



**Linn-Mar High School
Student and Parent
Announcements and Updates
September 8, 2020**



ANY NEW INFORMATION IS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW. ANY EXTRA EMPHASIS IS HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN.

Monday,	September 7	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday,	September 8	Professional Development Day – No Classes
	9:00 a.m.	V Boys Golf @ Marion (Gardner G.C.)
	5:30 p.m.	10 th /JV/V Volleyball vs. Iowa City Liberty (LM Main/Aux. Gym) **SENIOR NIGHT**
	6:00 p.m.	JV/V Girls Swimming and Diving @ Cedar Falls (Holmes J.H.)
Wednesday,	September 9	Professional Development Day – No Classes
	2:00 p.m.	9 th Boys Golf @ CR (Twin Pines G.C.)
	3:15 p.m.	JV Boys Golf @ CR (Gardner G.C.)
Thursday,	September 10	Professional Development Day – No Classes
	3:15 p.m.	V Boys Golf @ Dubuque (Dubuque Golf and Country Club)
	5:00 p.m.	9 th Volleyball @ CR Jefferson
	5:30 p.m.	10 th /JV/V Volleyball vs. CR Jefferson (LM Main/Aux. Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	9 th Football vs. Iowa City Liberty (LM Stadium)
Friday,	September 11	Professional Development Day – No Classes
	5:00 p.m.	10 th /V Football @ Iowa City Liberty
Saturday,	September 12	
	8:30 a.m.	10 th /JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Oak Ridge M.S.
	9:00 a.m.	JV Football @ Cedar Falls
	10:00 a.m.	V Volleyball L-M Invite (LM Main/Aux. Gym)

***Notes on the Calendar**

LMHS will be hosting Marion Volleyball and Marion Football games on our campus at this time. These events will not be listed here but you may encounter activities on campus during evenings and Saturdays that do not include any Linn-Mar athletic teams.

Future

- 9/14 The 9th Grade-Only 1st Day Group A on-site.
 - 9/15 The 9th Grade-Only 1st Day Group B on-site.
 - 9/16 1st Day of 1st Quarter/1st Semester Group A on-site.
 - 9/21 FIRE DRILL with Group 'B' 1:50 p.m.
 - 9/24 FIRE DRILL with Group 'A' 1:50 p.m.
 - 9/29 TORNADO DRILL (Info. only, no moving to locations) with Group 'B' 1:50 p.m.
 - 10/6 TORNADO DRILL (Info. only, no moving to locations) with Group 'A' 1:50 p.m.
- *If we have a real TORNADO WARNING we will go to locations and socially distance as possible in the shelter locations.

1.Pre-School Year:

What will online-only learning look like at LMHS?

For parents choosing the online-only option at LMHS, their student(s) will still be taking their current schedule of courses. They will simply be doing so online each day. We want students to be able to take all of the courses on their schedule. The 'A'/'B' hybrid schedule has been set up so that students in Group 'A' will be attending classes 'on-site' on 'A' days, while Group 'B' students will be attending the same classes using the same schedule 'online' on 'A' days. **Online-only students will simply be online for classes each day rather than 'on-site' every other day.** Students signing up for 'online-only' will stay in this for the 1st Quarter. Should the Hybrid schedule be extended, then a change may be made prior to starting the new term.

What will on-site learning look like at LMHS?

On designated 'A' days, students in Group 'A' (Last names A-K) will report to classes at school while students in Group 'B' will join class online. On designated 'B' days, students in Group 'B' (Last names L-Z) will report to classes at school while students in Group 'A' will join class online.

For both on-site and online, we will be using the *LMHS Hybrid Daily Schedule for 1st Quarter 2020-21*.

Non-Class Campus Release:

One additional precaution we are implementing at this time in an effort to minimize the number of students within the building at any one time is to allow, with parent permission only, all students 9th-12th to go home during any non-class time (e.g. Learning Center, Lunch, Study Table). The intention of doing this is so students would just be on campus for their classes during the pandemic. The form for granting parental permission for non-class campus release during the LMHS 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule is attached today. This form must be signed by both parent and student (unless student is 18 years of age) before a student may leave using non-class campus release. **Again, this is for all grade levels (9th-12th) ONLY while the LMHS 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule is being used. Non-Class Campus Release will no longer exist when we return to the Regular Daily Schedule. Non-Class Campus Release Forms may be turned in to respective grade-level offices at any time during building office hours (7:30-3:30 p.m.).**

What are the precautions and changes that are currently being made for in-class schooling? We have utilized *Linn County Public Health COVID-19 Guidance Return to School (K-12) July 2020* in addressing needed precautions and changes to all learning spaces and common areas within LMHS.

