



**Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
October 14, 2022**



Calendar

October 17 – October 21, 2022

Week 9

Nine Big Days Remain in 1st Quarter

Monday, October 17	All Day 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Regular Schedule – No Classes (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.) *FFA @ Waverly-Shell Rock HS RTI Band Extravaganza (LM Main Gym)
Tuesday, October 18	9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m.	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.) *School Board Strategic Planning Survey RTI Esports Smash Brothers Ultimate Varsity vs. Iowa City West
Wednesday, October 19	3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.) RTI Dungeons and Dragons Club (Learning Center) *V Girls/Boys Cross Country State Qualifier @ Bettendorf (Crow Creek)
Thursday, October 20	3:30 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (7:50 – 2:00 p.m.) RTI Esports Rainbow 6 Siege vs. Wapello HS *V Girls Diving MVC Meet @ CR Washington 9 th Football vs. CR Prairie (LM Stadium) V Volleyball Tourney @ Urbandale
Friday, October 21	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.) RTI 10 th /V Football @ CR Prairie
Saturday, October 22	8:00 a.m. All Day 12:00 p.m.	ACT @ Marion HS Music All-State Auditions @ Independence HS V Girls Swimming MVC Meet @ CR Washington
Sunday, October 23		All Day Competition Cheer Contest @ Fort Dodge (Iowa Central C.C.)

***Notes**

- 10/17 FFA departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 10/18 **School Board Strategic Planning Survey:** Immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m., all classes will be administering a seven-question survey from the School Board regarding the Strategic Planning process for LMHS and LMCS D for the next few years. The survey should take about 5 minutes.
- 10/19 V Girls Cross Country dismissed at 11:15 a.m.
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- 10/20 V Girls Diving dismissed at 1:10 p.m.
- 10/21 Classified Staff Advisory: This is a week later than originally scheduled.
10th Football dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

Future

- 10/25 Two-Hour Early Dismissal for PD
- 10/27 Last Day of 1st Quarter
Deadline to Declare CREDIT/FAIL for 1st Semester Courses
- 10/28 Teacher Workday (No Classes)
- 10/31 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

LMCSD School Board Student Survey for Strategic Planning:

On Tuesday, October 18, all LMHS students will be taking a short survey for the School Board regarding Strategic Planning. This will take place in 1st Period/1st Block classes immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m. The survey will take about five minutes.

October 20 and 25 are Two-Hour Early Release Days

October 20 and 25 are Two-Hour Early Release days for all Linn-Mar CSD buildings, including the high school. No afternoon RTI will be held on these days. **Students in the Learning Center during 3rd Block will eat during Lunch 33 on these two days.** The link to the schedule for both days is here:

[Two-Hour Early Release Schedule for October 20 and 25](#)

October 27 – Last Day of 1st Quarter – will have options for teachers depending upon the course

The last day of 1st Quarter, October 27, will have options for teachers by course regarding the focus for the day. **Teachers will communicate with students and parents what option will take place for a particular course (Regular Class Day, Final, or RTI). The schedule for the day will continue to be a Regular Daily Schedule, including RTI at 3:30 p.m.**

Many courses will simply operate a **Regular Class Day** with required attendance.

Some courses will give a **Final** on this day. Teachers, by course, have the option of exempting students who have a '4' in all priority standards from taking the Final or any portion of the Final for which they have a '4'. Again, this is a teacher option, by course (the same option will be used for the same course no matter the teacher). Having a '4' does not automatically exempt a student from a Final. If a student is exempted from a Final and they have Campus Release or 3:30 Release for 9th Grade, they will be allowed to leave campus during this class period/block. 9th Grade students who do not leave campus if exempted from a Final will be required to stay in the classroom.

Some courses will have an **RTI** focus on this day, meaning that teachers in these courses will be working with those students who need the extra support prior to the end of the term. A student may be exempted from attending an RTI class session by the teacher based on quality performance in the class. Students exempted from an RTI class session who have either Campus Release or 3:30 Release for 9th Grade will be allowed to leave campus during this class period/block. 9th Grade students who do not leave campus if exempted from a Final will be required to stay in the classroom.

ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBER:

Our **Attendance Phone line is (319-447-3050)**. Parents are asked to use this number to call regarding any absences. If for an illness, parents are asked to call prior to 8:00 a.m. or as soon as you are able. For appointments, parents call the same phone line (319-447-3050) and leave a message for when the student is to be dismissed for the appointment. Students then pick up passes for the appointment in the Deans Office 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.

