



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School  
Updates and Announcements  
For Students and Parents  
August 11, 2024



Calendar

August 14-19, 2023  
...Preparation...

Monday, August 14

11:00 a.m. V Boys Golf @ Hunters Ridge G.C. (Marion)

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 a.m. JV Boys Golf JV Metro Invite @ Gardner G.C. (Marion)

6:00 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup>/JV/V Red/Black Volleyball Scrimmage (LM Main Gym)

6:30 p.m. Girls Cross Country Parent Meeting (South Commons/Cafeteria)

10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Parent Meeting (South Commons/Cafeteria)

7:30 p.m. JV/V Volleyball Parent Meeting (LM Main Gym)

Wednesday, August 16

1:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Boys Golf @ Hunters Ridge G.C. (Marion)

7:00 p.m. Boys Cross Country Parent Meeting (South Commons/Cafeteria)

Thursday, August 17

**Professional Development Day (7:30-3:30 p.m.)**

9:00 a.m. V Boys Golf @ Glynn's Creek G.C. (Eldridge)

3:30 p.m. Volleyball Team Pictures (LM Main Gym)

5:00 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Parent Meeting (South Commons/Cafeteria)

6:30 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation (LM Auditorium)

Friday, August 18

**Teacher Professional Day (7:30-3:30 p.m.)**

TBD V Volleyball Scrimmage @ Clear Creek-Amana (Tiffin)

4:00 p.m. Cheer Pictures (Armstrong Field)

4:30 p.m. Girls/Boys Cross Country Team Pictures (Armstrong Field)

5:00 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup>/JV Football Scrimmages @ Marion HS

6:15 p.m. V Football Scrimmage @ Marion HS

Saturday, August 19

8:00 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Scrimmage (LM Main Gym)

8:30 a.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Scrimmage @ Mount Vernon

Future

8/21 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> New Student Orientation (11:00 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Returning Students School-Issued Computer Distribution (Food Court)

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> School Pictures (9:00-5:00 p.m.) (Little Theatre)

8/22 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Returning Students School-Issued Computer Distribution (Food Court)

11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> School Pictures (9:00-5:00 p.m.) (Little Theatre)

8/23 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Only First Day of High School

8/24 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester

HOMEROOM (3:30 p.m.)

8/25 HOMEROOM (3:30 p.m.)

8/28 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)

8/29 **FIRE DRILL (10:25 a.m.)**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)

8/30 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)

8/31 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Assembly (9:30 a.m.)

11<sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Assembly (11:00 a.m.)

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Academic Assembly (2:30 p.m.)

RTI (First Day, 3:30 p.m.)

## Student Assistance Office

**Student Assistance Specialists 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:

Joyce Booth (email coming soon) (319) 447-4884

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

Kevin McCauley: [kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto: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. Thanks to some hard work and efforts by some of our LMHS students, we now have a QR code and a link that can be used more easily for student reporting. The QR code will be posted at various locations around school and the link will be made available in the Updates as well as on the LMHS webpage on the district website.

### High School Safe2Speakup

*See Something. Say Something.*

**\*\*This reporting tool is for High School students only. \*\***

Student reporting helps keep our schools safe. **Please click on the appropriate link below to report a concern to school administration and counselors.** A QR code has been posted around LMHS that will also take you directly to this link. Please note that if you report anonymously, the investigation may take longer to conduct. Reports to school administration are seen during normal school hours 7:30 am-4:00 pm Monday – Friday when school is in session. If it is outside of this time or an extreme emergency, please dial 911.

**I need to make a report (THIS IS THE LINK)**

**I have been/Someone I know has been Sexually Assaulted**

**Weapon on School Grounds**

**I am/Someone I know is thinking about Suicide**

## Prior to the School Year

### Student Daily Medication Drop-Off on August 21-22

Parents may bring student daily medication needs to the LMHS Health Office from 8:00-3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, or Tuesday, August 22. If you have any questions, please contact the LMHS Health Office at 319-447-3080, 319-447-3081, or 319-447-3082.

