

# Mariners Christian School Hosts Dedication Ceremony for New Athletic Facilities

When Mariners Christian School student's came back from Christmas break, they were welcomed by a New Year's surprise: a brand new, state-of-the-art 57,000-square-foot AstroTurf athletic field.

To help celebrate this new addition, on Wednesday, Jan. 25 over 150 students, parents and teachers gathered for a special after school event to dedicate the new athletic facilities. The ceremony included remarks by the Head of School, Troy Moore, a prayer dedication by an 8th grader, Levi Darrow, a ribbon cutting ceremony and finally, fun field games that included the participation of students, teachers, and parents.



In April 2016, MCS launched a fundraising campaign to replace the natural grass field, which was 30 years old and

significantly impacted by the extended drought conditions, with professional-grade AstroTurf. The total project cost was \$440,000.

By October 2016, the fundraising goal was reached, and construction commenced in November. The new field, now featuring AstroTurf with a 2-star FIFA rating, includes permanent zoning stripes for flag football, soccer (small and full sided), and PE/recess lines.