome Mr. Nathan Brewster, who will guide the Band in 2010-2011.

6 League Champions in 2009-2010

- Girls Cross-Country
- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys Indoor Track
- Boys Tennis
- Baseball

4 Coaches of the Year

Frank Kelly P '11, '12 (boys basketball)
Al Morales (girls basketball)
Rob Schwartz (football)
Francesco Zappoli '95 (boys tennis)

Monsignor Mulroy Award

This award is presented to a male and female freshman based on their athletic ability, scholarship and school spirit.

- Steven Santini '13
- Alexandra Petrullo '13

Danny Dwyer Award

Remembered for his incredible enthusiasm and school spirit, the Danny Dwyer Award is presented each year to a male and female sophomore.

- Oscar Giret '12
- Mackenzie Feehan '12

Stephen Murphy Award

This award is given to a male and female junior who are dedicated to their teams, hard-working, intense, reliable and exhibit leadership.

- Daniel Girolamo '11
- Danielle Asaro '11

Allen Anthony Anderson Award

This award is presented annually to the most outstanding three-sport senior, male and female athlete.

- Dylan Schuck '10
- Jessica Kendzor '10

Vincent Ingegneri Award

This award is presented to the most outstanding male and female scholar-athlete in the senior class.

- Jesse Aprile '10
- Allison Santini '10



All-Section

Kathryn A'Hearn (girls soccer)
Jesse Aprile (boys soccer/winter track)
Grace Garcia (girls soccer)
Katherine Kastberg (girls soccer)
Jessica Kendzor (cross-country)
Taylor Manning (girls soccer)
Marc Palmer (football)
Allison Santini (girls basketball)
Dylan Schuck (football)
Daniella Torchia (girls soccer)
Richard Viebrock (boys soccer)

All-League

Kathryn A'Hearn (winter track)
Jesse Aprile (boys soccer/spring track)
Richard Aprile (boys soccer)
Danielle Asaro (spring track)
Thomas Baroni (baseball)
Erik Bauer (baseball)
Valerie Bennett (volleyball)
Molly Brennan (girls soccer)
Matthew Burke (boys tennis)
Megan Callaghan (spring track)
Michael Campobasso (winter track)
Joseph Candarelli (football)
Natalie Candarelli (volleyball)
Nick Cartaya (boys tennis)
Clarice Chastang (winter track)
LeighAnne Colello (field hockey)
Steven Conte (football)
Marina Cotarelo (volleyball)
John Davin (winter track)
Jason Davin (winter track)
Eric DiNome (winter track)
Conor Donohue (boys basketball)
Sean Durkin (boys soccer)
Kerri Durkin (girls soccer)
Eric Empson (winter track)
Michael Ennis (boys soccer)
Rachel Entwistle (softball)
Kristi Farrell (girls tennis)
Mackenzie Feehan (girls soccer)
Lindsey Ferris (field hockey)
Remy Fields (baseball)

J.T. Flanagan (baseball)
Lauren Foti (girls basketball)
Zack Furman (winter track)
Katie Gannon (softball)
Oscar Giret (baseball)
Noah Gitta (football)
Catherine Gold (girls tennis)
Darren Greene (boys soccer)
Doran Hastings (cross-country)
Dan Healy (boys basketball)
Ryan Hickey (golf)
Ailish Hogan (softball)
Brad Huntington (boys tennis)
Colleen Iral (cross-country)
Catherine Kastberg (winter track)
Jessica Kendzor (spring track)
Emily Kozlowski (field hockey)
Alexa Mancuso (girls basketball)
Brittany Manfro (girls soccer)
Breeda Mannion (cross-country)
Clare McLaughlin (field hockey)
Kevin Mee (baseball)
Katie Mittelstadt (spring track)
David Odell (baseball)
Marc Palmer (football)
Alexandra Panzarino (swimming)
Ryan Patterson (baseball)
Liam Perry (winter track)
Allie Petrullo (girls soccer)
Catherine Purdy (volleyball)
Sara Race (girls tennis)
Andrew Rodriguez (winter track)
Ryan Rooney (boys lacrosse)
Steve Santini (ice hockey)
Allison Santini (girls basketball)
Matthew Schoen (boys basketball)
Dylan Schuck (spring track)
Joseph Smith (baseball)
Shannon Spillane (girls soccer)
Emily Thomas (cross-country)
Moiré Tolan (girls soccer)
Lauren Tracy (girls basketball)
Tyler Trodden (football)
Richard Viebrock (boys soccer)
Amanda Viteretti (girls basketball)