**LMHS 2023-24 Student Handbook (changes are in red)** (link)

### LMHS 2023-24 Student Handbook

The link above is for the **LMHS 2023-24 Student Handbook**. Changes made to the handbook are in red print. Students will be required to verify that they have received the link to access the **LMHS 2023-24 Student Handbook** during Homeroom on either August 24 or 25 (3:30 p.m.). As the disclaimer states on the handbook cover page, a forthcoming Board policy required by the state of Iowa will be added to the LMHS 2023-24 Student Handbook when it is received.

**Online eRegistration for the 2023-24 school year is now open!**

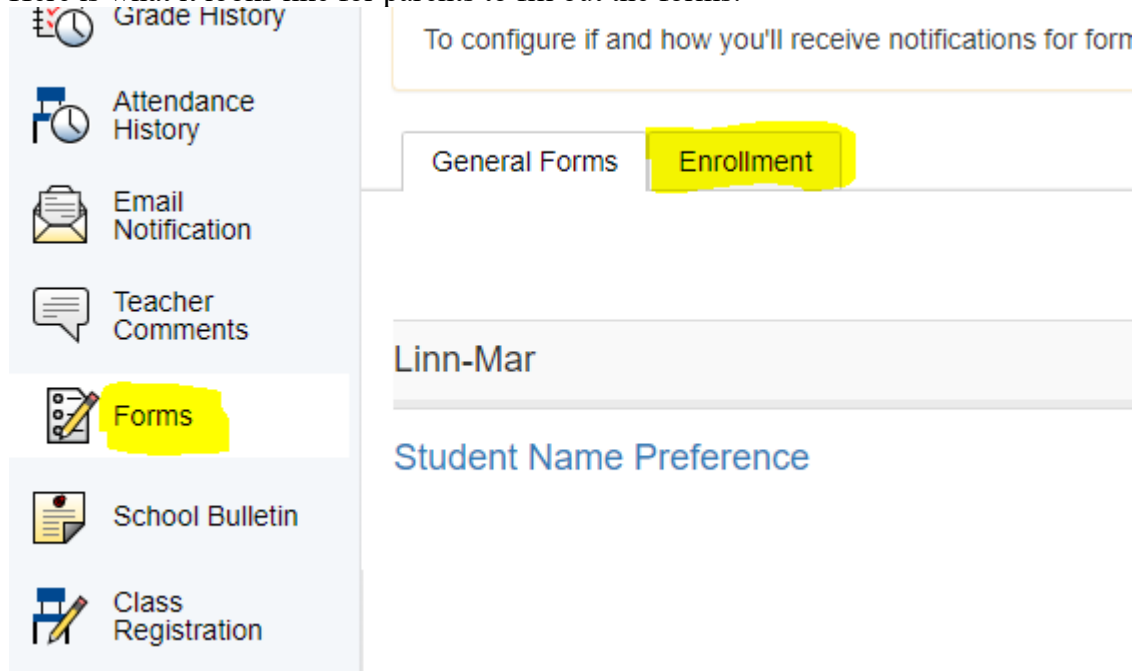
**<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/parents/registration>**

All parents will need to log into their **PowerSchool** account to complete eRegistration. From the navigation menu, click on **FORMS** and then the **ENROLLMENT** tab. Please be sure to *complete and submit* each form, even if the information has not changed. Repeat this process for any additional students by clicking on their name in the upper left corner. It is important to have correct contact information for each student.

We are starting the school year with student legal names in PowerSchool. Per Iowa Code, if you would like for your student to use a different name, nickname, pronoun or gender identity, guardians must fill out the **Student Name Preference** form within PowerSchool (**GENERAL FORMS** tab).

Trouble getting logged into your PowerSchool account? Call 319-447-3040 or 319-447-3070.

Here is what it looks like for parents to fill out the forms:



### **Student Email Address Change**

All student email addresses have been changed. Student ID #s replace the name on the student email address. Your student email address is now formatted like this: **123456@student.linnmar.org**. This change will also affect student access to Power School. The username for your student Power School account will now be your student ID#.

If you do not know your 5 or 6 digit student ID#, Parents/guardians can look this information up in PowerSchool.

1. Log into PowerSchool
2. Click on the student's name in the upper left corner
3. Click on "Other Information" in the lower left corner

If you still need more help finding your 5 or 6 digit student ID#, please contact the Main Office (447-3040 or [bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us)).

