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St. Francis High School to Hold Dedication and Blessing of State-of-the-Art Fitness Center

Hamburg, NY — St. Francis High School will hold a blessing and dedication ceremony for its newly completed, state-of-the-art Fitness Center on **Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will take place inside the new 6,000-square-foot facility, representing a **$1.35 million investment** in student health, wellness, and athletic excellence.

Fr. Matthew J. Foley, O.F.M., President of St. Francis High School, announced the event and noted that the completion of the Fitness Center marks the conclusion of **Phase One of the school's capital improvements**, part of the broader **$20.5 million capital campaign**, *Celebrating the Past, Securing the Future: The Campaign for St. Francis High School*.

The campaign publicly launched at the end of October, with the school announcing it had already raised **$15.3 million toward its $20.5 million goal**. A significant portion of the campaign, **$13.5 million** is dedicated to growing the school's endowment to support tuition assistance and ensure long-term accessibility for future students.

"I am deeply grateful to the many donors who have supported this campaign," Fr. Foley said. "Their generosity has already made a tremendous impact in the lives of our students."

Fr. Foley also expressed appreciation for the collective effort behind the new facility. "This Fitness Center is the result of countless hours of hard work and dedication," he added. "We are excited for our young men to have a space that reflects the success of our athletic programs and supports their health and wellbeing for years to come."

The new Fitness Center underscores St. Francis High School's ongoing commitment to excellence in academics, athletics, and the holistic development of its students.

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