



faith, knowledge and service

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Dear Neighbors,

One thing that's become clear to us at Marin Catholic is that we can do more to reach out to our Kentfield/Greenbrae neighbors. To that end, the MC Board of Regents has created a subcommittee to improve neighbor outreach. A first step in this process will be our regular communication to the Greenbrae Property Owners Association in hopes to create a more consistent flow of information about important activities at MC. This would include our attendance at any GPOA meetings when necessary. We hope these efforts will allow us to reach the maximum number of neighbors.

Using this new communication channel, we wanted to inform you directly of an upcoming safety project at the campus. Over the last 12 months, we have had three serious accidents on our turf baseball field due to tree roots that have compromised the turf field. If your children have played Next Level Flag Football on our baseball outfield, you are aware of the tripping hazard that's been created due to invasive roots.

We have consulted with the County about this problem, along with Ray Moritz from Urban Forestry Associates, Inc., and it was determined that the trees located between the baseball field and St. Sebastian parking lot need to be removed. Both Marin County and the arborist observed that this species of tree should never have been planted on a property line between a parking lot and a ball field, for the reasons we are experiencing now.

The school will implement a tree replacement plan once the existing problems have been addressed. MC will introduce low water, drought resistant, small root trees that will maintain a welcoming atmosphere while eliminating the safety issue.

We plan to remove the trees and root systems, install new trees, and replace the baseball field turf this summer when the fields are idle. We will update the GPOA on exact dates and additional details in the late spring as plans are finalized.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at tnavone@marincatholic.org. We thank you for your support and look forward to regular updates to the GPOA going forward.

Kindest regards,

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