### **Building Open for Students and Parents to Find Locations from 9:00-3:00 p.m.**

LMHS students and parents may walk the building to find classrooms and other building locations from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday). Door #3 (North) and Door #13 (South) will be open during this time. Building maps will be available at Door #3 and Door #13. Student Ambassadors will be available for directions and individual tours starting on Wednesday, August 9. Please be mindful that staff will be working in the building during these times. **The building will be open until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, with Student Ambassadors available as well.**

### **Student Pictures for Grades 9-12 on August 21-22**

All LMHS students, *including Seniors for student IDs*, will get student pictures taken. **9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades will get pictures taken from 9:00-5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, in the Little Theatre. 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will get pictures taken from 9:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, in the Little Theatre.** *Students will not be turned away if they show for pictures on the opposite date, however, we ask that students work to get these completed on your assigned date as possible to help manage the number of students getting pictures on both days.*

School Picture Make-Up Day is Wednesday, August 30, from 8:35-10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. Picture retakes will take place on Wednesday, October 18, from 8:35-10:30 a.m.

Below is a link and a QR code for Student Picture Order Forms:

<http://halverson-photography.hhimagehost.com/2023LinnMarHighSchool>



### **School-Issued Computer Pick-Up on August 21 and 22**

LMHS returning 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade students will pick up their school computers beginning on Monday, August 21, from 9:00-3:00 p.m. in the Food Court. All 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students will get their school-issued computers on 9<sup>th</sup> Grade-Only 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School (Wednesday, August 23). New to LMHS 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students will receive their school-issued computers on Monday,

August 21, during the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> New to LMHS Student Orientation.

### **School Counselor appointments have started**

School counselors will begin taking appointments beginning on August 8. Please contact the School Counseling Office (447-3070 or 447-3043) or your school counselor to schedule an appointment.

David Kennedy (A-Ci) (447-3104), [dkennedy@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:dkennedy@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

John Herber (Cl-G) (447-3074), [john.herber@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:john.herber@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

Jennifer Thurston (H-Kr) (447-3098), [jthurston@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jthurston@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

Kierstyn Witt (Ku-N) (447-3072), [Kierstyn.witt@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:Kierstyn.witt@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

Kim Bowen (O-Sp) (447-3175), [Kimberly.bowen@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:Kimberly.bowen@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

Elizabeth Kreher (St-Z) (447-3071), [ekreher@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:ekreher@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

[LMHS Parking Information for 2023-24](#) (link)

[2023-24 LMHS Daily Schedule](#) (link)

### **'HOMEROOM' Sessions for All Grades Held Six Times this Year**

LMHS will have Six 'Homeroom' sessions this school year on the same day for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. These sessions will be from 3:30-4:00 p.m. Four of the 'Homeroom' sessions are on the first day of each term. One is also on the second day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to complete Handbook verification and other required tasks and needed information for the start of the school year. One is in February for course registration and graduation preparation. These are required sessions. 'Homeroom' classroom locations will be emailed to students and posted throughout the building. The dates for 'Homeroom': August 24, August 25, October 30, January 16, February 5, and April 2. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students will also have nine 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection sessions during the school year. The dates for these are listed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade section of the *Updates*.

### **School Lockers Only Assigned by Individual Sign-Up in School Counselor Office**

LMHS students are not automatically issued a school locker. This change has been made over time as few students use school lockers. Any student who wishes to have a school locker may have one assigned in the School Counselor Office.

### **Note from the LMHS Library**

The library will be marking all items still not returned (computers, library materials, textbooks, etc) *lost* prior to the end of last school year. If you still have the materials in your possession, then, in the great words of Douglas Adams, "Don't Panic." As soon as the material is checked in the item is removed from your account.

### **Applications Available for Free and Reduced Price School Meals**

All Linn-Mar families are informed of the availability of applications for free or reduced-priced meals.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AN APPLICATION OR RECEIVED A LETTER FROM OUR NUTRITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT THAT YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED MEALS THEN NO FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED.

Applications are available in PowerSchool and you can complete that during e-registration, or they can be found on the Nutrition Services web page. Only one application is needed per family. Please include all students on the same application.