- A. **Facemasks are required for everyone when in either Linn-Mar High School, LRC, Aquatic Center, or LM Stadium.** All students will receive a facemask. No one will be allowed to enter LMHS without a facemask, which must also be worn while in the building. This includes any spectator events which may take place on campus during 1st Quarter.
- B. **Restricting building entry and minimizing unstructured time before school** for when students are in the building. This will include restrictions for when students may enter the building prior to the school day. **Doors will open at 8:25 a.m. unless for Zero Period Class (Marching Band) or pre-scheduled meetings/practices/workouts/teacher study sessions. Students will be required to report directly to their 1st Period/1st Block classroom upon arrival in the building** unless for a pre-scheduled meeting/practice/workout/study session with a teacher.
- D. **Minimizing any 'communal' spaces within the building**, including the removal of furniture and specific seating designations in all 'commons' areas. The phrase we are using during set up of the 'commons' areas is 'one per'. **One student per table, bench, desk, etc. in all 'commons' areas.** We have completed setting up the 'commons' areas in the building. All tables are 6' apart and all cushioned furniture has been removed as have excess chairs. **During the pandemic, all 'commons' area furniture must stay as it is currently arranged.** To give an idea of the change, our total seating capacity for the seven 'commons' areas and Food Court is now 275. This is down from approximately 850 spaces during a non-pandemic time. We will also be closing off the circle drive near doors #10 and #13 during the day so that students may sit outside including during lunch.
- E. **Classroom seating has** changed so that all students will be facing the same way with a 6' distance from other students. We have established a 6' COVID-capacity for each classroom and will move some sections as needed to rooms that can accommodate a higher number of students while maintaining a 6' distance with all student desks. No classroom will be allowed to exceed the 'COVID-capacity'. Thus, any section over the COVID-capacity will be moved to another classroom.
- F. **Passing time protocols** between classes which limits interaction between students by directing movement. Directional arrows and signage have been placed on hallway floors and in hallways to help students navigate during pandemic passing time. We have a few 'one-way' areas designated during passing times which include the Four Corners area, Math rooms B003-007 area, stairs near door #16 (down only), stairs near door #14 (up only). We have attached current building maps today so that students and parents can view the changes. Again, these changes are temporary during the pandemic. Use this link to view one of our video on 'Passing Time'.

<https://youtu.be/pd7D83jAasw>

- G. **Breakfast and Lunch procedures will not have buffet-style serving** of any food and all seating is 6' apart. Students will sit one student per table or booth in any commons area in the building for either lunch or studying.
- H. **Cleaning** of desks, tables, machinery, and **common areas or items** will take place **after each use**. The district **has provided** wipes and other cleaning solutions to help clean and maintain each piece of furniture after each use, including in the 'commons' areas.
- I. Only the bottle-fill portion (we have 9 of these) of water fountains will be available for use. The communal fountains have all been covered at this time.

Can I participate in extra-curricular activities if I am signed up for the 'online-only'?

Yes. Students may still participate in extra-curricular activities, including for credit Marching Band, if they are signed up for 'online-only' during the LMHS 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule.

How will social distancing be maintained in classrooms?

We are assigning each classroom in the building a 'COVID capacity' that allows for 6' between each student desk or table in the room. (e.g. room B004 has a 'COVID capacity' of 16, room E137C has a 'COVID capacity' of 24, room C114 has a 'COVID capacity' of 12). If the number of students in an 'A' or 'B' section is above the COVID capacity, then we will move the section to an available classroom with a higher 'COVID capacity'.

REPORTING OF COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESS, POSSIBLE EXPOSURE OR AN EXPOSURE:

With the size of our student body and in hearing the numbers of students in quarantine at any one time so far at schools that have already started the school year we anticipate that receiving information from parents, communication, and contract tracing with the district office and LCPH will be a much larger task than our regular attendance process and follow-up. The following is to help parents and students understand what is needed for communication from parents if your student has COVID-related symptoms, has 'close contact' (within 6' of individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes) with someone who has symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19, or themselves tests positive for COVID-19. We have tried to state the steps to be taken by parents as simply as possible. If you are interested, a link to the district flowchart for student COVID-related symptoms is at the end of this section. Should you ever have questions regarding what to do if any of the following occur, do not hesitate to contact our LMHS Health Office (447-3080) or Principal Jeff Gustason (447-3041).