THE TUTORING CENTER IN THE LEARNING CENTER IS OPEN DAILY

Students wanting/needing assistance with coursework may visit the Tutoring Center before school (8:15-8:45 a.m.) or during class periods/blocks during the school day. This can be drop-in or by appointment by contacting Mrs. Gettemy in the Tutoring Center. Also, any student interested in becoming a student tutor may see Mrs. Gettemy or Mrs. Schumacher in the Learning Center.

1st Quarter Academic Planning Dates and Deadlines

10/14 Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Semester

10/22 ACT

10/27 Last day of 1st Quarter Classes
Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Semester Classes
10/31 1st Day of 2nd Quarter

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2023

Important 12th Grade Planning Dates

5/8 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)
5/13 Senior Prom (8:00-10:30 p.m. LM Main Gym) (Grand March at 7:30 p.m., LM Auditorium)
5/17 Seniors' Last Day of School (1:00 p.m., Graduation Rehearsal, LM Main Gym)
5/28 Commencement (1:00 p.m., Alliant Energy Power House)

AP Course Students

The payment window will open on October 21st for 1st semester AP classes and Exam Only sections. All students who wish to take an AP exam in May must register and pay the full \$88 exam fee by November 4th, 2022. Please remember to select "Yes" for the exam when registering. Students may still register and pay for a 1st semester or Exam Only exam during the second payment window in February 2023 for an additional fee of \$40. Please make the payment in PowerSchool under the Purchases and Payments tab to the left of the screen. You may also make your payment to Joyce Dayton in the Cashiers office.

If your student has a conflict they can e-mail the AP Coordinator, Heather Kosikas, at heather.kosikas@linnmar.k12.ia.us

From the College and Career Center

College/Career Planning Checklists:

LMHS School Counselors have developed checklists for each grade level to help you focus your college and career planning process. Check out the list for your grade below:

12th Grade

College Admission Counselor visits to LMHS have begun. If you are interested in what schools will be represented this year, check out the school counseling website at

<https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career>.

Juniors and Seniors: **Scholarships** – Students looking for scholarships should check out Xello's scholarship list to learn about open scholarship opportunities. You can find a video tutorial here: <https://youtu.be/184m6jnhEaU>. Additional scholarship websites we recommend include [GoingMerry](#), [FastWeb](#) and [Scholarship America](#) – these are national scholarship search sites to help your student find relevant scholarships for them. Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines include the Heisman High School Scholarship, Golden Door Scholars,

Juniors and Seniors can sign up for Winter & Spring Internships through Workplace Learning Connection starting Monday, September 26th. Check out www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/internships for more details. Students can earn 2.5 to 5 credits for participating in 45 or 90 hour experiences with local employers.

Senior Transcript Requests

Transcript requests should be sent via Xello. [Follow the step-by-step directions HERE to complete this process](#). Common App accounts should also be connected to your account so all forms will be sent correctly to your colleges by following [THESE STEPS](#).

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9th Grade

Future 9th Grade Connection Dates (3:30-4:00 p.m.)

Monday, November 14, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 6, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

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Activities

REACH Booklet

This link is for the LMHS REACH Activities Booklet. Not all activities are listed in this booklet, but almost all of them are in here.

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

Athletics

Good luck to the Lion Volleyball team as they begin tournament play on Thursday at Urbandale.

Good luck to the Lion Girls and Boys Cross Country teams at the State Qualifier Meet at Pleasant Valley on Wednesday!

Clubs and Organizations

Marshalltown Community College Esports Coaches Visiting on Wednesday, October 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the Library

On Wednesday October 19, Marshalltown Community College's Esports coaches will be visiting Linn-Mar to talk to students interested in playing esports at a college. The meeting will be held in the LMHS Library at 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about esports at college or learning more about what kind of opportunities exist after high school for esports is welcome to attend.

Hearts Card Playing Club Meets on Wednesdays

Any student interested in playing the card game Hearts can come to the Hearts Playing Club meetings on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. in Room E136. This is not a substitute if you are requested for RTI on a Wednesday.

Other Information

Substitute Teacher Authorization Information for Adults

Any Adult Interested in Online Teacher Training Through AEA Learning to Obtain Substitute Teaching Authorization:

<https://training.aealarningonline.org/course/2204419999/catalog>

Attendance for the week (Thursday - Thursday): **94.7 %**

The next weekly *LMHS Updates and Announcements for Students and Parents* for the 2022-23 school year will be sent on **Friday, October 21.**