



LINDY SPOTLIGHT

LINDENHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District

SUMMER 2011

Class of 2011 Dances in the Rain as They Graduate



Valedictorian Taner Aydin (right) and Salutatorian Michael Colbert (left) lead the students to their seats.



Senator Charles Schumer rips up his planned speech as he offers congratulations to the graduates.



Lindenhurst High School seniors smile for the camera at graduation.

Congratulations to the Class of 2011 which enjoyed the 92nd annual commencement ceremony at Edward Kienle Memorial Field on June 24, the first time the ceremony was ever held on a Friday night. A light rain held steady throughout the evening, but the festivities continued as planned.

Administrators, teachers and students marched onto the field to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" with the procession of the graduates dressed in green and white robes and ready to be officially named alumni of Lindenhurst High School.

Appearing before the graduates, New York Senator Charles Schumer promptly tore up his planned speech in favor of a more impromptu address as he offered his congratulations. Each graduating student was then called individually and presented with his or her diploma.

Valedictorian Taner Aydin and Salutatorian Michael Colbert both took the podium to present their speeches. Michael quoted author Vivian Green when he stated, "It's not about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain." Fellow classmates laughed, as they were familiar with Michael's interest in meteorology. Senior Class President Miranda Freilich also encouraged her peers, stating, "Our memories from Lindenhurst High School will comfort us as we leave our childhood and enter

into the real world." Students, administrators, families, faculty and staff were all present, adding to the sense of community, school spirit and pride that enveloped Lindenhurst on that evening.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the Lindenhurst Middle School eighth-grade students, who celebrated their promotion ceremony on June 23 at the Edward Kienle Memorial Field. Postponed from the day before due to inclement weather, the ceremony went off without a hitch. "We only mentioned Lindy Pride nine times...make that 10!" exclaimed Principal Frank Naccarato.



Eighth-grade boys smiling at the middle school promotions ceremony.



Emily Fitzgibbons received a special Certificate of Appreciation, shown here with Special Education Coordinator Paul Walia and Principal Frank Naccarato.



Middle School girls line up before the promotion ceremony.

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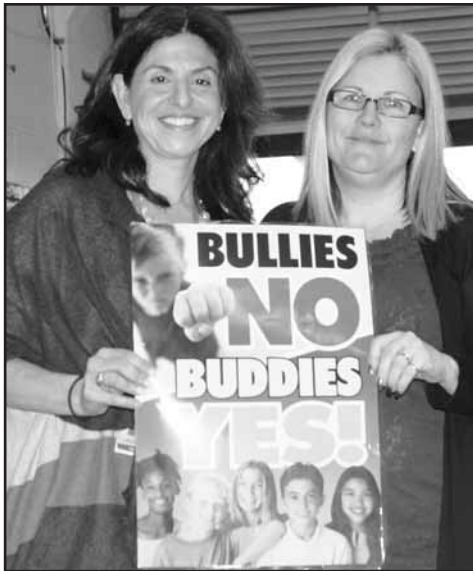
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Bullies No, Buddies Yes!

Alleghany Avenue Elementary School social worker Florri Krefsky led a workshop that educated teachers on how to recognize bullying. "It is not just the tall, physical boy that bullies," explained Ms. Krefsky. "It could be any of your students." The workshop discussed the difference between telling and tattling and how bullying is a learned behavior.

Ms. Krefsky explained that there are students who are afraid to go to school because they fear they will be bullied. Teachers and administrators in Lindenhurst are working together to create an environment in the schools where all children feel socially and emotionally able to learn. Schools can form a Bully Intervention Team, or a BIT, to help prevent incidents. Team members may include students, teachers, administrators, aides, psychologist, guidance counselors and social workers.



Alleghany Avenue social worker Florri Krefsky (left) with teacher Deb Spinazzola (right) at Teaching Bullying to Teachers Workshop.

Anti-Bullying Tips:

- Minimize Exclusion
- Establish Rules
- Create Guidelines
- Conduct Class Meetings

Albany Suffolk Readers



Congratulations to the Albany Avenue Elementary school students who won the Suffolk County Reader Awards. They are shown here holding their certificates with Principal Linda Domanico (left).