What if my student is not feeling well and has symptoms of COVID-19?

1. My student has the following symptoms: Chills, Fever, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Sore Throat, Muscle Pain, Cough, New Loss of Taste or Smell.
2. **KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME.**
3. Call your healthcare provider for guidance.
4. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us or abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us).

What is the protocol if my student is exposed to someone with symptoms who is waiting for test results?

1. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us or abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us) to report a possible exposure. The School Nurse and Principal will work with family and Linn County Public Health (LCPH) to determine if there is a school exposure.
2. If no symptoms, continue as normal with social distancing and face masks.
3. If a positive case is confirmed the School Nurse and Principal will:
 - A. Notify Linn County Public Health (LCPH).
 - B. Identify close contacts and quarantine exposed students and staff.
 - C. Notify appropriate individuals without identifying the COVID-19 case.
 - D. LCPH will: Recommend quarantine for 14 days for all household contacts from the last time with individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and work with school to determine which students and staff should be quarantined.

What if my student lives with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and cannot avoid close contact?

1. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us or abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us). They will work with LCPH to determine length of self-quarantine.
2. **Self-quarantine at home.**

What if my student has tested positive for COVID-19?

1. Call the Health Office (447-3080) or the Main Office (447-3041) to report your student has tested positive for COVID-19.
2. Your student will self-isolate for 10 days from the positive result or when symptoms first started, are fever free without medication for 24 hours, and no longer have symptoms.
3. School Nurse and Principal will:
 - a. Notify Linn County Public Health (LCPH).
 - b. Identify close contacts and quarantine exposed students and staff.
 - c. Notify appropriate individuals without identifying the COVID-19 case.
 - d. LCPH will: Recommend quarantine for 14 days for all household contacts from the last time with individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and work with school to determine which students and staff should be quarantined.

What happens if my student is in the same class with a student or staff member who is waiting for test results or tests positive for COVID-19?

1. The School Nurse and Principal will work with LCPH to determine if 'close contact' has occurred with any students or staff.
2. If no 'close contact' is determined to have occurred, then your student will be able to continue attending school.
3. If 'close contact' is determined to have occurred [within 6' of individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes] your student will need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last contact with the person who has COVID-19.

How will this be communicated?

1. We will be working with district officials to communicate with any individuals determined to have 'close contact' via phone and email with a follow-up letter.

What is 'Close Contact' and how can I limit this? This is being within 6' of an individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes. If you work to have no 'direct' contact nor 'close' contact with individuals and wear a face mask then you are greatly minimizing your chances of transmission.

The link to the flowchart to be used by all buildings is included here for those interested:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RCsd8XbQNC0WEOFCWUGlrBfCyMMOcvKw/view>

B. E-Registration for the 2020-21 School Year

The e-Registration portal is open. Please make sure to enter the portal to register all of your students.

C. Student Pictures

Student pictures for grades 9th, 10th and 11th have been postponed until the spring of 2021.

D. Student Computer Distribution Prior to School Year.

Students in 10th-12th Grades still needing to pick up computers may stop in the LMHS Library between **1:00-4:00 p.m. through September 11** to pick up their school-issued computer.

Change Made For 9th Grade 'online-only' computer pickup: Will now be on September 14 all 9th Grade 'online-only' students.

All 9th Grade students taking 1st Quarter 'online only' will now pick up school-issued computers, school IDs, and course materials on **Monday, September 14, from 9:00-12:00 p.m.** This change has been made so that 9th Grade 'online-only' students may participate online as able in the 9th Grade-only 1st Day on September 15th. We also plan to have a photographer take individual photos for the 9th Grade class picture. This will take place at the **LM Stadium** entrance. Again, this will take place on September 14 (A-Z) for 'online-only' 9th Grade students.

Course Material Distribution for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grades students taking 'online-only' for 1st Quarter:

Course materials for 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grades students taking 'online-only' for 1st Quarter will take place on **Tuesday, September 15, and Wednesday, September 16, from 4:15-5:30 p.m. in the Pride Rock Commons.** Students will also be able to pick up their student ID at this time. 9th Grade students taking 'online-only' will also pick up course materials when getting school-issued computers on September 14 at the LM Stadium entrance.

E. Student Medications/Health Office Needs

Students who take prescribed medication at school must have written authorization on file in the Health Office. Non-prescribed medications will be given with parent approval. Students are not allowed to carry any medications unless physician and health office approved. Contact the Health Office (447-3080) for questions.

