



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
December 15, 2023



Calendar

December 18-22, 2023

...Final Week of School in 2023...

Monday,	December 18	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	9 th Grade Connection
	4:30 p.m.	*JV/V Girls Wrestling @ Iowa City Liberty
	7:00 p.m.	JV Boys Basketball @ CR Jefferson
Tuesday,	December 19	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:00 p.m.	*JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. Dubuque Hempstead (CRBC)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	4:00 p.m.	Esports Overwatch Team vs. Marshalltown (LRC) *Robotics League Match @ CR (Veterans Memorial Building)
	4:30 p.m.	*9 th Boys (Red) Basketball @ Dubuque Senior
	5:00 p.m.	*9 th Boys (Black) Basketball @ Dubuque Hempstead
	6:00 p.m.	*10 th /V Boys Basketball @ Dubuque Senior JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Dubuque Senior (LM Main Gym)
Wednesday,	December 20	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
Thursday,	December 21	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	4:00 p.m.	Esports Rocket League Team vs. Davenport North (LRC)
	6:00 p.m.	9 th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball vs. Cedar Falls (LM Main Gym)
Friday,	December 22	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (9:00 – 2:00 p.m.)
	4:30 p.m.	JV2 Girls Basketball @ Waterloo West
	5:00 p.m.	10 th /V Boys Basketball vs. Waterloo West (LM Main Gym)
	6:00 p.m.	JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Waterloo West

***Notes**

- 12/18 JV/V Girls Wrestling dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
- 12/19 JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:50 p.m.
- Robotics dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
- 9th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
- 10th/V Boys Basketball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.

December 25 – December 30 Winter Break – No Classes

January 1 - 6, 2024

...Welcome to 2024...

Monday,	January 1, 2024	New Year's Holiday – No Classes
Tuesday,	January 2,	Holiday Break – No Classes
Wednesday,	January 3,	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	7:30 p.m.	Pom Preview Show (LM Main Gym)
Thursday,	January 4	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	8:05 a.m.	Building Management Team (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	4:00 p.m.	*9 th Boys (Red) Basketball @ Cedar Falls (Peet JH)
	4:15 p.m.	*9 th Boys (Black) Basketball @ Cedar Falls (Holmes JH)
	5:45 p.m.	*JV/V Girls and JV/V Boys Wrestling @ Iowa City High
	7:30 p.m.	JV Boys Basketball vs. CR Washington (LM Main Gym)

Friday, January 5	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
All Day	*V Poms @ Minneapolis (Univ. of Minnesota)
3:00 p.m.	*JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. Iowa City West (CRBC)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
6:00 p.m.	JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Cedar Falls (LM Main Gym)
	*10 th /B Boys Basketball @ Cedar Falls
Saturday, January 6	
All Day	Orchestra NEISTA Honor Orchestra @ Waverly
All Day	Show Choirs @ Ankeny Centennial HS
All Day	Jazz Band NEIBA Honor Jazz @ CR Kennedy
9:00 a.m.	V Boys Wrestling Linn-Mar Duals (LM Main Gym)
10:00 a.m.	V Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Anamosa
12:00 p.m.	V Boys Swimming LM Invite (LM Aquatic Center)
TBD	V Boys Basketball MVC-CIML Showdown @ CR (Alliant Powerhouse)

Notes

- 1/4 9th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Wrestling dismissed at 2:40 p.m.
- JV/V Boys Wrestling dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
- 1/5 V Poms departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:50 p.m.
- 10th/V Boys Basketball dismissed at 3:50 p.m.

Future

- 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)
- 1/12 No Classes – Professional Day
- 1/15 No Classes – Professional Development Day
- 1/16 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter Begins

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 (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

2nd Quarter

Amnesty Club Movie Night at 7:00 p.m. tonight

LMHS Amnesty Club is sponsoring Movie Night on Friday, December 15 (tonight), at 7:00 p.m., in the Little Theatre. The movie *Ice Age* will be shown. Entry is \$1.00.

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.

1st Semester Exam Schedule (January 9-11, 2024)

Important Information Regarding Semester Exams:

- All classes will be having a final assessment during the scheduled time.
- Students are only required to be on campus for scheduled exam sessions.
- Students late to an exam will not be allowed into exam sessions so please plan accordingly.
- Students will be allowed in the South Commons/Cafeteria when not taking exams.
- Students will only be allowed in hallways during exams with a staff escort.
- Busses depart at 4:05 p.m. on January 9, and at 12:20 p.m. on January 10 and 11.
- If an exam session will be an RTI session for a course, the teacher will inform students and parents by December 20
- Teachers will inform students and parents by January 5, 2024, what the *Individual Course Weather Contingency Plan* will be in the event all weather contingencies are exhausted and an exam session is cancelled due to weather.
- Teachers will not change exam day/time without a Change of Semester Exam Form signed by the Principal or Associate Principals. Any needed request for an exam day/period change must be made by a parent/guardian to the Principal or Associate Principals.

1st 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!](#)

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

Summer Internship with the State of Iowa Insurance Division

Any Senior or Junior interested in a 10-week summer internship in the State of Iowa Insurance Division in Des Moines may find information on this opportunity using this link: [Summer Internship with State of Iowa Insurance Division](#)

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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9th Grade

9th 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!

Congratulations to the LM Varsity Poms for placing 1st in Pom and 2nd in Jazz at the ISDTA State Dance Championships! State Champion 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!

Clubs and Organizations

A Shout Out to LMHS Student Council for sponsoring Winter Spirit Week and the Pancake Breakfast this morning!

Other Information

Attendance for the week (Thursday – Thursday): **93.4 %**

This is the last edition of the *Updates* in 2023. The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **January 5, 2024**.