Student and Parent Sign In ([powerschool.com](http://powerschool.com))

<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/wp-Iowa-Application-for-Free-and-Reduced-Price-School-Meals.pdf>

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Andrea Fish, Nutrition Services Administrative Assistant at (319) 447-3349 or Stacy Fish, Nutrition Services Manager at (319) 447-3302.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade – LMHS Class of 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> day of high school for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades is on Thursday, August 24, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

[11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades Parking Tag Form](#)

[LMHS Parking Information for 2023-24](#)

[LMHS 2023-24 Campus Release Form](#) (link) (Preferred sign-up is through e-Registration. No hard copy is then needed).

### **Job Shadow Applications Deadline is September 21**

Workplace Learning Connection Job Shadow applications open on Monday, August 14. Students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply for a job shadow to learn more about future career opportunities. Placements are made on a first-come, first-served basis, so get signed up soon! The deadline to apply is September 21 at 5:00 p.m.

### **How to Request a Transcript for College Applications**

Seniors needing to request a transcript for a college should do so through Xello. [See this video](#) for details on how to add a school and request a transcript. Students who are applying via Common App must connect their Common App account to Xello - see this [YouTube video](#) for details.

## **Scholarship Information and other College/Career Preparation Events and Resources**

Watch the Linn-Mar School Counseling Instagram page for updates on scholarships, events, and resources @linmarhscounseling.

### **IMPORTANT LMHS Class of 2024 Planning Dates**

5/6 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LMHS Auditorium)

5/11 Senior Prom (8:00 – 10:30 p.m.)

5/22 Seniors Last Class Day (Graduation Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m.)

5/26 Commencement (1:00 p.m., Alliant Energy Powerhouse)

### **Required Immunization for Meningococcal ACWY**

A reminder that Iowa Immunization Law requires all incoming Seniors have a Meningococcal ACWY vaccination after age 16 or an valid exemption on file at start of senior year. Please contact your local physician or the Linn County Public Health Department (319-892-6000) to schedule your appointment if needed. Call the LMHS Health Office at 319-447-3080 if questions. (Nancy Kleitsch RN, BSN, Kelly Hennings RN, BSN).

## **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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## **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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**A 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, from 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.**

A meeting for all LMHS 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be held on Tuesday, September 5, from 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The primary focus of the meeting will be on Job Shadow sign up through the Workplace Learning Connection.

[10<sup>th</sup> grade Parking Lottery Form](#)

[LMHS Parking Information for 2023-24](#)

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## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the LMHS Auditorium.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade-Only 1<sup>st</sup> day of high school is on Wednesday, August 23, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection Dates: (3:30-4:00 p.m.)**

August 28, August 29, August 30, September 11, October 2, November 13, December 18, March 18, May 6

## **Other Information**

All LMCS D Parents and Students are invited to a ‘Meet and Greet’ with new LMCS D Superintendent Amy Kortemeyer on Wednesday, August 16, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Linn-Mar High School South Commons. Please enter at Door #10 (Main Gym entrance).

### **Athletic Registration for Bound**

To get your athlete(s) registered for their 23-24 sports programs, click on the ‘Registration’ link at the top of the Linn-Mar Bound public site.



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From here, you will be able to connect your family (parent and student accounts), enter or update all important demographic information, upload your current physical, sign off on all of the required documents for participation, and register for the sports your athlete(s) intend to participate in this school year.

[Bound | Linn-Mar Lions High School Athletics \(gobound.com\)](http://gobound.com)

**Tickets and Passes Information** - We will be utilizing cashless ticketing options for the upcoming 23-24 school year. Linn-Mar is excited to offer this option and make the gate admission process easier and more convenient for our families and students. We will be offering several admission pass options to help you and your family save money all year long at our home events - including the *(All sports pass, 10, 15 or 25 scan flex passes and student activity pass (6th-12 grades).)* When we say cashless - we mean cashless. You can pre purchase your passes or individual tickets online ahead of time OR make use of our credit/debit card readers at the gate. No more scrambling to remember to stop by the gas station on the way to the game to get cash...use your card or Apple Pay at the gate. Click on "Ticketing" at the top of the Linn-Mar Bound public site to begin your ticketing experience today.



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### New North Parking Addition Update

Painting of the approximately 182 new parking spaces in the North Lot **is taking place now**. Landscaping work is being completed at this time. All indications are this addition will be ready the week before school starts.

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on August 18.