

‘Collateral damage’ likely from Marin Catholic lights

To borrow Peter Thigpen’s apt phrase, those of us who live in the Marin Catholic High School neighborhood will be the victims of collateral damage if lights are installed on the field at the school.

Empathize for a moment, reader, and imagine the quality of your life if you had to endure crowd noise, the blare of World Cup horns, the boom of MC’s drum line and the real possibility of loud music invading your home until 10 p.m. on a regular basis.

I say a regular basis and mention loud music because Marin Catholic is extolling this as a “community asset,” which means not only will the school be using the field for games and practices but might also make it available for events other than sports.

We live with noise from the field during the day. Must we now sacrifice the evening hours, when we should be able to enjoy the peace and quiet of our homes, for this so-called “community asset”?

Lights at Marin Catholic will set a precedent for every high school in our county. Soon other neighborhoods will face the same loss of peace during evening hours as we do now. Let’s all work to preserve Marin’s tranquility.

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