



# It's here!

## McNary new turf installed

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Throughout the summer, McNary High School senior Hayden Sader – and a number of other McNary students – pitched in to help prepare the way for the Celtics' new turf field.

They raked, hauled, dumped, leveled and

performed almost innumerable small tasks, but for Sader there was one part he won't forget anytime soon.

"When we were surveying we had to dig through and put in stakes. That gravel is so thick and we were out here hammering away at it on some really hot days," he said.

Still, he was proud to say he had a hand in building it when future Celtics took the field on Blue Day, Aug. 22.

For senior Jason Sperle, getting involved in the project any way he could was a matter of pride.

"I really wanted to take part and help do the little things. That's something I wanted to do as a senior and it shows what our program is all about," Sperle said.

The process of installing the turf involved a

three-month timetable that included excavating the old field, upgrading drainage systems, filling in with new foundation material, leveling it off, laying down new turf, stitching it together with a sewing gun, clipping out sections for logos and numbers, gluing the pre-made numerals and letters down, adding sand and plastic infill, and laying down asphalt on the areas the turf didn't cover. They also added three large I-beams to reposition the old scoreboard.

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