District Award Winners: Alleghany Avenue Fourth Grader

Congratulations to Kacper Domanski from Jennifer Ramon's fourth-grade class at Alleghany Avenue Elementary School. Kacper won first place in Covanta Energy's Fifth Annual Recycling Poster Contest. He was honored at a ceremony where he received a trophy for his artwork. Alleghany will also receive a \$500 gift card for having a first-place winner. "We are very proud of Kacper," said Mrs. Ramon.

Daniel Street First Grader

Congratulations to Daniel Street Elementary School first grader Paige Lister for winning first place for prose in the Suffolk County Reading Honor School Writing Contest. Paige read her winning prose at a special dinner event.

The winning selection was written after a workshop lesson entitled "Writing Off an Object or Memory." The class began the lesson by reading *Something Beautiful* by Sharon Dennis Wyeth. "I am so proud of Paige!" exclaimed her teacher, Erica Bohrer.



Daniel first grader Paige Lister (left) and teacher Erica Bohrer (right).

William Rall Second Grader

William Rall Elementary School second grader Julia Messina was awarded a special certificate from teacher Elizabeth Gallagher for her good citizenship, academic and behavior. "This is an award I give to one student each year that has excelled academically and has shown exceptional character," said Ms. Gallagher.



Julia Messina (center) with her proud father and mother.

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Board of Education Installs Officers



Julie Bartolomeo (left) was installed as the newest trustee of the Lindenhurst Board of Education.

The Board of Education reinstalled its officers for the 2011-2012 school year during the July Board of Education organizational meeting. Also at the meeting, Edward J. Murphy Jr, was re-elected as President and Donna Hochman was re-elected as Vice President. Also sworn in was the newly-elected trustee, Julie Bartolomeo. Valerie McKenna was sworn in at a previous meeting, also as a new trustee.



(L-R) Board President Edward J. Murphy, Julie Bartolomeo, Valerie McKenna and Board Vice President Donna Hochman.

Dedicated Administrators, Staff and Students Receive Recognition



LHS Peer Leaders with teacher Rick Caravaggio and Board of Education trustee Edward Langone.



West Gates Principal Lisa Omeis won a Pride of Lindenhurst Award.

Every year at the June Board of Education Community Forum special awards are presented to deserving students, faculty and administrators in honor of their service to the Lindenhurst School District.

Congratulations to Lindenhurst School District's Assistant Superintendent for Business, Jacqueline Scio, who received this year's Harvard Award for her dedication and commitment to the district. Board of Education trustee Robert Spero received the Yale Award for his 15 years of dedication to the Board of Education. The Pride of Lindenhurst Awards went to West Gates Principal Lisa Omeis, the Lindenhurst High School Peer Leaders, and the E.W. Bower Parent-Teacher Association.

The following administrators and staff also received certificates for their 20-plus years of service to the district:

- 30 years – Andrea D'Agostino**
- 25 years – Victor Bonsignore, Stanley D'Andrea, Jr., Karen Mayer, Donna O'Boyle, Jeff Robb, Gloria Tota and Marguerite Veseli;**
- 20 years – Jennie Cobb, Roy Galbraith, Joan Ingino, Joseph Lupo, Karen Medina and Glenn Sieber.**



The E.W. Bower PTA received a community Pride of Lindenhurst Award.

EMPIRE GAMES AWARD CEREMONY HONORS ATHLETES

Student-athletes from throughout the Lindenhurst School District were honored at a special awards ceremony for Lindenhurst's participation in the Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged.

The ceremony honored those athletes who participated in the games, as well as their buddies who helped them train and prepare for the games. Student-athletes were recognized individually and given well-deserved medals and ribbons. The ceremony also thanked the community and donors for their continued support of the Empire State Games.

True "Lindy Pride" was shown throughout the ceremony and the games, said Dr. Hans Sebald, this year's coordinator. "It was truly special for the students," he added. "Thank you to the committee, all the physical education teachers, special education teachers and classroom aides who contributed to the event's success."



