

## **Holy Cross CSS Sport Field Project complete**

Peterborough, ON – A new athletic facility was opened today as the City of Peterborough and the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB) announced the completion of upgrades to the sports complex at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School at 1355 Lansdowne St. W.

An official opening event will be scheduled when school resumes in the fall, if public health guidelines permit.

The upgrades include the conversion of the natural turf sport field to an artificial turf field with night lighting, improving track and field features, such as high jump, long jump, and resurfacing the eight-lane track surrounding the field. New pathways and upgraded spectator seating improve the accessibility of the facility.

The facility will be available to permit beginning July 19. Teams can contact 705-742-7777 ext. 1829 for current permit information.

“The new artificial turf field and track amenities are top-notch. This is an exciting project that will greatly improve sports and recreation facilities for the Peterborough community, PVNCCDSB students and add to our “sport’s hub” for sports tourism and local tournaments.” said Councillor Lesley Parnell, the chair of the City’s Arenas, Parks and Recreation portfolio. “Artificial fields present savings in terms of annual operating costs as they only need to be raked once weekly and do not need watering or fertilizing.”

“We have been watching the construction of this new state-of-the art track and field at Holy Cross CSS with much excitement,” said PVNCCDSB Director of Education Joan Carragher. “We are thrilled that the track is now officially open and we look forward to seeing students and staff using these facilities to the fullest this upcoming school year and for many years to come.”

Over the last ten years the City of Peterborough has been developing fields in partnership with public institutions and community sport partners to improve the facilities available for recreational and competitive play. This joint project in partnership with PVNCCDSB means that the City can maximize its investment with a reduced cost impact to the local tax base, both on the capital and the operating costs.