



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
February 16, 2024



Calendar

February 19 – February 24, 2024
...Last Full Week in February...

Monday,	February 19	Professional Development Day – No Classes 7:00 p.m. V Boys Basketball Sub-State vs. Clinton (LM Main Gym)
Tuesday,	February 20	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) 3:30 p.m. RTI 7:00 p.m. *V Girls Basketball Regional @ Cedar Falls
Wednesday,	February 21	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) All Day *Esports Overwatch 2 State Championships @ Marshalltown 3:30 p.m. RTI 6:45 p.m. Boys Track Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Thursday,	February 22	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) All Day *Esports Rocket League State Championships @ Marshalltown 3:30 p.m. RTI 4:00 p.m. FFA Sub-Districts @ LMHS 6:00 p.m. Winter Band Concert (LM Auditorium) 7:30 p.m. Winter Band Concert (LM Auditorium)
Friday,	February 23	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) 3:30 p.m. RTI 7:00 p.m. *V Boys Basketball Sub-State @ North Scott (Eldridge)
Saturday,	February 24	All Day Show Choir 10 th St. Edition @ CR Kennedy (Alliant Energy Powerhouse) All Day Jazz Bands Coe Jazz Contest @ CR (Coe College)

Notes

- 2/20 V Girls Basketball contingent on winning February 16 game.
- 2/21 Esports Overwatch 2 departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 2/23 V Boys Basketball contingent on winning February 19 game.

Future

- 2/26 LMHS Parent Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall, 6:30 p.m.)
- 3/5 Two-Hour Early Release
- 3/7 Two-Hour Early Release
- 3/11-15 Spring Break

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

3rd Quarter

No Classes on Monday, February 19

This is a reminder that all LMCS D schools are not in session this coming Monday, February 19, for professional development. Classes will resume with a Regular Daily Schedule on Tuesday, February 20.

Congratulations to LMHS National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists!

Congratulations to the seven LMHS seniors who were selected as **National Merit Scholarship Program** Semi-finalists and have now been named **Finalists!** All seven are now eligible to receive National Merit Scholarships. **Congratulations to: Riya Anand, Pranav Chepyala, Tanvi Gopalam, Katrina Ibrahim, Sutra Iyer, Graedyn Morrissey, and Melissa Wang!**

Two LMHS Students Qualify for National Ceramics Show

Congratulations to Aiden Thornberg and Eysen Pollard for having pieces selected for the **National Art Show** in March!

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

Advanced Placement (AP) Students:

If your Advance Placement (AP) class started 2nd semester, you will need to 1) declare “Yes” on the College Board website, and 2) pay your \$89 exam fee in order to take the exam. **The payment portal opens for 2nd semester classes on February 16 and remains open until March 4, 2024.**

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)

11th Grade

Proof of Immunization for Meningococcal

All Iowa students 16 years and older must meet the following immunization requirement *prior* to the first day of 12th grade:

- 1 dose Meningococcal (A,C,W,Y) vaccine received *after age 16 years.*

Please provide proof of immunization to the health office. A religious exemption is also acceptable.

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Kirkwood Academy Registration Information

Sophomores and juniors can now register for Kirkwood Academies for the 2024-25 school year. To see a full list of available academies and how to register, go to <https://bit.ly/kccacademies>. Directions for registration are on slide 15.

ACT Prep on March 30

Linn-Mar HS will be hosting a Doorway to College Tutor for ACT Test prep Saturday, March 30, from 9:00AM-3:00PM. This session will include focused strategies for taking the ACT as well as practices tests and a study guide to use after the session. Cost of the session is \$95. Please sign up and pay at <https://www.doorwaytocollege.com/seminarinformation/act-seminar-details?id=11637>.

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>.

10th Grade

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9th Grade

9th Grade Connection Dates: (3:30-4:00 p.m.)

