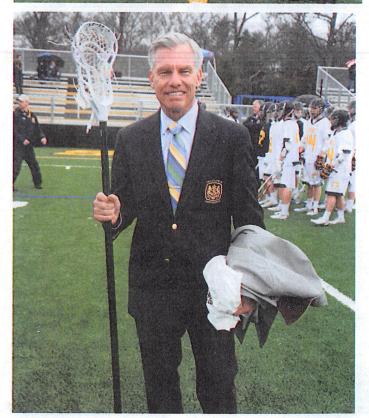


Sun Shines on James C. Metzger Stadium







Torrential rain could not stop the dedication and blessing of the new James C. Metzger Stadium. With all of the guests waiting all morning for the word on whether or not to reschedule the day's festivities, the decision was made to move the program inside while waiting and hoping for the storm to pass.

Brother Gary Cregan, O.S.F. and Don Corrao each spoke about the significant undertaking and timely construction of the new stadium as well as the extraordinary generosity of James C. Metzger, Chairman and CEO of the Whitmore Group, a leading Long Island insurance brokerage and financial services firm that he founded in 1989. Mr. Metzger is one of Long Island's leading businessmen and philanthropists.

During the ceremony Mr. Metzger stated, "I have always admired the commitment of providing a quality education and the proud athletic tradition that Saint Anthony's offers to students. It is for these reasons and the extraordinary people at Saint Anthony's why I decided to make the lead gift for this project. I have always regarded Saint Anthony's as the Notre Dame of high schools here on Long Island."

The new stadium features a Field Turf (multi-sport) playing surface, sport appropriate netting, bleacher seating, scoreboard, two new flagpoles, statue, and perimeter landscaping.

Special thanks to all of those who generously supported this project especially Alex Fletcher '04 and John Padden '06, as well as Greg Driscoll '95, John Maggiacomo '00, the Lagana Family, Gerard Bonomi, Long Island Express, Steven DeSousa '88, Kevin and Jill Adler, Terry Meyer '74, Michelle Espey '95, Brian Ginna '86, Robert Cipriano, and Stephen Donnelly.

Following the dedication, blessing and reception, the Boys Lacrosse team played and won the first game on the new field beating Greenwich High School 15-6. The game served as an omen for many good things to come for the 2016 Boys Lacrosse Team.

If you are interested in making a gift to the new field to assist with its completion, please contact: Don Corrao, Director of Development at (631) 271-2020 ext. 284 or email at: dcorrao@stanthonyshs.org.

New Front Field Friars Win



