

Everyone in Marin County clearly understands the benefits of organized sports and the community it brings to the family's involved at every school. Marin County Schools are all involved in very robust athletic programs and many of our talented athletes have gone on to play in state championships and some at the national level. For decades our kids have thrived with the current programs and practice schedules that are available to all schools. The issue here is not what our commitment is to our student athletes, the issue is whether it's necessary to change the timing of all these games and practices to suit Marin Catholic's needs.

The argument Marin Catholic is making in favor of lights is that it will bring out the whole community to watch their 10 football games on Friday nights. People remember how popular Friday Night football games were, and since everyone's kids went to the same school the whole community would come out to support them. The situation is different here because the majority of students who attend Marin Catholic don't live in this area and Marin Catholic is not our home team, Redwood is. The notion that everyone will want to see MC play football at night, when half of the games being played aren't even against other teams from Marin is a fantasy. Since 98% of the usage of MC's lighted field will be used for practices clearly means that this proposal only benefits Marin Catholic, at our expense.

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