



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School  
Updates and Announcements  
For Students and Parents  
December 1, 2023



Calendar

December 4-9, 2023

...December Activities in Full Motion...

<b>Monday, December 4</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
3:30 p.m.	RTI
4:00 p.m.	*JV Girls Wrestling @ Williamsburg
5:00 p.m.	*JV Boys Wrestling Tourney @ CR Kennedy
	*9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Boys Wrestling CRANDIC @ Iowa City West
6:00 p.m.	Holiday Concert I (LM Auditorium) (Symphony Winds, Cantemus, LM Singers)
7:30 p.m.	Holiday Concert II (LM Auditorium) (Bella Voce, Sinfonietta, Wind Symphony)
<b>Tuesday, December 5</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
3:30 p.m.	RTI
4:00 p.m.	Esports Overwatch Team vs. CR Kennedy (Library)
4:30 p.m.	JV2/JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. CR Jefferson (LM Main Gym)
6:00 p.m.	JV/V Boys Swimming vs. Dub. Senior and Keokuk (LM Aquatic Center)
	Holiday Concert III (LM Auditorium) (Concert Orchestra, Concert Band, Fortis, Lux)
7:30 p.m.	Holiday Concert IV (LM Auditorium) (Concert Chorale, Philharmonic, Symphony Band)
<b>Wednesday, December 6</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
3:30 p.m.	RTI
<b>Thursday, December 7</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
8:05 a.m.	Building Management Team (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
4:00 p.m.	Esports Rocket League Team vs. CR Kennedy (Library)
5:45 p.m.	JV/V Girls/Boys Wrestling vs. Waterloo West (LM Main Gym)
6:00 p.m.	Chamber Orchestra Holiday Concert (LM Auditorium)
	9 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball @ Xavier
7:30 p.m.	Holiday Concert V (LM Auditorium) (Symphony Strings, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Choir)
	JV Boys Basketball @ CR Kennedy
	JV2 Girls Basketball @ Xavier
<b>Friday, December 8</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
	<b>Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Classes</b>
3:30 p.m.	RTI
4:00 p.m.	*JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling @ Western Dubuque (Farley, Cobra Lanes)
6:00 p.m.	V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Xavier
<b>Saturday, December 9</b>	
10:00 a.m.	V Girls Wrestling Duals @ Williamsburg
11:00 a.m.	V Boys Swimming @ Grinnell (Grinnell College)
12:00 p.m.	JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Pleasant Valley (Auxiliary Gym)
	JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Pleasant Valley (LM Main Gym)
1:00 p.m.	V Girls Bowling Baker Tournament @ CR (Lancer Lanes)

**\*Notes**

- 12/4 JV Girls Wrestling dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- JV Boys Wrestling dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Boys Wrestling dismissed at 2:25 p.m.

12/8 JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:25 p.m.

### **Future**

12/15 **Pep Assembly in place of RTI**

12/18 **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)**

12/22 **Two-Hour Early Release Schedule**

12/23-1/2/24 Winter Break

1/3/24 Classes Resume

1/9 Semester Exams (Blocks 1, 2; Periods 1, 2, 3, 4)

1/10 Semester Exams (Block 3; Periods 5, 6)

1/11 Semester Exams (Block 4; Periods 7, 8)

## **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-Baisten: [joyce.booth@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:joyce.booth@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (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**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

**Pep Assembly at 3:30 p.m. on December 15**

LMHS will have a Pep Assembly in place of RTI on Friday, December 15.

**Semester Exam Schedule and Weather Contingency Schedule (January 9-11, 2024)**

The Semester Exam Schedule and Semester Exam Weather Contingency Schedule for January 9-11, 2024, are below. More information on semester exams will be coming in December.

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exam Schedule (January 9-11, 2024)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exam Schedule Weather Contingency Plans (January 9-11, 2024)**

**Order Your 2023-24 LMHS Yearbook**

Anyone interested in ordering the 2023-24 LMHS Yearbook may do so using the following link.

**[Click here to order your 23/24 Yearbook!](#)**

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

### Senior Prom '24 Location Change This Year

Seniors!! For the first time in at least thirty years, LMHS will have Prom at a new location!! Prom will be held **Saturday, May 11**, at the **Olympic Southside Theater** in the NewBo area of Cedar Rapids. **If you would like a chance to be on the prom committee and help plan this first off campus experience, please contact Ms. Thurston ([thurston@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:thurston@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) or Mrs. Kuennen ([nicole.kuennen@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:nicole.kuennen@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) in the counseling office.**

**Kirkwood Winter/Spring Course** registration is now open.

Students can find a [list of Linn-Mar approved Kirkwood courses](#) here. [Click here for directions for how to register and deadlines.](#) Check your email for more details.

Upcoming visits- Students can sign up to meet with college admissions counselors at Linn-Mar at <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career>.

### Foundation Scholarships

Linn-Mar Foundation Scholarships – Attention Seniors! The Linn-Mar Foundation has opened their scholarship application early this year. Applications are completely online and **due January 15**. Check out the LM Foundation website for more details.