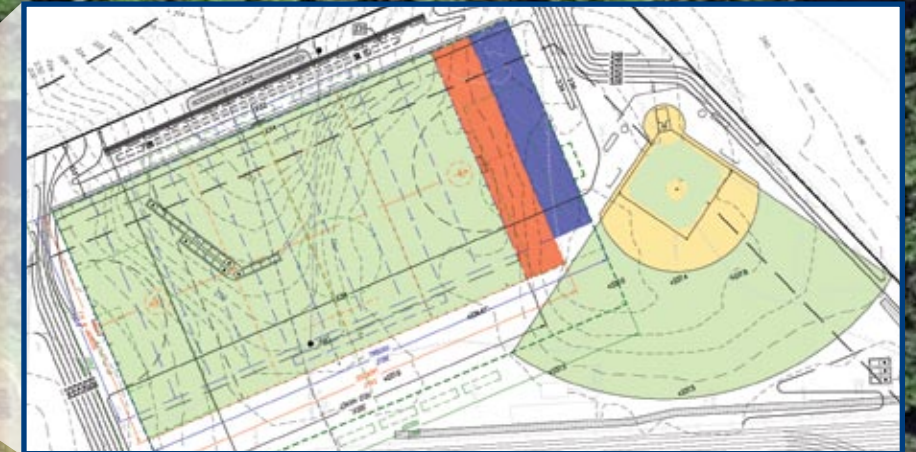
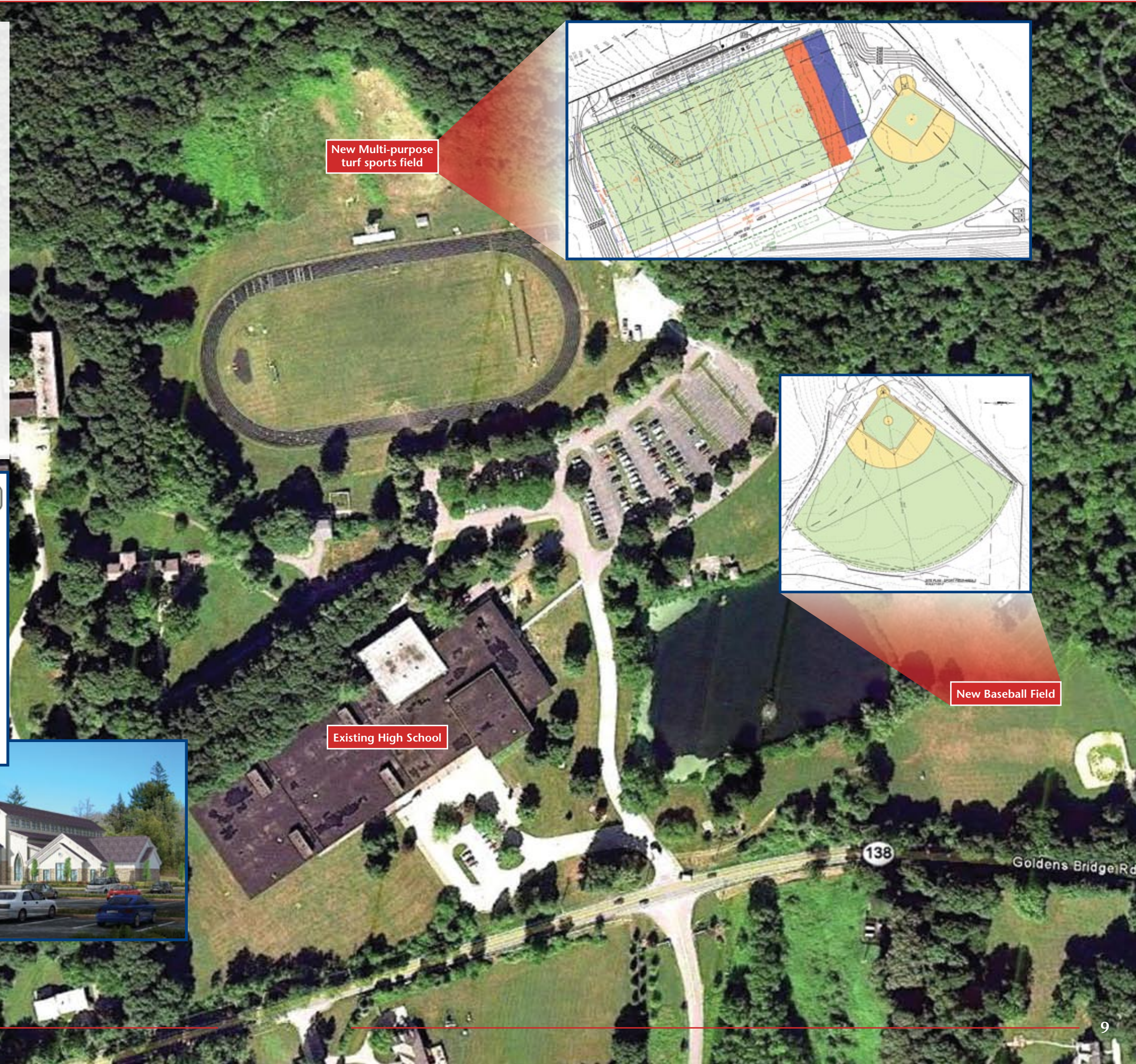
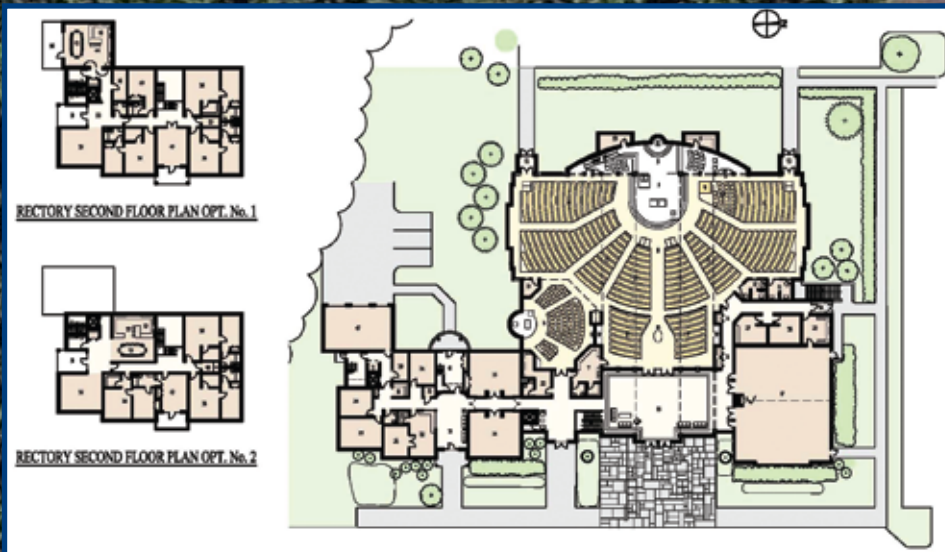
KENNEDY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Gaels to fight on new fields in 2011-2012

