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Notre Dame College School receives \$500,000 from Lacavera family for new turf field

The Niagara Catholic District School Board and Notre Dame College School are grateful to the Lacavera family, who have contributed \$500,000 toward the installation of a new turf field at the school.

The field will be named in honour of the late Honourable Justice Alphonse Thomas Lacavera of the Ontario Court of Justice, a graduate of Notre Dame College School. Despite his auspicious title and distinguished career, Judge Lacavera was a favourite among neighbourhood children, who often called on him to come out to play and enjoyed a skating rink that he built and maintained in his backyard for many winters.

The Lacavera family has long held ties to the Notre Dame College. Justice Lacavera's wife Donna is Notre Dame a graduate and retired teacher, and their two children, Anthony, and Catherine, are also alumni. The younger Lacaveras were recognized as Niagara Catholic Distinguished Alumni in 2016. The estate of Mrs. Lacavera's late sister Loretta Ramella Lopez, and Mrs. Lopez's husband Anthony Lopez, also contributed to the very generous donation to the new Notre Dame turf field.

The Lacavera family said they are pleased to make the donation in Judge Lacavera's name.

Notre Dame Principal Andrew Boon said the school community is grateful for the Lacavera family's generosity.

"It is truly an incredible act of generosity that will benefit our students and community for years to come," he said. "On behalf of Notre Dame College School, we thank the Lacavera family and we look forward to them visiting "Lacavera Field" soon.

The new Notre Dame College School turf field will officially be put into use on September 30, during the school's 75th Anniversary weekend with an afternoon football game.

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