Elementary school student participants at the Special Games awards ceremony.



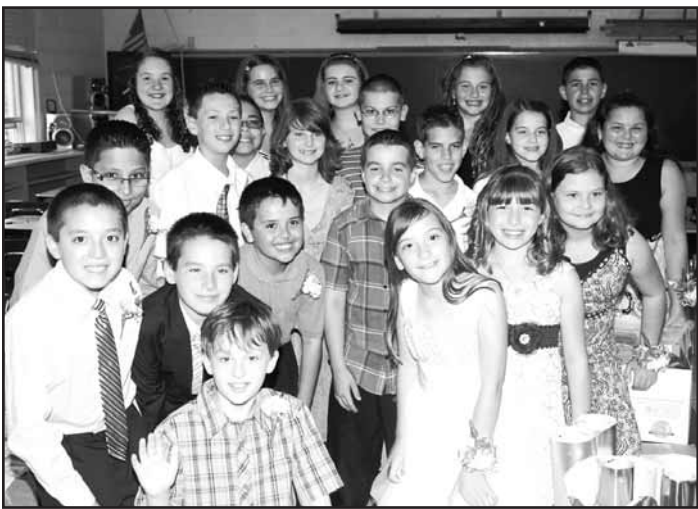
Lindenhurst School District's buddies at the Special Games awards ceremony



Lindenhurst High School student participants at the awards ceremony.

Fifth Grade

Edward W. Bower



Moving Up a Forward to M

During the middle of June elementary schools held its During each of the celebra on their accomplishments and looked ahead to their school students.

Superintendent Richard students and faculty at all s ceremonies. He congratula told a personal story of his experience. He also shared the roles of parents and te

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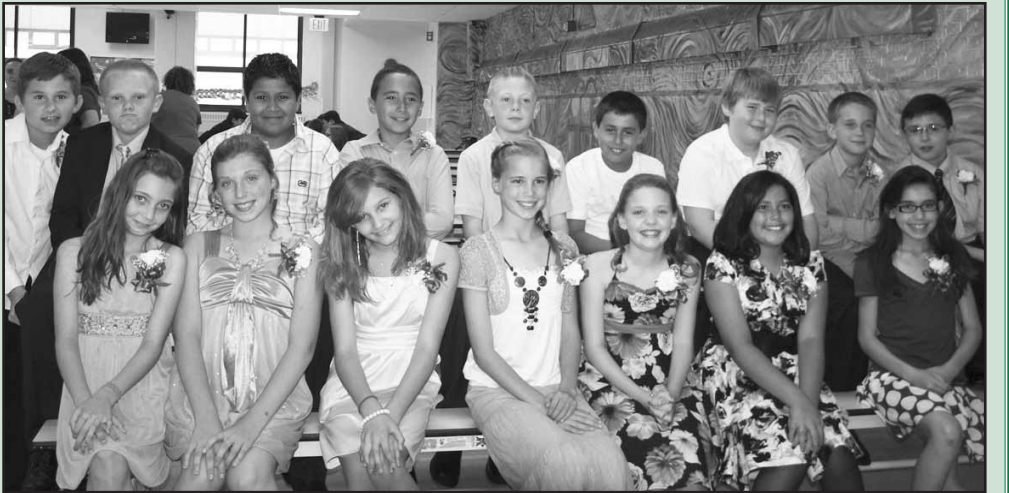
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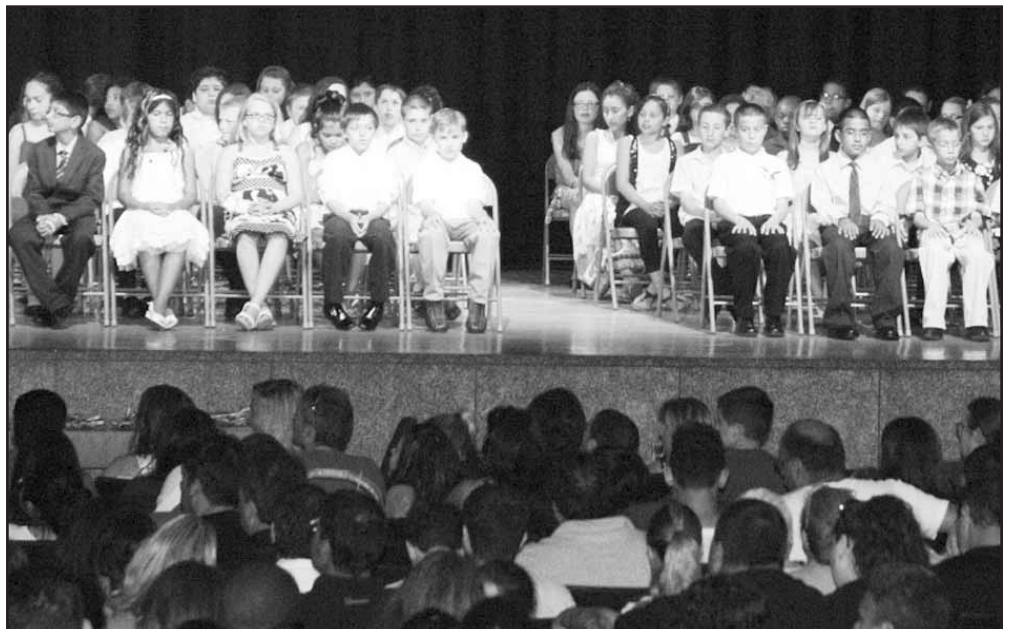
West Gates