What has been the vision of Kennedy administrations, alumni and parents alike for years is finally becoming a reality. The Gaels are getting new athletic fields.

Working in partnership with the Archdiocese of New York and St. Joseph's Church in Croton Falls, Kennedy will have a new home for its three-time defending league champion baseball team across the pond, as well as all-new synthetic playing surfaces for its field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer and softball teams behind the current Main Athletics field. Construction on the new St. Joseph's Church, which will be located on the present site of the baseball field in The Meadow off of Plumbrook Road, will begin once the new baseball field along Route 138 is ready. The new fields will be ready for play in the Spring of 2011.

For a school that was home to six league champions in 2009-2010, the prospect of playing on all-new surfaces is much anticipated. Be sure to visit www.kennedycatholic.org periodically for construction updates.



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



To my fellow alumni and Kennedy families,

It has been said and sung that you can't get where you're going if you don't know where you've been. As Class of 1958 graduate, I certainly know where Kennedy Catholic has been, having spent my high school years at St. Mary's on Valley Road in Katonah, learning lessons and life from the Sisters of the Divine Compassion. Now as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, I also know where Kennedy is going, and I'd like to share that roadmap with you.

The key to success in any business is being prepared and setting goals. Two years ago, when Archdiocesan high schools were asked to take on greater autonomy and fiscal responsibility, Kennedy was ready. Through your support of our various fundraisers and annual giving campaigns, we were ready to go out on our own. And our first year as a private school has born that out.

Simply put, at a time when even public school districts are cutting programs and personnel, Kennedy is only getting stronger. We ended our first fiscal year as a private school in the black. Enrollment is up more than 20 percent and the numbers from last month's Open House are even more encouraging. Thanks to you, all of our fundraising activities are up and we've even debuted some new ones. All of our goals have been met or exceeded.

Make no mistake. Kennedy is strong. But as you read about our new athletic fields on Pages 8-9, there is still work to be done. Take a look at the list of Annual Fund donors on the page to the right. My first thought is a heartfelt thank you to those who have seen the good work that continues to take place in Gael Country and are doing their part to support it. My second thought, however, is to wonder why a school 86-years-rich with history has an Annual Fund list so small, with only 140 total donations from a mailing of more than 5,000.

I referenced goals earlier, and one of ours is to grow Annual Fund participation. We are a tuition driven school, yet tuition does not cover the total per-pupil costs. That difference is offset by the Annual Fund, by the generosity of our alumni and parents. That munificence enables us to offer scholarships, so that the area's best and brightest continue to wear Blue & White on graduation day. Those gifts enable us to maintain an Athletics program that was home to six league champions and four Coaches of the Year in 2009-2010. Most importantly, that generosity guarantees that a Catholic education will continue to be an affordable option for the families of northern Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess.

On Page 4 you can read about where our graduates are going to college and the scholarships they are earning. Their alma mater is going places, too...even greater heights. Thank you to those who have been part of the journey. To those looking to get involved, I ask each of you to participate according to your ability. It is up to each of us to ensure that as many students as possible receive a Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Joseph Costello '58

Chairman, Board of Trustees

KENNEDY IN THANKSGIVING

In appreciation of our Annual Fund supporters

Editor's Note: The following list represents gifts to our 2009-2010 Annual Fund. We remain most grateful to all of those who have donated in the past, as well as those who have donated their time and treasure to our major events. Those lists will be published in a forthcoming edition of *The Gael*.

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James and Dorothy Sheridan '55

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Tom and Lorraine Venditto '80

KENNEDY IN REVIEW

Prospering as a Private School

Kennedy Catholic's first year as a private school was met with much success, due in no small part to the support of alumni, parents and friends. Here are some highlights from the 2009-2010 school year, as well as a few from this one.

