

Updates on Start of 4th Quarter and other high school items for LMHS Students and Parents: (April 7, 2020)

1. Please feel free to contact any of these counselors for any concerns you may have for yourself or for others.

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A reminder to LMHS students that you do have **Safe2SpeakUp** on your school-issued computer. You may also use this in more emergency situations to report students who you know may need immediate assistance.

A link to family resources has been added and is also available on the district website:

<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/news/student-services-resources/>

2. The closure of LMHS and the LRC buildings **has been extended until at least April 30**. To contact the Main Office, please email jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us or bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

3. 4th QUARTER: LMHS will start 4th Quarter at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 13 via video conference/online.

- a. **START OF 4TH QUARTER:** LMHS will be having a 'mandated, graded with credit, online, start to 4th Quarter. We received approval from the Dept. of Ed. on Monday to have 'mandated, graded with credit, online' school for students taking high school courses.
- b. **SCHEDULE:** All classes will be meeting using a *LMHS 4th Quarter Virtual Universe Schedule* (this schedule is attached). Teachers will be recording and posting 'live' sessions on PowerSchool Learning for students. LMHS Teachers will be using Teams for all video conferencing at this time. (All school-issued computers are installed with Teams).
- c. **ATTENDANCE:** Teachers will be taking attendance for the scheduled class sessions as required by the Dept. of Ed. when having 'mandated, graded for credit, online' classes.
- d. **GRADING:** All 4th Quarter/2nd Semester classes will be graded and issuing credit. Due to the extreme circumstance impacting all of our students and families at this time and the online nature of the instruction for at least a significant portion of 4th Quarter, students will have some options regarding grading provided certain criteria is met (this information will be sent in the next two days).
- e. **RETURN TO THE BUILDING:** If we do return to the school building in May, then we will simply continue with course work using our Regular Daily Schedule. The *Grading* adjustments will stay in effect whether we are online for part or all of 4th Quarter. It is expected that students will have progressed in course work to be prepared/on target for a return to the Regular Daily Schedule if/when that occurs.
- f. **STUDENT SCHEDULE QUESTIONS:** 'What if I want to speak to my school counselor about my schedule?' Reach out to your counselor via email and state what questions you have or what actions you are wanting to take with your 4th Quarter schedule.

- g. **IEP ACCOMMODATIONS:** Student Support Services teachers and General Education teachers are meeting to discuss the needed and required accommodation adjustments for students with an IEP for online-only school portion of (or entire) 4th Quarter.
 - h. **IOWA BIG:** Students enrolled in the Iowa BIG program are asked to check their Slack account for information, requirements, and schedules for Iowa BIG classes.
 - i. **COMPASS:** COMPASS will have a separate schedule which will be communicated to COMPASS students via their school email addresses.
 - j. **TUTORING:** The LMHS MASS Tutoring Center is happy to be offering free online tutoring for both high school and middle school students in math and science classes and ACT/SAT. There will be one-on-one tutoring sessions that will be 30-60 minutes, depending on the student's preference, through Microsoft Teams. Please fill out this form (<https://forms.gle/72VPZiSdAaMaWFMZ6>) to sign up for a tutoring session!
4. ***“Hey, I’m having issues with my school-issued computer. Since I cannot take it to the HELP Desk in the Learning Center at this time, what should I do?”*** What we can provide, during this crisis, is guidance and assistance for students using the **temporary email account** (used during the District closure only): UC@linnmar.k12.ia.us. This account will open a Helpdesk ticket and an IT technician will review the issue (we are also working remotely). This account will be disabled when the District opens again.

We would need the student to provide this information in the email:

- a. Send the request from the LM student email account (studentname@student.linnmar.org)
- b. State the issue, when it started and if they have they *restarted* their computer
- c. Include a screenshot of any error messages

If the device is unusable or has been physically damaged, there is not much we can do remotely to replace or reimage the device from offsite. We may have to recommend the student use their family computer to access PowerSchool, etc. We will certainly try to provide assistance where possible.

5. **Connectivity-Internet Support.** We continue to identify, reach out to, and problem-solve for those families that need adequate internet support for students to use Teams video conferencing, PowerSchool Learning, and other tools for their course work. If you know of families in need of adequate internet when we begin 4th Quarter, please do not hesitate to email our counselors (contact information above), Joe Nietert (jnietert@linnmar.k12.ia.us) Brian Johnson (bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Barb Benton (bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us), or Jeff Gustason (jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us). Our goal is to ensure every LMHS student has the available internet capability needed to conduct schoolwork from their school-issued computers.
6. IEP Meetings continue to be held during the extended school closure.
7. AP Testing:
- a. The first round of AP Testing dates has been released and these will begin in May. Again, the exams will all be 45-minute ‘free response’ questions. AP teachers will be providing exact dates and procedures in place for AP exams.
 - b. Final payment information for the AP exams will be provided in the next week or so.
8. The LMHS Class of 2020:
- a. **Scholarship Information: Scholarships are still available for Seniors.** Scholarships can be found on a student’s Naviance Student account by clicking on the **Colleges tab**, *Scholarships and Money*, *Scholarship List*. If students need help accessing scholarships or have any questions, they can reach out to their school counselor.

- b. At this time, the last class day for Seniors is Wednesday, May 20, with Graduation rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Gym. Senior Service Day is being planned for the morning of May 20 for interested Seniors.
 - c. Anything stated about Graduation by anyone other than our Board President (Sandra Nelson), Superintendent (Shannon Bisgard), or Principal (Jeff Gustason) should not be considered as accurate.
9. Extra-Curricular Activities: All extra-curricular activities remain 'on hold' at this time. As decisions are made with the impact of the extended building closure, we will inform students and parents.
- a. The spring musical has been cancelled for this school year.
 - b. The Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union and Iowa High School Athletic Association have updated planning for spring sports. The dates listed are providing for a May 1 return to Iowa schools and are subject to change. More information is available within the sheet and both organization's suspension announcements.

Updated IGHSAU & IHSAA schedules: <https://bit.ly/3aQMx6M>

Updated spring sports suspension announcements (IHSAA): <https://bit.ly/34fLniG>

10. Other Items: (We will continue to update this listing)

- 1. **Please check your school email (students) on a daily basis from now until April 30. Students, please use/access your school email in Outlook, not Google.** For parents needing help accessing Unified Classroom at this time. The hyperlink below has also been posted on the district website. Here is the hyperlink for instructions to parents regarding Unified Classroom:
<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/powerschool-unified-classroom/>
- a. Building offices remain closed at this time. Please feel free to contact Jeff Gustason (jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Kim Buelt (kbuilt@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Joe Nietert (jnietert@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or Steve Goodall (steve.goodall@linnmar.k12.ia.us) should you need immediate assistance.
- b. With no access to our school phones and fewer landlines in our homes, you may receive 'unknown' or 'unverified' phone calls that is from a school staff member who is using their own cell phone to make calls.