Harding Avenue



William Rall



Awards Ceremony Honors Class of 2011 Seniors



Presidential Award winners from the senior awards ceremony.

The 2011 Senior Awards Ceremony, held in the Lindenhurst High School auditorium, honored more than 200 students with various citations, honors, and scholarships. The testimonials recognized excellence and achievement by Lindenhurst High School seniors.

Awards were given for accomplishments in subject areas such as math, science, foreign language and music. In addition, students with exceptional service to the community and overall educational excellence were recognized.

"Congratulations to all the honorees!" exclaimed Principal Daniel E. Giordano. "We had an exceptional group this year."



NASA Educator Speaks

Annie Caraccio, a chemical engineer at NASA, spoke with Lindenhurst High School students in Tracey Miller's earth science classes about careers in engineering.

Ms. Caraccio graduated from Manhattanville College in the Bronx and has since been working for NASA. "She really 'wowed' the students when talking about her cool job," said Ms. Miller. "Some students are re-thinking career choices."



Annie Caraccio (center) enjoyed speaking with ninth graders about careers in engineering

Ashley Copertino Receives AAA Driver Education Award

Lindenhurst High School junior Ashley Copertino has been awarded AAA's Driver Education Award as the outstanding student in the Driver Education course.

Ashley was selected on the basis of her driving skills, knowledge of the rules of the road, and a mature attitude and approach to driving.

Ashley was presented with a personalized plaque and a gift certificate for a defensive driving class. Congratulations, Ashley!



Ashley Copertino (center) with Principal Daniel E. Giordano (left) and teacher Frank Devenuto (right).

Tri-M Music Honor Society Inducts Ten

The Lindenhurst High School Tri-M Music Honor Society recently inducted ten new members at the annual ceremony and recital held in the cafeteria. Tri-M – which stands for Modern Music Masters – is an organization which admits music students from grades 9-12 who exhibit high musical and academic achievement. Candidates are selected based on scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Tri-M inductees were: Michael Brinzer, Melissa Castiglione, Kaitlyn Clifford, Anna Domagala, Abigail Gillam, Luke Konopka, Sara Masiello, Allison Perna, Tara Schinasi and Olivia Sztanga. Each new member was presented with a pin and a letter of congratulations. Current members performed various musical selections. A reception for members and their families concluded the celebration.

"We are fortunate to have dedicated and talented students at LHS," said Elyse Gellert, Director of the Lindenhurst High School Orchestra. "The wonderful part of Tri-M is that students from each performing group - band, chorus and orchestra - can unite and share their love for music."