President's Dinner

Almost 300 people packed Colonial Terrace in Cortlandt Manor on May 8 to honor Hall of Fame inductee Fr. Stephen P. Norton, former president; Divine Compassion Medal Recipients Peter and Martha Marron of the Marron Foundation Inc. and Teacher of the Year Ellen B. Kelly. Congratulations are also in order for the Class of 2010's 15 Students of Excellence: Cristina Barletta, Christina M. Bauso, Matthew Burke, Michael Connolly, Kristina DePalma, Eric DiNome, James Flanagan, Catherine Marie Gold, Warren Lucas, Clare McLaughlin, Brendan Page, Matthew Picarillo, Teresa Smith, Lauren Tracy and Mary Vasile. The gala raised more than \$25,000 for instructional programming.



Fun Run... with the Nun

Kudos to the Athletics Committee and our cross-country and track parents in particular for organizing the inaugural Fun Run... with the Nun on May 23. In addition to the five kilometer run and health walk, the afternoon featured face painting and kids contests, as well as a special presentation to Sr. Janet Meehan (a.k.a. Sr. Mary Leonard for our St. Mary's alumni) in honor of her 50th year as a Sister of the Divine Compassion. Congratulations to Top 10 finishers Keith Forlenza; Eric DiNome '10; Jason Davin

'11; Charles Asaro '13; Brian Bagot P '12, '14; Zach Cecere '12; John Davin '13; Anthony Djerdjaj '12; Tom McCabe '95 and Alex Cecere '10. The field included 77 runners in all, as well as a host of walkers.

Comedy Night

Featuring Lenny Marcus and our very own Bob Luparello '78, the Class Clowns Comedy Night on June 12 was Kennedy's first foray into funny to support student scholarships. Covering everything from Catholic education to marriage to the fact that you can buy caskets online from Costco, our dueling comedians staged a laugh fest in the Commons for those in attendance. Special thanks to the Family Association for putting together this first-ever event.

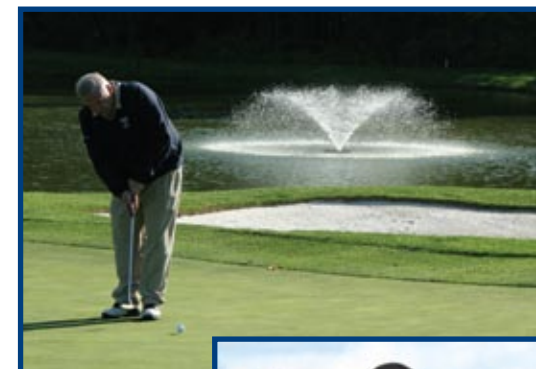


Sterling Invitational

The Kennedy-Sterling Invitational celebrated its 50th anniversary on Sept. 25, furthering its claim to fame as the longest-running meet in Westchester County. But the real story is the race's namesake, Robert T. Sterling, who spent 28 years as a respected teacher and decorated coach at Peekskill (1957-1961), Mahopac (1961-1967), Kennedy (1967-1974) and Hendrick Hudson (1974-1984). The race concluded with a special presentation to Sterling's wife, Kathryn Sterling; and daughters Susan Sterling van Vugt '76, Amy Sterling Pentecost '87 and Elizabeth Sterling.

Ladies Night Out

The newest Kennedy event, the inaugural Kennedy Catholic Ladies Night Out drew nearly 200 Lady Gaels to Le Château in South Salem on Sept. 29, raising more than \$10,000 in the process. Kennedy moms, alumnae and friends enjoyed some fantastic fare, signature Kennedy cocktail, raffles, prizes and some 17 vendors. Special thanks to the steering committee, headed by Lady Gaels Olivia Kapush P '11 and Peggy Kennedy P '07, '12.



Golf Classic

The Kennedy Catholic Golf Classic enjoyed its best year ever on Oct. 7, as 150 golfers turned out at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel for the seventh annual outing sponsored by Swissport North America and Joe Pereira P '09, '12. For the second year in a row, the Classic was blessed with beautiful weather. Congratulations to the foursome of Tom Baker '84, Larry Gulley '84, Bryan Parkhurst '83 and Art Weisgerber '83, which edged out Paul Delfino P '08, '12; Tom Alfredo '79, P '08; Brian Cohane and Doug Sachs in a scorecard playoff with a birdie on the second hole of the Lakes course. Special thanks to sponsors Diamond Elite Merchant Services (Andrew Entwistle P '13), The LandTek Group (Marty Lyons), Cuddy & Fedder (Dan Leary '77 and Anthony Morando '01), National Fire Sprinkler Association (John Viniello) and Mount Kisco Honda (Brian Durkin P '09, '11, '13).



