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Wall's third doubles player Jake Evans talked with his coach, Anthony Nardino, at a recent match. Mr. Nardino will be retiring from coaching and teaching at Wall at the end of this school year.

Tennis alumni invited back for tourney, dinner

Wall High school tennis program to host alumni event to honor retiring coach

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Former Wall High School tennis players will have one last chance to play for retiring coach Anthony Nardino in June.

The spring season might be coming to an end, but the program's booster club is hosting its first annual tennis alumni tournament and dinner at The Atlantic Club on June 16. All alumni of the program, which dates back to 1969, are invited to attend.

The event will be held in honor of Mr. Nardino, who has been coaching and teaching at Wall High School for the past 20 years.

"I know the two biggest things I'll miss the most are teaching in the classroom and coaching on the tennis

court," Mr. Nardino said of his upcoming retirement.

Mr. Nardino has taught both Latin and business classes at Wall High School, but could be found mostly in the Latin classroom for the past 15 years. If he's not in the classroom, he is on the tennis court.

Mr. Nardino has coached the boys varsity team for the past 20 years. He began coaching the girls junior varsity squad at the same time 20 years ago, and took over the reigns of the girls varsity team in 1998.

He coached both varsity squads until the current school year when the former junior varsity coach, Chris Doyle, stepped up to take the varsity girls coaching position in the fall.

"We were starting the transition," Mr. Nardino said. Mr. Doyle, a math teacher at the high school, has been his assistant coach for the past eight years and is expected to take over the boys varsity

team next year as well.

The tournament and dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 16 and will be held at The Atlantic Club in Wall. Alumni are invited to play in the tournament from 1 to 5 p.m. Courts will be available for tournament, skill competition and open play.

Alumni, their spouses, and parents are invited to join for dinner from 6 to 10 p.m., also at The Atlantic Club.

Those interested in attending must RSVP by June 1 to Fred Maier. Registration forms are available online at www.wall-tennis.com. The cost of a dinner ticket will include one drink, appetizers, entrees, and dessert. Dinner only costs \$50, tennis only costs \$40, and a ticket to play tennis and attend dinner will cost \$80.