Musicians play at the Tri-M Music Induction.



The newest members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society with teacher and advisor Ms. Gellert and Coordinator of Fine and Performing Arts Rose Marvel.

STUDENTS RAISE MONEY FOR POLICE OFFICER

Lindenhurst High School students in Rich Weeks' fifth period German class raised \$1,170 for Police Officer Geoffery Breitkopf, who lost his life in a tragic accident in the line of duty. The money will be used towards the college education of the officer's two children, Connor, age 6, and Owen, age 3. "The students did a tremendous job in raising the money," said Mr. Weeks.

Rich Weeks' fifth period German class display a large check symbolizing the money they raised.



Breakfast Honors Students with *Honesty, Integrity and Pride*

The Lindenhurst Middle School honored students who have displayed honesty, integrity and pride at a special HIP Breakfast. The annual breakfast recognizes students for their exceptional attitude, cooperation, tolerance, respect and honesty. Principal Frank Naccarato said, "We are proud of your achievements. Keep up the good work."



Middle school seventh graders enjoyed the HIP breakfast.

June's Champions Service with *Pride*

June's Breakfast for Champions honored those students who gave a special effort in the areas of service. This special group served the school as runners, made announcements, and hold officer positions in the honor society or student council. "These students are a true example of what Lindy Pride is all about," exclaimed Principal Frank Naccarato.

Lindenhurst Middle School continues to honor those students with a Breakfast for Champions at the Lindencrest Diner. Each month through the school year, select students are recognized for their excellent achievements in and out of the classroom. The breakfast included parents, teachers and administrators. This month's special guest sponsor was Rocco Muratore, Vice President of Mutual, Inc, a financial planning company.

Congratulations to June's Champions: Gabi Barone, Elizabeth Byron, Krystina Carezza, Kelly Dietz, Emily Fitzgibbon, Sarah Freisem, Adorra Gay, Jonathan Gonzalez, Andrew Grais, Gabrielle Hazelton, Hanna Hess, Heather Lindemann, Marissa Manno, Megan Martino, Elizabeth McAlvin, Sabrina Morelli, Jaclyn Perna, Erin Ramirez, Maria Roman and Kelly Triolo.



June's Breakfast for Champions winners.

Lindenhurst Middle School Teachers Dance Up a Storm

The premiere "star-studded faculty" event of Lindenhurst Middle School's "Dancing with the Teachers" was a huge success. Modeled after ABC television's "Dancing with the Stars," eight teachers, Seth Bobrow, Ray Boffardi, Nancy Bracht, Brian Cohen, Jenn Cooke, Frank LoCasio, Theresa Marine and Tina Savastano, were partnered with four professional dancers from the Arthur Murray Dance Studio, for an enjoyable evening of unique dances and music.

There were also performances by the Lindenhurst High School's Songbirds and the Dance Ensemble. The evening's emcees, administrator Lenny DiBiase and teacher John Hmelovsky, added a comedy portion to the show, dressed in immaculate costumes.

The evening's judges were social worker Tom Dolise, guidance counselor Tara Harris and math teacher Jessica Duryee. There were valuable raffle prizes to help raise money for other middle school events. Thank you to the faculty, staff, students and parents who contributed to make the first "Dancing with the Teachers" a success.



Lindenhurst Middle School teachers and dancers at Dancing with the Teachers.



Jenn Cooke answers questions from emcee Lenny DiBiase.



Nancy Bracht performs in Dancing with the Teachers.

Now, That's an Italian Festival!

Francesco Illardi from Pizza Poet on Sunrise Highway visited Rosanne Giugliano's Family and Consumer Science Club at Lindenhurst Middle School for a special Italian food-making demonstration. In addition to discussing his background and how he got into the Italian food business, Mr. Illardi showed students and staff how to make specialty items such as zeppoles and cannolis. In addition, a musician from Puglia's restaurant in Manhattan entertained students and staff with his accordion.