Medication Drop-Off:

Health services is offering a curbside medication drop off day on Friday, September 11, from 7:30-3:30 p.m. Parents are asked to drive up and drop off medications, including insulin and epi-pens, to the nurse outside of Door #3 (North entrance). Medication permission forms will available. If you need an alternate day, please call health services at 447-3080 to arrange another time.

REMINDER: Per Iowa immunization law, all 12th grade students are required to provide proof of having the Meningococcal vaccine *after age 16*, or a Certificate of Exemption, before the first day of school in August.

F. Teacher/Staff Pre-School Workdays

Teachers are now in professional learning sessions/workshops and preparation through Friday, September 11.

2. 9th Grade First Day of High School

With the change to 'A' and 'B' hybrid schooling for 1st Quarter, **9th Grade-only first day will actually be two days this year.** 9th Grade students in group 'A' (Last names A-K) will have school on **Monday, September 14**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. 9th Grade students in group 'B' (Last names L-Z) will have school on **Tuesday, September 15**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. 9th Grade students will receive their school-issued computers on their first day of high school. Each day will go from 9:00-3:55 p.m.

9th Grade-only 1st Days (September 14 and September 15)

8:25 a.m.	Doors open – Students will report to Homerooms (these will be in multiple rooms)
9:00 a.m.	Homeroom
10:00 a.m.	1 st Period/1 st Block
10:30 a.m.	2 nd Period/1 st Block
11:00 a.m.	3 rd Period/2 nd Block
11:30 a.m.	4 th Period/2 nd Block
12:00 p.m.	Homeroom/Lunch
2:00 p.m.	5 th Period/3 rd Block
2:30 p.m.	6 th Period/3 rd Block
3:00 p.m.	7 th Period/4 th Block
3:30 p.m.	8 th Period/4 th Block

The 9th Grade-only 1st Day Schedule is unique to September 14 and 15 as it includes two Homeroom segments during the day. We will help all 9th Grade students find Homeroom when they arrive as well as their classes during the day. We have different activities and topics scheduled to help 9th Grade students have a successful start to high school during the Homeroom and class times. **9th Grade students with non-class campus release will NOT leave the building during 9th Grade-only first day.**

A short, informational video on 9th Grade-only 1st Day is being completed and the link will be sent when the video is ready. The intention is to help 9th Grade students know what to do when arriving for 9th Grade-only 1st Day.

Change Made For 9th Grade 'online-only' computer pickup: Will now be on September 14 all 9th Grade 'online-only' students.

All 9th Grade students taking 1st Quarter 'online only' will now pick up school-issued computers, school IDs, and course materials on **Monday, September 14, from 9:00-12:00 p.m.** This change has been made so that 9th Grade 'online-only' students may participate online as able in the 9th Grade-only 1st Day on September 15th. We also plan to have a photographer take individual photos for the 9th Grade class picture. This will take place at the **LM Stadium** entrance. Again, this will take place on September 14 (A-Z) for 'online-only' 9th Grade students.

We are also planning to have a **Q & A Zoom session for 9th Grade parents on Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m.** The link for the session is below and will also be sent to 9th Grade parents on Thursday. This is entirely optional, but we do want 9th Grade parents to have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have to Principal Jeff Gustason, Associate Principal Kim Buelt, Student Dean Abbie Parker, and a school counselor before the school year begins the next week. **We do plan to record the session for those unable to make it.**

Join 9th Grade Parent Q & A Zoom Meeting on Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m.

<https://linmar-k12-ia-us.zoom.us/j/88062603875?pwd=Q3g3QjJFRVkyUlpzVjVhT080aGRmUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 6260 3875

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Here is a link to a video of a building tour aimed primarily for 9th Grade students since you will not get to tour the building prior to September 14. It was created before the derecho and we apologize that it is difficult to hear a few times.

<https://youtu.be/TNxFznsvTZo>

3. First Day of High School with 9th-12th Grades

The first day of high school for 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades will be **Wednesday, September 16**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Group 'A' students (Last names A-K) will be meeting in classes on-site while Group 'B' students (Last names L-Z) will be logging on remotely for classes. The schedule for on-site and remote students is the same and is planned to be released in the next week. As stated earlier, 9th Grade students will be having on-site 1st days on Monday, September 14 (Group 'A'), and Tuesday, September 15 (Group 'B').

4. Parking

A reminder that while the LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule is being used all student drivers are eligible for a parking tag. All vehicles parking on campus **must be registered and have a LMHS Parking Tag at all times during any school day (9:00-4:00 p.m.)**. During the LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule, there is no cost for a parking tag.

