



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
August 4, 2024



Calendar

August 7 - 12, 2023

New Information is in Yellow highlight

Monday, *August 7

Tuesday, August 8

3:30 p.m. *12th Grade College Application Workshop (College/Career Center)

Wednesday, *August 9

9:00 a.m. *12th Grade College Application Workshop (College/Career Center)

Thursday, *August 10

9:30 a.m. V Boys Golf MVC Super Meet @ Thunder Hills G.C. (Peosta)
LMHS Open for Students and Parents to walk and find locations **until 6:30 p.m.**

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

*Notes

8/7 LMHS will be open from 9:00-3:00 p.m. for students/parents to walk the building and find locations. Students/parents may walk the high school each weekday during these times through August 22.

8/8 College Application Workshop: Mrs. Bass will be offering college application workshops in the College/Career Center Tuesday, August 8th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 9th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. There will be no formal presentation, but students are welcome to stop in to work on their applications and ask questions during these times. Common App opens August 1st and many Iowa schools' applications are available to apply now.

8/9 Student Ambassadors will be available this week on August 9 and 11 from 9:00-3:00 p.m. to help students/parents find locations throughout the high school.

College Application Workshop: (repeat workshop, see above on 8/8)

8/10 Student Ambassadors will be available in the building for extended hours to help students/parents find locations throughout the high school (12:00 – 6:30 p.m.)

Future

8/14 New Teachers report

8/17 All Staff report

9th Grade Parent Orientation (6:30 p.m., Auditorium)

8/21 New to LMHS 10th-12th Grade Student Orientation

9th-10th Grade Student Pictures (9:00-5:00 p.m., Little Theatre)

8/22 11th-12th Grade Student Pictures (9:00-5:00 p.m., Little Theatre)

8/23 9th Grade-Only 1st Day of School

8/24 9th-12th Grade 1st Day of 1st Quarter/1st Semester

3:30 p.m. HOMEROOM for 9th-12th grades

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:

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

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. 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

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:

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool parent portal interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons and labels: Grade History, Attendance History, Email Notification, Teacher Comments, Forms (highlighted in yellow), School Bulletin, and Class Registration. The main content area shows a form titled "To configure if and how you'll receive notifications for form". Below this is a tabbed interface with "General Forms" and "Enrollment" (highlighted in yellow). Under the "Enrollment" tab, the text "Linn-Mar" is visible, and below that, the heading "Student Name Preference" is displayed in blue.

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 need 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).

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 10, 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. **9th-10th grades will get pictures taken from 9:00-5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, in the Little Theatre. 11th-12th 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 10th-12th 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 9th Grade students will get their school-issued computers on 9th Grade-Only 1st Day of School (Wednesday, August 23). New to LMHS 10th – 12th Grade students will receive their school-issued computers on Monday, August 21, during the 10th-12th New to LMHS Student Orientation.

School Counselor appointments begin on August 8

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

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

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

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

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

Elizabeth Kreher (St-Z) (447-3071), 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 9th-12th 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 1st 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. 9th Grade students will also have nine 9th Grade Connection sessions during the school year. The dates for these are listed in the 9th 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)

<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.

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

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

[11th-12th grades Parking Tag Form](#)

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

[LMHS 2023-24 Campus Release Form](#) (link)

College Application Workshops on August 8 and 9 in College/Career Center

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Alternative Enrollment Courses at Kirkwood for 1st Semester

Registration for regular start classes at Kirkwood ends on Tuesday, August 8th. Check out this [document with a list of available courses](#) and find [directions for registering here](#). Remember, Kirkwood classes start Monday, August 21st. Students are responsible for being on class on the first day.

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 @linnmarhscounseling.

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).

11th Grade

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

[11th-12th grades Parking Tag Form](#)

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10th Grade

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

A 10th 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 10th 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.

[10th grade Parking Lottery Form](#)

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

[LMHS 2023-24 Campus Release Form](#) (link)

9th Grade

9th Grade Parent Orientation

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

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

9th 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).

New North Parking Addition Update

Painting of the approximately 182 new parking spaces in the North Lot will take place late next week. 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 11 and will include a link to the **2023-24 LMHS Student Handbook**.