"More than 65 students enjoyed making their own food and receiving recipes to make at home," said Ms. Giugliano. She added, "Everyone loved when the musician played 'That's Amore.'"



Lindenhurst Middle School students enjoyed an Italian festival.



Rose Giugliano discusses with students how to roll meatballs.

Learning About *The Diary of Anne Frank*

Lindenhurst Middle School students in Dina Hughes' English classes enjoyed special lessons on the story of Anne Frank. Many of her eighth-grade classes acted out various scenes and participated in making the scenery. "I believe acting out the scenes has given students a greater understanding and appreciation for the book and theater arts," said Mrs. Hughes. "Anne was similar in age to many of the Lindenhurst students," she added.

The reenactment of the play of "The Diary of Anne Frank" was a powerful dramatization of the events described by Anne Frank in her diary. Ms. Hughes students turned a door into a bookcase to symbolize the entrance to the annex where Anne and her family lived for more than two years. Anne was represented as a spirited teenager during a tough period.



Lindenhurst Middle School English teacher Dina Hughes enjoyed the reenactment of "The Diary of Anne Frank" with her classes.

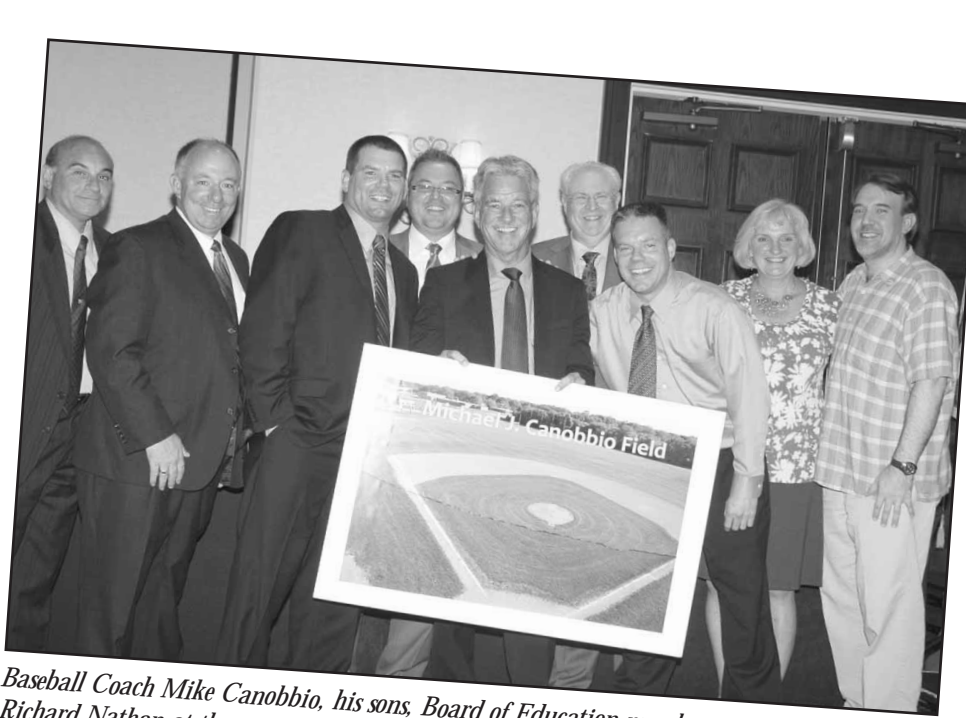


Top Athletes Honored at Athletic Awards

The Varsity Awards Banquet was held to honor top athletes at Lindenhurst High School. Coordinated by the Varsity Club and the Lindenhurst School District's athletic department, the evening serves to recognize the dedication of Lindenhurst athletes and the many programs in which they participate. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening, entertaining all, was Lindenhurst High School baseball guru Michael Canobbio.

The banquet began with the grand procession of the Most Valuable Players for each team. Outstanding athletes were chosen for the Lindenhurst Hall of Fame. Individual awards were presented to athletes and coaches throughout the evening.