KENNEDY IN SERVICE



Spiritual Life

Our Catholic Faith is the essential motivating factor of everything that happens at John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, and so we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Matthew C. Newcomb as our Chaplain for 2010-2011. Fr. Newcomb comes to Kennedy from our neighboring parish, St. Joseph's in Croton Falls. In addition to Daily Mass in the Chapel of Saint Mary and prayer at the beginning of homeroom, Fr. Newcomb has added adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions during lunch every Friday to our Spiritual Life offerings. His yearlong focus is on our Retreat Program, in which our underclassmen spend half a day up at the Kennedy Convent, while our seniors have a full day at Graymoor. Fr. Newcomb is working hard so that no one can deny the Catholic in John F. Kennedy Catholic High School.

Mustard Seed Migrant Ministry

Two groups of five students travel to Goshen, N.Y., every summer with Sr. Barbara and Mr. Schmidt to serve the children of migrant farm workers in New York's Black Dirt Region.



Community Outreach

Founded by Christina Bauso '10, the Community Outreach Club is as its name suggests, a group committed to providing service opportunities to the students of Kennedy. From holiday concerts and fashion shows at a local nursing home, to conducting annual Lenten Food Drives and continuing Kennedy's relationship with the Special Olympics, this SERVE Club successor is continually reaching out to the greater Westchester community.

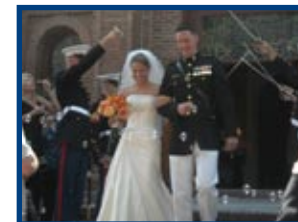
Charity Concerts

Kennedy's Concert Band and Chorus regularly entertain at local nursing homes, organize caroling trips around the holidays and perform periodically at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, in addition to providing the child patients with hand-decorated Christmas ornaments.



NEWS

CLASS OF 2001



Michael Gumb and his wife, Brandy, were married July 18, 2009, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wilmington, N.C. The couple met at Norwich University in Vermont, the first private military college in the country, and will have been together seven years this November. The two live in Quantico, VA, where Mike serves as a Marine Corps officer instructor at The Basic School and Brandy is a federal officer in the Department of Homeland Security in the D.C. area. They are both pursuing graduate degrees in Intelligence, with concentrations on Homeland Security. Present at the wedding were a number of Kennedy alumni, including best men Daniel '04 and Matthew '08 Gumb, former basketball coach John Brawley, as well as Anthony '01 and Dana Morando '98, James Grey '01, Alex Alguero '01, Rich Searles '01, Joe Kugler '01, Brian O'Donnell '01 and Michael Stanton '01.

CLASS OF 2005

Adam Rodriquez received the Levi Adams Citation from the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life at Brown University. The citation honors a senior for distinction and service in the leadership of a campus-based religious organization, project or initiative. As a recipient, he recited a passage, in Greek, from the Letter to the Colossians at Brown's 2009 Baccalaureate Service.

May 23 'Fun Run' marked 2 anniversaries

When Kennedy Catholic held its first ever Fun Run... with the Nun on May 23 in honor of Sr. Janet Meehan's 50th year as a Sister of the Divine Compassion, little did The Gael realize the event also marked another anniversary for two of our alumni. Standing on the very same track where they became engaged, Mike and Liana Parry Faughnan '87 celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary by sharing the day in Gael Country with their four children (picture at right): Christopher, 6; Patrick, 3; Michael Jr., 8; and Kate, 1. Happy Anniversary to the Faughnans!



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