Students may return LMHS Parking Tag forms and pick up a parking tag in the **South Commons from 9:00-2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until school starts**. Parking tags will also be available in the 11th-12th Grades Office beginning on September 16. Please know that vehicles not registered and without a parking tag will still receive a \$25.00 fine for parking on campus.

When we return to the Regular Daily Schedule with all students reporting for classes on-site, the parking lottery for 10th Grade drivers will take place. Any 10th Grade student who is 'online-only' or will not have their school permit or license until later in 1st Quarter will then be able to participate in the parking lottery.

9th Grade students will no longer be able to park on campus when we return to the Regular Daily Schedule. We still anticipate all 11th and 12th Grades students who are driving to school and request a parking tag receiving one when we return to the LMHS Regular Daily Schedule. A prorated Parking Tag fee will be applied at this time.
Can students signed up for 'online only' receive a parking tag?

Students taking classes during 1st Quarter (or for as long as we are using the LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule) will **not** be issued parking tags until prior to starting the LMHS Regular Daily Schedule.

For 10th Grade students, the parking lottery will not be held until just before we return to the LMHS Regular Daily Schedule, so any 10th Grade student who is 'online-only' at this time will have the opportunity to enter the parking lottery before it may occur.

5. 1st Quarter

Specific Course Updates:

We do have a few courses that will be meeting online-only for a few teachers. These teachers will continue to teach the courses but will be doing so online. Students with non-class campus release permission may choose to take these courses online each day rather than on-site every other day. We will have an adult in the classroom to help supervise students who will be in the classroom during class. These 1st Quarter class sections that will be 'online only' are listed below:

Block 1	Speech (Room C110)	Period 1	Algebra 2A (Room B003)
Block 2	Speech (Room C110)	Period 3	Pre-Calculus (Room B003)
Block 3	Acting (Room C110)	Period 4	Algebra 2A (Room B003)
		Period 6	Algebra 2A (Room B003)
		Period 7	Geometry (Room B003)
		Period 8	Geometry (Room B003)

Zero Period Aquafit will now become Flex and Fit I and will be taught online.

(1st Block Flex and Fit or Fund. of Fitness for students who are Hybrid A 'online-only' will be in the same online section with other online only students.) Students not online-only in Flex and Fit or Fund. of Fitness will have no change to their schedule.

3rd Block Fund. of Fitness w/Mrs. Wood will be taught online.

We will ask these teachers to reach out to students in these courses as well.

It is quite possible, if not probable, that we will have teachers needing to teach online for a day or multiple days throughout the term. We will work to notify everyone of such situations. If a teacher informs a class section that they will be teaching online for a day or for a number of days, students with non-class campus release may be online for any day a teacher must teach online.

The number of sections still above COVID-capacity is now less than 10. If we need to move sections to larger classrooms with higher COVID-capacities we will inform everyone.

We also have one double-sized class so that we can serve the large number of students requesting the course. AP Calculus BC has 45 students in the class. At this time, with the number of students taking the class online-only, we do anticipate that both on-site Groups will be meeting in C116B. When we return to a Regular Daily Schedule this class section will be meeting in the Presentation-Lecture Hall and possibly using a collegiate format for the number of days meeting each week.

Calling in for Attendance During Hybrid Schedule (at least 1st Quarter):

Because we will have students on-site and online on different days as well as online-only students all in the same classes together, we want to make attendance guidelines as simple as possible.

Scenario - On-site day but will be in class online instead:

If your student is expected to be on-site, will not be coming to school on a particular day, but will be in all classes online, still call the appropriate grade level office (447-3050 for 9th/10th or 447-3046 for 11th/12th) to let us know this. This is just an informational call, however, we will be contacting parents if we expect a student to be on-site but they are not in class on-site yet still attend and participate fully in class online. This call will be made so that parents know their student was expected on campus but was only online. There is no school consequence for this situation if the student fully participates in the class session online but we do want parents to know. Again, a call to the grade level office if known prior is appreciated in this circumstance.

Scenario - Student will neither be online nor on-site:

If your student is not able to participate in class either online or on-site as scheduled, then your student will be counted as ABSENT ('A') for the class period. Please contact the appropriate grade-level office for such an absence so that the absence is 'excused'. This is the only circumstance a call is necessary if your student is taking classes 'online-only'.