"The evening celebrated the accomplishments of the student-athletes and coaches throughout the school year," explained Anthony V. Amesti, the Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health. "In addition, we renamed the middle school field for a well-deserving member of the Lindenhurst athletic community – one who is a remarkable person for having achieved 500 career victories – Michael Canobbio."



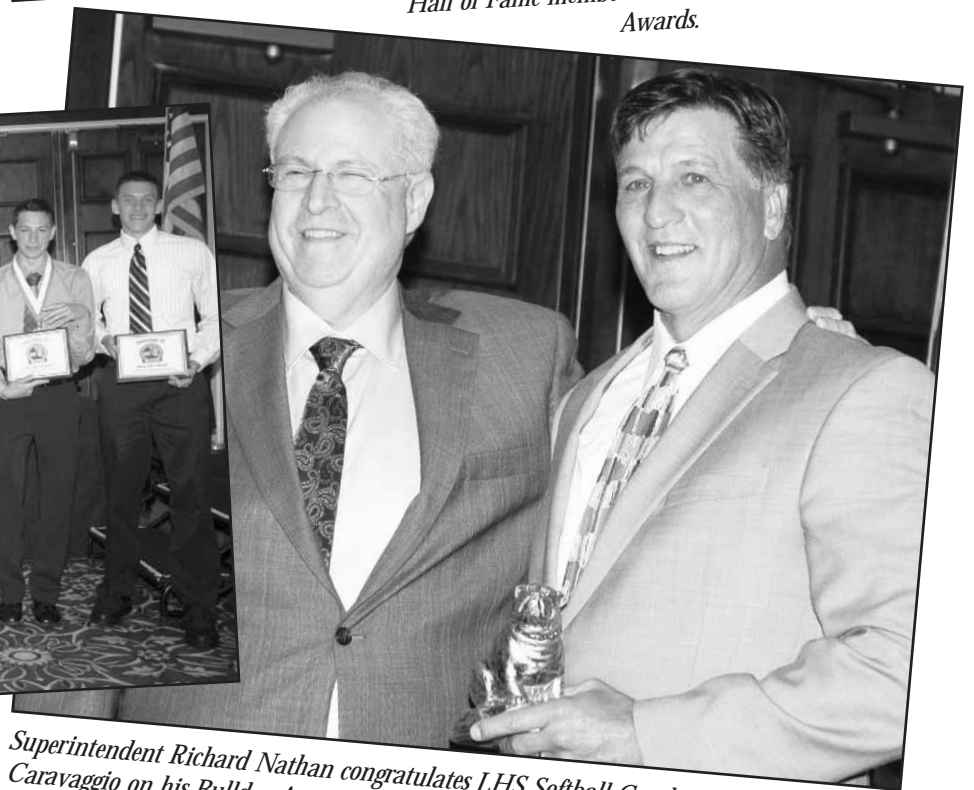
Baseball Coach Mike Canobbio, his sons, Board of Education members and Superintendent Richard Nathan at the announcement of the renaming of the middle school field.



Hall of Fame members at the Varsity Athletic Awards.



Key Club members at awards ceremony.



Superintendent Richard Nathan congratulates LHS Softball Coach Rick Caravaggio on his Bulldog Award.

Spring 2011 Team Scholar-Athlete

Congratulations to the Lindenhurst High School Athletes Who Perform Well in the Classroom

BOYS BADMINTON

Coach: Charles Brostowski

Team Composite Grade Average: 93.115

GIRLS BADMINTON

Coach: Charles Brostowski

Team Composite Grade Average: 92.349

BASEBALL

Coach: Mike Canobbio

Team Composite Grade Average: 90.135

BOYS LACROSSE

Coach: Tom McCandless

Team Composite Grade Average: 90.123

GIRLS LACROSSE

Coach: Tom Carro

Team Composite Grade Average: 92.549

SOFTBALL

Coach: Rick Caravaggio

Team Composite Grade Average: 90.970

BOYS TENNIS

Coach: Debi Bonanduci

Team Composite Grade Average: 91.836

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Coach: George Smawley

Team Composite Grade Average: 92.838

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Coach: Steve Gosline

Team Composite Grade Average: 95.059