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International Baccalaureate celebrating two decades at LHS

20 years of excellence

IB program gives students a head start in college and career

Linden High School is celebrating its 20th year as part of the prestigious International Baccalaureate program, an open-enrollment course of study that prepares students for college and



life after graduation with rigorous classwork alongside community service. IB is open to all juniors and seniors and

allows students to earn up to a semester's worth of credits toward college at no cost upon completion. Students can select classes from six course groups:

English, World Languages, History, Science, Math, and Art. All of the IB classes are free to students, unlike in some

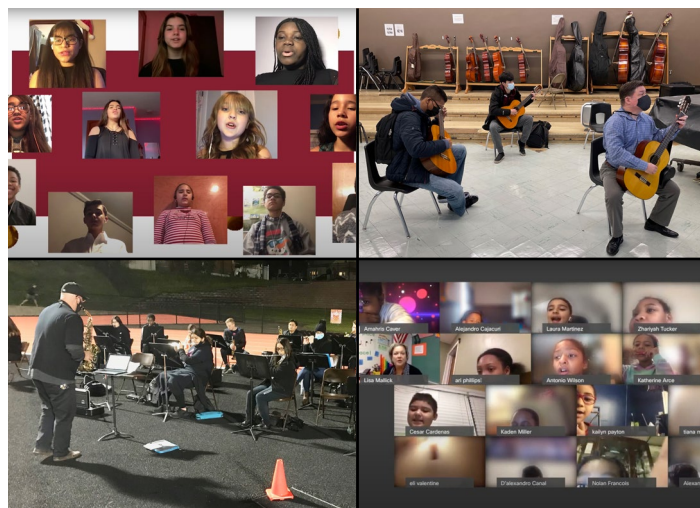


Linden High School Principal Yelena Horr , Director of Science Michael Walters, and Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton hold a sign that was hung at LHS celebrating the school's ties with the prestigious International Baccalaureate program.

other districts that pass testing fees on to students. That level of accessibility is something that makes IB special at

Linden High, said IB coordinator Anthony Fischetti. [Click here for more info, photos, and videos.](#)

Even virtual, Linden again among best in music education



Linden Public Schools have been named among the Best Communities for Music Education in America for the seventh year in a row. Linden is one of about 685 districts across the country to be chosen for the prestigious honor for 2021. The NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants) has recognized the district for its outstanding commitment to music education. Linden is one of just 41 districts in New Jersey and four in Union County to be selected. "This honor is a testament of how valuable the arts are in Linden," said Matthew Lorenzetti, supervisor of fine and performing arts. "We have a staff of music teachers that would do anything for their students. This has been extremely evident this past year." [Click here to read more.](#)



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Thanks again to our Staff Members of the Year



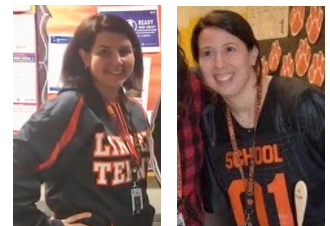
Our Teacher of the Year and Education Service Professionals of the Year were honored at our March Board of Education meeting with a special tribute video. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

Our VPs are VIPs!

The week of April 5 though 9 was Assistant Principals Week. Thank you to all of our VPs for everything you do for our students and staff!



Wonderful Hard-working
Understanding flexible patient
Caring Agreeable GREAT!
personable Energizer FUN!
Flexible Assistant warm
Kind - hearted Principal KIND
respectful Dependable
Multi-tasker Professional Dynamic
talented Listener NO-NONSENSE
Encouraging determined
Awesome hilarious BOSS
Dedicated constantly moving
Compassionate quick
Supportive



Key dates to remember

May 4Elementary
schools third
trimester
interim date**May 12**Secondary
schools
fourth mark-
ing period
interim date**May 25**Board of
Education
work session**May 27**Linden High
School
Senior Prom**May 27**Board of
Education
regular
meeting

Talent show remains Soehl Strong



If you weren't able to watch the "Soehl's Got Talent" virtual talent show on April 22, here's your chance. Many Soehl Middle School students submitted videos for an exciting lineup of talent. First place went to Natalia Prajzner singing "Skinny Love" by Birdy and playing the guitar. The second-place winner was Marcelina Domaradzka singing an original song and playing the ukelele. Third place went to Zion Pagan rapping to original lyrics. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

School No. 8 gives park a face lift for Earth Day

Fifth-graders at School No. 8 in Linden planted flowers to beautify a small park near the school for Earth Day. The project was sponsored by Linden City Councilman Barry Javick and the flowers were donated by The Home Depot in Linden. The students were also joined by their teachers, Angela Paternostro and Gianna Masters, Principal Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton, Mayor Derek Armstead, and Board of Education member Malaysia Thomas. [Click here to see more photos.](#)

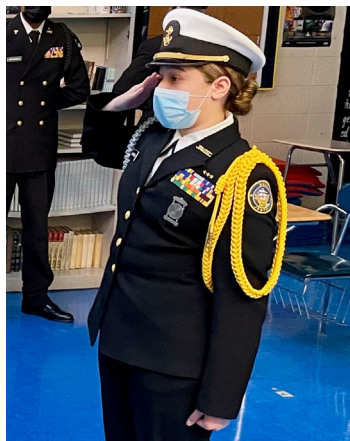


McManus turns Women's History into a night of fun



McManus Middle School celebrated Women's History Month with a virtual gathering to play Wheel of Women History Facts Game on March 23. Staff and students came together on Webex to answer questions and learn about some of the prominent women in history. The event also incorporated National Cereal Day by giving students bowls and boxes of cereal to enjoy while playing. The night was a Families and Schools Together (FAST) event sponsored by the Linden Education Association. [Click to see more photos.](#)

LHS scholar athlete chosen for statewide spotlight



Linden High School senior Annika Labrador was chosen as Scholar Athlete of the Week by News 12 New Jersey for the week of April 19. The station aired a feature story showing how Labrador excels in the classroom, on the soccer and volleyball teams, and in the community as executive officer of Linden High School NJROTC. She plans to attend the University of Delaware to study mechanical engineering. [Click here to watch.](#)



Special salutes to seniors



Swimming

The LHS swimming team held Senior Night after a successful 5-1 season that included an upset win over Union Catholic. [See more photos.](#)



Girls volleyball
The LHS girls volleyball team honored its seniors after an exciting 9-5 season that included a playoff win over Elizabeth. [See more photos.](#)



Wrestling

The LHS wrestling team honored its seniors with a very special outdoor match at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field. It was the first outdoor match in the program's history. [See more photos.](#)



Stellar bowler ends his Tigers career on top

Linden High School senior James Fitz was named to First Team All-Union County Conference and First Team All-Watchung Division for bowling. Fitz finished the

season with the highest average in Union County at 219. "I am so proud of James and everything he has done for the Linden bowling team," said Coach Cherie Pizzano.