Tell me more about the RTI sessions on the schedule each day:

The schedule was developed primarily as an online only schedule should we have days in which on-site will not happen due to COVID-19 (this will also include any days with inclement weather). The RTI schedule is in place to add specific times for teachers to meet and work with students for many different reasons (e.g. need/want extra help, not currently passing course, have incomplete work for any reason, enrichment/extension). Periods 1-4/Blocks 1-2 will run for two days so that both Group A and Group B can be on-site if desired during the afternoon RTI sessions. Periods 5-8/Blocks 3-4 will run for the next two days so that both Group A and Group B can be on-site during the afternoon RTI sessions.

- * Students requested to attend an RTI session may attend either on-site or online at the teacher's discretion.
- * RTI is an extension of a particular period/block. Expect classes to vary for when RTI sessions are requested.
- * If a student is requested to attend an RTI session but does not attend either on-site or online, then the student will be counted as ABSENT for the class session.
- * Students who are not requested to attend an RTI session are not required to attend the session.
- * Students who do not have non-class campus release will report to RTI each day. After the first days, we plan to assign students a study table in one of the commons areas or in the Learning Center for use when not requested for or requesting an RTI period.

Academic Letter Assemblies

Due to restrictions regarding gathering of large groups at this time, **the Academic Letter Assemblies will not be held this year.** We will publicize the names of all 10th-12th Grades students receiving academic letters for the 2019-20 school year. Academic letters and certificates will also be distributed to receiving students during the first two weeks of the school year. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.33 for both semesters in 2019-20 are eligible to receive an Academic Letter. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.75-3.99 for both semesters in 2019-20 receive an Academic Letter *with Honors*. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 4.00 and above for both semesters in 2019-20 receive and Academic Letter with Distinction.

Congratulations to all of our Academic Letter recipients for the 2019-20 school year!

6. College and Career Center Information

PSAT Date Has Been Changed for LMHS:

We are changing the date of the PSAT administered for Linn-Mar High School student to **Tuesday, January 26, 2021.** This change is being offered by the College Board due to the global pandemic. We believe this will be most advantageous to our students so that they can have the best opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships and Recognition. Sign-up information for 11th and interested 10th and 9th Grade students will start in November. Only 11th Grade students are eligible for National Merit Scholarships and Recognition.

Job Shadows:

Job Shadow applications have opened. Students in grades 10-12 may do a job shadow this year. For more information on job shadows available in-person or virtually go to <https://www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/jobshadows>.

College Admission Visits:

All admissions counselors will be scheduling virtual visits at Linn-Mar this year due to the restrictions on outside visitors. Appointments will be made from noon-1:00 or 2:00-4:00. To find a current listing of college admission visits and the virtual meeting link go to <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career>.

7. Information from School, Student Assistance and Academic Assistance Counselors

The Linn-Mar High School Counseling website has changed. Check out <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/home> to see the new site!

8. Activities

A. For any spectator allowed event, facemasks will be required for entry and movement and during an event at all times.

B. *Athletics:*

Fall athletic competitions have started. Attendance will be limited for all 10th/Varsity Football games and Girls Swimming meets. At this time, a ticket allotment will be made available to each participant. For home 10th/Varsity Football games this will include Football, Cheer, Poms, and Marching Band. For 'home' 10th/Varsity football games, the lower area of the home bleachers will be reserved for approximately 214 12th Grade students. All tickets for football and Girls Swimming will be pre-sale. Varsity Volleyball will use bleachers on both sides of the Main Gym this year.

Masks must be worn at all times at any home and away competition this fall.

C. *Fine Arts:*

The Marching Lions will not have a competition show this fall but is performing at varsity football games.

D. *Clubs/Organizations:*

LMHS Clubs and Organizations will continue to meet as is possible, including virtually. The Welcome Back Dance will not be able to be held this year. The Homecoming Parade will not happen this year. We will not be able to get a permit at this time. The Homecoming Dance will not be able to be held at this time, nor will the Powder Puff game.

9. Other Information

On Student Schedules, you will see 'Hybrid Afternoon Study Table' with the name of the grade level Student Dean. This was added for Grade Level Office attendance purposes and is not something that any student should be concerned or worried about on their schedule. Hybrid Afternoon Study Table is available for students and may be required by teachers on specific class days including those students who are struggling in a course or have incomplete course work.

The next *LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication* will be sent on **Friday, September 11 and will include an introduction of our new teachers as well as information for parents on accessing Schoology, the new student learning system.** This will be sent in the afternoon. Announcements and Updates for LMHS Students and Parents will be sent on Tuesday and Friday of each week from now through the end of 1st Quarter.