



**Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
October 21, 2022**



Calendar

October 24 – October 29, 2022

Week 10

The Finale of 1st Quarter

Monday, October 24	3:30 p.m.	Regular Schedule – No Classes (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) RTI
Tuesday, October 25	All Day 8:00 a.m.	*Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (9:00 – 2:00 p.m.) *FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis *College-Career visit to Capri College
Wednesday, October 26	All Day 3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis RTI Dungeons and Dragons Club (Learning Center)
Thursday, October 27	All Day 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	*Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) Last Day of 1st Quarter Deadline to Declare CREDIT/FAIL for 1st Semester Courses FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis RTI Orchestra Fall Concert I (LM Auditorium) (Concert Orchestra and Sinfonietta) Orchestra Fall Concerts II (LM Auditorium) (Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra)
Friday, October 28	All Day 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Teacher Workday – No Classes (7:30 – 3:30 p.m.) FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis Faculty Meeting (Little Theatre) *V Football Playoffs 1st Round @ TBD
Saturday, October 29	2:00/2:45 p.m. All Day All Day All Day	V Girls/Boys Cross Country State Meet @ Fort Dodge V Competition Cheer @ Des Moines (State Fairgrounds) FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis FBLA Iowa Football Game Concessions @ Iowa City
Sunday, October 30	All Day	V Poms Competition @ Iowa City (Carver Hawkeye Arena)

***Notes**

- 10/25 College-Career visit departs at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 12:45 p.m.
FFA departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 10/28 V Football Playoffs determined after tonight's game.

Future

- 10/31 1st Day of 2nd Quarter
- 11/7 LMHS Parent Advisory (6:30 p.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

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

October 25 is a Two-Hour Early Release Day

October 25 is a Two-Hour Early Release day for all Linn-Mar CSD buildings, including the high school. No afternoon RTI will be held on this day. Students in the Learning Center during 3rd Block will eat during Lunch 33. The schedule is the same as used on October 20. The link to the schedule is here:

[Two Hour Early Release Schedule for October 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

10/22 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

Approximately 94 members of the Class of 2023 watched the sunrise at LM Stadium this morning. Thank you to Student Council for coordinating and providing donuts for the event.

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

Congratulations to the Lions Girls Cross Country Team for Qualifying as a Team for the State Cross Country Meet! Lion Girls Cross Country Team Qualifiers are: Rachel Adamson, Jordyn Beck, Anna Buchholz, Ally Buck, Avery Dechant, Addie Domer, Chloe Egbert, Gabby Mauren, Bethany Northrup, Leah Paulson, Breka Trapp and Abbey Vezina!

Congratulations to Lion Girls Cross Country runners Rachel Adamson and Ally Buck for also Qualifying as Individuals for the State Cross Country Meet!

Congratulations to Lion Boys Cross Country runner Luke Steffen for Qualifying as an Individual for the State Cross Country Meet!

Congratulations to LM Cheer member Ashlyn Chamberlain for being Selected to the All-State Cheer Squad!

Congratulations to LM Varsity Poms for taking 1st Place at the Iowa City Liberty Pom Competition!

Fine Arts

Good Luck to all LMHS Music performers auditioning for the Iowa All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra on Saturday!

Clubs and Organizations

Approximately 55 LMHS students are members of the Dungeons and Dragons Club that meets each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Learning Center.

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.aealearningonline.org/course/2204419999/catalog>

Attendance for the week (Thursday - Thursday): **94.3 %**

The next weekly *LMHS Updates and Announcements for Students and Parents* for the 2022-23 school year will be sent on **Friday, October 28.**