### 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.

### 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., **Olympic Southside Theater, CR**)
- 5/22 Seniors Last Class Day (Graduation Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m.)
- 5/26 Commencement (1:00 p.m., Alliant Energy Powerhouse)

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

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

December 18, March 18, May 6

## Activities

### Athletics

**A Message as we begin the '23-'24 Winter Sports Season:**

### SPORTSMANSHIP

Linn-Mar High School students, parents, and spectators are all expected to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship at athletic events. Chanting or taunting opponents, doing anything to incite opponents, or other actions that do not display appropriate sportsmanship is unacceptable at a high school athletic contest. Your actions of sportsmanship are greatly appreciated.

**DO YOUR PART TO SUPPORT LINN-MAR TEAMS LOUDLY, ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AND WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF SPORTSMANSHIP!**

**Good Luck to the LM Varsity Poms as they compete at ISDTA State Competition in Des Moines tonight!**

**Congratulations to the LM Varsity Poms for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Jazz and 1<sup>st</sup> in Pom and being named Grand Champions in Varsity Jazz at the Johnston competition on November 19! The Varsity Poms also received the Outstanding Artistry Award in Varsity Jazz at the Johnston competition! Congratulations to Larkin Hamilton for placing 9<sup>th</sup> in the Soloist competition! Varsity Pom members are: Ayda Besler, Lexie Buresh, Grace Dewitt, Addison Fischer, Emma Giese, Reina Gilbertson, Larkin Hamilton, MacLynn Hannan, Peyton Kensinger, Lauren Lensch, Sophia McDonald, Sofia McLaughlin, Emmerson Middlekauff, Addy Milam, Juliette Miskell, Claire Muszynski, Bennett Papendick, Natalie Severson, Chloe Smith, Brooklynn Taylor, and Lauren Weber!**

**Congratulations to the LM JV Poms for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in JV Jazz and 1<sup>st</sup> in JV Pom at the Johnston competition on November 19! JV Pom members are: Emery Fillner, Willow Frangul, Molly Genskow, Kaytelynd Guthrie, Genavieve Heitzman, Kaitlyn Hudson, Elsie Ledger, Sara Norsworthy, Arynn Obleton, Kennedy Vancura, and Melanie Widdel!**

**Congratulations to LM Competition Cheer for Placing 4<sup>th</sup> at State Cheer Competition on November 4! LM Competition Cheer members are: Lauren Bricker, Ashlyn Chamberlain, Sami Culver, Rachel Dunnwald, Allison Dvorak, Lena Ealy, Sydney Fischer, Abry Harrington, Ella Kline, Megan Smiley, Abigail Sutcliffe, Katelyn Wallrichs, Emma Welsh, Paige Wilhelm, and alternates Kate Bauer, Elsa Schoenbeck, Lexi Sennett, Addison Wegmann, and Ella Whitlow!**

**Congratulations to LM Cheerleaders Ashlyn Chamberlain, Sydney Fischer, and Paige Wilhelm for being selected for the State Football Honor Squad which performed at the State Football Finals!**

**Congratulations to LMHS Volleyball player Kate Passmore for being named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State (5A) and 1<sup>st</sup> Team NE All-District (5A)!**

#### **Girls Basketball Fan Shirt Orders Take Place Through December 5**

The Girls' basketball fan shirt order website (see below) is up and ready for orders. It is open until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5. Orders will be delivered after Winter Break. Only the t-shirts will have names and numbers on the back. The sweatshirt only has the front design.

<https://imgirlsbball2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

#### **Fine Arts**

**Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Play, *The Dining Table*, on their performance Thursday night! The show has one remaining performance tonight (Friday) at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Actors are: Blessing Luabeya, Charlie Yetter, Chloe Grunewaldt, Ellie Siddell, Kasena Gander, Marissa Miner, Pharaoh McDade, Rachel McDonald, Rory Nelson, and Jesse Zehr! Stage Managers and Crew: Grace Salomon, Kyra Haas, Kaylee Schwartzhoff, Ava Pitkin, Cyrus Allen, Jay High, Theo Harding, Sophia Nickerson, Lauren Hilzendager, Ryley Brunzman, Cora Kerwin, Sheza Mulanthal, Chloe Davis, Lula Huber, Sterling Nusbaum, Sasha Kamp, Lily Rundall, Izzie Demuth, Sophia Weber! Student Directors: Cal Gooding and Rylee Thompson!**

#### **Clubs and Organizations**

**Congratulations to LMHS Esports and the Rainbow 6 Siege Team for Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Esports State Tournament! Team members are: Ethan Crawford (Captain), Ryan Lane, Clement Cochet, Kohen Fredrickson, Ryder Darrow, Grant Jessen, Max Reck, Bridger McDonald, Andrew Zolnowsky, and Connor Nissen!**

**Congratulations to LMHS Esports and the Smash Brothers Ultimate Team for being State Champions for the Fall Esports State Tournament! Team members are: Kyle Langston, Brett Decker, Lucas Carlson, Adam Ledger, Alex Rodriguez, Easton Shepherd, Jack Meyer, Seth Dickson, Austin Pfab, and Joel Silcox!**

#### **Other Information**

Attendance for the week (Thursday – Thursday): **94.4 %**

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **December 8.**