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COUGAR BASEBALL MEMORIALIZES MONSIGNOR JAMES KISSANE '83

WEST ISLIP, NY – Despite the cold and rainy weather on Tuesday, April 5th, friends and family filled the St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School Baseball Field for the dedication of the new turf infield, a memorial to Monsignor James Kissane, graduate of the Class of 1983 who died at the age of 44 in 2009. The dedication of the new state-of-the-art turf baseball field was a fitting tribute to Msgr. Kissane, who played baseball for SJB from 1979-1983.

Friends, family, coaches and committee members who helped create this memorial were recognized at the ceremony. Town Councilman John Edwards also presented a Proclamation to the parents of Msgr. Kissane. They enthusiastically threw out the 1st pitch which kicked off a great day of Cougar baseball as St. John's defeated St. Mary's (5-2) winning one for Msgr. Kissane.

"I'm so excited to be honoring the legacy of Msgr. Kissane through the dedication of our field. As a teammate to Coach John Habyan and myself, he played catcher for St. John's baseball and throughout his lifetime he gave so much back to St. John's and the community. He was a great friend to us all so, it's a great feeling to be able to remember him in this way and to be able to show his family and the community the impact he had on so many lives," said Ralph Dalton, Athletic Director. (For additional information please contact Ralph Dalton at 631-587-8000 ext. 140)

ATTACHED PHOTOS:



Picture A – SJB Infield



Picture B – Mrs. Sheila Kissane with Athletic Director Ralph Dalton and Coach John Habyan.



Picture C – Left to Right: Town of Islip Councilman John Edwards, Mrs. Sheila Kissane, Mr. Jim Kissane, Father Michael Holzmann, Principal Walter D. Lace, former coach Buddy Corr along with members and coaches of the SJB Cougar Baseball team.

About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

About St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School: 1,700 students attend St. John the Baptist DHS, a college preparatory Catholic High School located on the south shore in West Islip. As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, St. John's offers a value-centered education that recognizes the unique talents and abilities of each child, while fostering a school environment that challenges students to reach their true potential. Open since 1966, St. John's offers a rigorous curriculum and extensive activity and athletic programs. Students have the opportunity to take numerous Advanced Placement classes and 99% of St. John's graduates continue on to higher education. For Mission Statement and additional information: www.sjbdhs.org