



**Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
September 24, 2021**



Calendar for Next Week

Week 6...Last Week in September as October Peeks in at the End of the Week...

Monday,	September 27	Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
	9:30 a.m.	*V Boys Golf MVC Divisional @ LM (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
	3:30 p.m.	9th Connection Session
	5:00 p.m.	*9 th Volleyball @ Marion HS
	6:30 p.m.	9 th 'B' Football vs. CR Jefferson (LM Stadium)
Tuesday,	September 28	Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
	7:30 a.m.	10 th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
	3:15 p.m.	*JV Boys Golf @ Marion (Gardner G.C.)
		*V Boys Golf @ LM (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI Session
	4:15 p.m.	eSports Smash Brothers Team vs. East High School
	5:30 p.m.	*10 th /JV/V Volleyball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
	6:00 p.m.	JV/V Girls Swimming-Diving vs CR Kennedy (LM Aquatic Center)
	6:30 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal (LM Stadium)
Wednesday,	September 29	Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
	9:30 a.m.	*JV Boys Golf Ryder Cup @ CR (Twin Pines G.C.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI Session
Thursday,	September 30	Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
	7:30 a.m.	9 th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
	3:00 p.m.	*V Boys Golf @ CR (St. Andrews G.C.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI Session
	4:15 p.m.	eSports Rainbow 6 Team vs. Crestwood HS
	5:00 p.m.	*9 th Volleyball Round-Robin @ CR Kennedy
	6:00 p.m.	9 th Football vs. Southeast Polk
		NHS Induction Ceremony (LM Auditorium)
Friday,	October 1	Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI Session
	7:00 p.m.	*V Football @ Southeast Polk (Altoona)
Saturday,	October 2	
	TBD	JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Waverly (Wartburg College)
	2:00 p.m.	Marching Lions @ CR Prairie
	8:00 p.m.	Marching Lions @ CR (Kingston Stadium)

Notes for the Week

- 9/27 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 9th Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- 9/28 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
- V Boys Golf dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
- 10th/JV/V Volleyball dismissed at 3:20 p.m.
- 9/29 JV Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 9/30 V Boys Golf dismissed at 1:25 p.m.
- 9th Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- 10/1 V Football dismissed at 2:25 p.m.

Future

- 10/4 Intermediate/Middle/High School showing of *Angst* at start of school day. Students will report to 1st Period/1st Block at 9:00 a.m. The movie will be shown following the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m. We will use a Two-Hour Late Start Schedule on this day.
- 10/14 Two-Hour Early Dismissal (district-wide)
- 10/19 Two-Hour Early Dismissal (district-wide)
- 10/22 Last Day of 1st Quarter
- 10/25 Teacher Collaboration Day (no classes)
- 10/26 1st Day of 2nd Quarter

Student Assistance Office

Student Assistance Counselors Available to All Students including Online-Only Students: Student Assistance Counselors are available to provide support for all LMHS students. This includes online-only students via virtual meetings, phone calls or on-site. Student Assistance Counselors are available in the Student Assistance Office located in the hallway adjacent to the Main Office. Please reach out to any of the counselors via email, phone call, or Teams to schedule a meeting:

Janessa Carr: janessa.carr@linnmar.k12.ia.us (319) 892-4884

Jessica Deahl: jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us (319) 730-3559

Kevin McCauley: kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us (319) 447-3047

Any student may contact Student Assistance Counselors, School Counselors, or Academic Assistance Counselors at any time during the school day.

Safe2SpeakUp is an application on all LMHS student school-issued computers that allows a student to report something unsafe or to ask for help for a personal crisis for self or someone else at any time. Safe2SpeakUp alerts are sent directly to LMHS Administrators, Student Assistance Counselors and School Counselors.

1st Quarter

Eight LMHS Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

Congratulations to eight of our LMHS Seniors for being named Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Semifinalists represent the top 1% of more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT last fall and are now eligible to be named National Merit Finalists and receive National Merit Scholarships. Congratulations to **Clair Ammons, Nahom Fikreselassie, Samuel Greiner, Ayush Kalia, Aadarsh Kumar, Nikhil Reuben, Abhishek Sen, and Linghan Weng!**

Daily Schedule Adjustments Began Monday, September 20:

September 20, LMHS made schedule adjustments which include a consistent daily schedule, allowing for 5 minute passing times, has RTI/9th Connection at the end of day, and increases the number of lunch sections.

RTI is required for any 9th-12th Grade student requested, and students may also request RTI on any Tuesday-Friday.

10th – 12th Grade students without Campus Release will have an assigned seat in the Learning Center at 3:30 p.m. If requested or requesting RTI on Tuesday-Friday, 10th-12th Grade students without Campus Release would report to the specific RTI classroom for the assigned day.

2021-2022 LMHS ADJUSTED DAILY SCHEDULE LINK: [Adjusted Daily Schedule beginning on September 20 Lunch Assignments Starting September 30](#)

Mask Update:

LMHS will continue as we have since the start of the school year with masks being optional for students and staff. We do appreciate that whether a person chooses to wear a mask or chooses not to wear a mask has not been made an issue in the building.

