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## Field lights would ‘change everything’

The Ross Valley is an extremely beautiful and peaceful place to live and I would hate to see the Marin Catholic High School lights proposal change everything we love about it.

This significant change to the use of their fields will increase traffic, create excessive noise and light up the Ross Valley.

Why should one private school have the power to determine when our kids can go to sleep at night?

The thing that puzzles me the most is that about 95 percent of the kids that attend Redwood High School live in this area.

Redwood has a robust academic program and offers many after-school team sports that students can choose from, and they enjoy tremendous support from the local community.

Only 15 percent of the student population of Marin Catholic lives in this same area.

Its argument that only night games at the school will bring people together to form a village is ludicrous. The community already exists.

Redwood tried to put lights on its field for night games and was met with fierce opposition from the neighbors.

Marin Catholic is located on one of the busiest corridors in Marin, is adjacent to the Corte Madera Creek wetlands, and is across the street from a hillside that will enormously amplify sound.

Marin Catholic has also met with fierce opposition from the neighbors, but somehow it is much further along with this process than it should be.

Marin Catholic’s proposal to have 514 games and practices on its field under the lights Monday through Friday from September to May is totally unacceptable.

It applied for lights several years ago when Hal Brown was supervisor and the proposal was dismissed due to the negative impact it would have on this community.

We, too, should say no to Marin Catholic lights.

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