District 'Return To Learn' Plan (includes protocols for Covid-19):

[District Covid-19 Protocols within the District Return to Learn Plan](#)

LMHS Attendance Phone Number

(319) 447-3050 – this is the phone number for attendance calls to LMHS this year.

Process for Calling Students Out for Appointments during the School Day:

Parents are asked to call the day prior or early in the morning for an appointment during the school day. Students then pick up passes for appointment to show teachers when they need to leave. Students leaving for appointments must check out from the Deans Office and then check back into the Deans Office upon return. Thank you for your help when appointments are necessary during the school day.

LMHS 2021-22 Student Handbook

The 2021-22 LMHS Student Handbook can be found at this site: [2021-22 LMHS Student Handbook](#)

This link will also be emailed to all LMHS students along with a verification form that students received the link. All LMHS students will need to submit the link.

Academic Dates and Deadlines

September 29	Deadline to DECLARE CREDIT/FAIL for 1 st Quarter Classes
October 2	SAT
October 13	PSAT
October 15	Deadline to DROP Classes for 1 st Semester
October 22	Last Day of 1 st Quarter
October 23	ACT

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2022

College Planning for 12th Grade

Counselors will be taking **seniors on campus visits** to various colleges/universities throughout the month of October. Sign up for the following visits now.

- Kirkwood Community College – Tuesday, **October 5th** 9:00-12:30 – For liberal arts, transfer, and undecided students.
- Kirkwood Community College – Wednesday, **October 6th** 9:00-12:30 – For Career and Technical Education programs
- University of Northern Iowa – Wednesday, **October 13th** 9:00-2:00

FAFSA Filing begins on October 1st. Prepare by making sure your student has an FSA ID. For more information, check out <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.

ACT – Linn-Mar High School will host the next ACT test **December 11, 2021**. Sign up now to reserve your spot: www.actstudent.org. If your student receives free or reduced lunch at school, they may qualify for a fee waiver. They can check in with their school counselor for how to access this resource.

Local scholarships are now being posted to Xello.

September is College Savings Month. Learn more about Iowa's 529 Plan and get registered for a drawing to receive a \$1,000 College Savings Iowa contribution and an iPad. Visit Iowa529Contest.com to register.

Senior transcript requests: Seniors must request transcripts through Xello. You can learn how to complete the request by watching this short video: <https://youtu.be/rd1O95uHatg>

Follow the College/Career Center on Instagram @LinnmarHScounseling.

11th Grade

PSAT Sign-Up Has Started

Sign up for the **2021 Preliminary SAT (PSAT)** is now open. The PSAT is designed for juniors as a practice test and **is also a qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program**. Sophomores may also take the test but will need to take the PSAT again as a junior to qualify as a National Merit scholar.

The 2021 PSAT will take place on **Wednesday, October 13th at 9:00 a.m. at Kirkwood Linn Regional Center (1770 Boyson Road Hiawatha)**. The cost is **\$18** and is paid at the **Cashier's window**. If you have any questions about the PSAT, please see Mr. Kennedy in the Counselors' office.

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10th Grade

10th Grade Students Interested in Taking the PSAT

10th Grade students interested in taking the PSAT, please see '11th Grade' section of the Updates.

9th Grade

A reminder that 9th Grade Connection will be each Monday from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. with the schedule adjustments. On Tuesday-Friday, 9th Grade students not requested nor requesting RTI and with a parent signed Form 3:38 may be dismissed at 3:25 p.m. 9th Grade students not requested nor requesting RTI and without a parent signed Form 3:38 will report to their 9th Grade Connection classroom at 3:30 p.m. each day of the week.

Student Activities

A. Activities:

The *Reach* document listing all of the current LMHS Student Activities can be found at this site:

<https://sites.google.com/linnmar.k12.ia.us/lmhsreach/home>

B. Athletics:

C. Fine Arts:

D. Clubs/Organizations:

LMHS eSports Fall Season begins:

LMHS eSports fall season has started in Smash Brothers and Rainbow 6. All matches may be viewed live at:
[twitch.tv/lmhsports](https://www.twitch.tv/lmhsports)

Anyone interested in LMHS fall season eSports may contact Brian Johnson (bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Luke Johnson (luke.johnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or Zach Mixdorf (zmixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us) for more information.

LMHS Student Ambassador Application

Other Information

Volunteer Opportunity for Parents and Students (CORDS)

Looking for a way to volunteer and help at a school event? Are you really good at popping popcorn? How about slinging pizza slices? We need you!

[Marion Community Promise](#) will be staffing the concession stand during the October 22nd LMHS home football game and needs your help for the evening. The time commitment will run from 5:30-9:30 that evening. Please sign up by emailing Emily Russ at emily@medcoiowa.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Ordering the Linn-Mar High School 2021-22 Yearbook

All 2021-22 LMHS Yearbooks are purchased directly through the vendor, Jostens. The link to order the 2021-22 LMHS Yearbook is: <https://www.jostens.com/>

Those who ordered and still need to pick up their 2020-21 Yearbook may do so in the Main Office.

Attendance for this week: **95.1 %**

The next *LMHS Updates and Announcements for Students and Parents* will be sent on **Friday, October 1.**