March 18, May 6

Activities

Athletics

A Message for 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 Lion Boys Swimming team for placing 3rd at the State Boys Swimming Meet! This is the highest Team placement in school history! Individual and Relay State Place winners : 200 Medley Relay, 4th Place, (Mason Turner, Parker Macho, Colin Taylor, Hudson Huberg); 200 Free, 5th Place, (Luke Kelley); 50 Free, 3rd Place, (Hudson Huberg); 100 Fly, 2nd Place, (Parker Macho); 100 Free, 5th Place, (Hudson Huberg); 500 Free, 4th Place, (Luke Kelley), 6th Place (Mason Turner); 200 Free Relay, 11th Place (Parker Macho, Colin Taylor, Ethan Crawford, Luke Kelley); 100 Backstroke, 9th Place, (Mason

Turner); 100 Breaststroke, **4th Place**, (**Parker Macho**), **14th Place** (**Owen Sieren**); 400 Free Relay, **4th Place**, (**Hudson Huberg, Mason Turner, Colin Taylor, Luke Kelley**)!

Congratulations to the **Lion Boys Wrestling** for **qualifying nine Lions** for the **State Boys Wrestling Tournament**! **State Qualifiers** are: **Malik DeBow** (120), **Nate Fish** (126), **Aidan Ehlinger** (138), **Kane Naaktgeboren** (144), **Grant Boddicker** (150), **Grant Kress** (157), **Barrett Mieras** (157), **Philip Jacobs** (190), and **Griffin Schultz** (215)!

Congratulations to the **Linn-Mar Girls Bowling** team for **qualifying two Lions** for the **State Girls Bowling Tournament**! **State Qualifiers** are: **Ella Viers** and **Madalyn Leyse**!

Congratulations to the **Linn-Mar Varsity Poms** for **placing 2nd in Poms** at the **UDA National Dance 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 **Lion Girls Wrestler Kate Seery** for **placing 6th** at the **State Girls Wrestling Meet**!

Congratulations to the following **Lions** for **signing national letters of intent** on Wednesday: **Jake Wallrichs** (University of Dubuque, Tennis); **Grant Kress** (South Dakota State, Wrestling); **Jackson Mishler** (Black Hawk Community College, Baseball); **Lucas Booth** (Quincy University, Baseball); **Sam Watts** (South Dakota State, Football); **Malcolm Rice** (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Tennis); **Zoe Scott** (Cornell College, Cross Country); **Hazel Koenighain** (Mount Mercy University, Soccer); **Caleb Mossman** (Mount Mercy University, Baseball); **Jaxon Kramer** (Des Moines Area Community College, Baseball); **Grant Boddicker** (University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Wrestling); **Kaleb Martin** (Milwaukee School of Engineering, Baseball); and **Nick Carney** (Loras College, Tennis)!

Fine Arts:

Congratulations to **10th Street Edition** for being named **Grand Champions** at the **Urbandale show choir** competition on Saturday! Caption awards were given for **Rhylee Larson** (**Best Female Vocalist**), **Jacob Jensen** (**Best Male Vocalist**), **Best Choreography** and **Best Vocals**!

Congratulations to **In-Step** for being named **3rd Place** in the **prep division** at the **Urbandale show choir** competition on Saturday! Caption awards were given for **Jaceia Ketchum** (**Best Prep Division Female Vocalist**)!

Congratulations to **Hi-Style** for being named **1st Place** in the **treble clef division** at the **Urbandale show choir** competition on Saturday!

Clubs and Organizations:

Congratulations to the **Esports Overwatch 2** team for **qualifying** for the **Iowa High School Esports State Championships** next week! This team graduated the entire roster from last year. Team members are: **Josiah Prebil, Lucas Carlson, Wyatt Carlson, Gabe Powers, Brevyn Morrissey, Landon Niemi, Hayden Weber, Cooper Norton, Joel Silcox, and Cory Kruse**!

Congratulations to the **Esports Rocket League** team for **qualifying** for the **Iowa High School Esports State Championships** next week! Team members are: **Wyatt Colburn, Brody Mosnik, Ayan Anwar, Easton Shepherd, Liam Hindahl, and Seth Dickson**!

Congratulations to LMHS FBLA members who participated in the **District Leadership Conference** this weekend! The following members **qualified for the State Leadership Conference** in March: **Santosh Balasubramanian** and **Quinn Lorenz** (Business Ethics); **Ainak Basu** (Digital Video Production); **Manasvi Devi Reddy** (Intro to Public Speaking); **Khush Modha** and **Ainak Basu** (Intro to Social Media Strategies); **Grace Frale** (Job Interview); **Ruby Adams** and **Ananya Oli** (PSA); **Devasena Manikandan** (Public Speaking); **Tanvi Gopalam, Devasena Manikandan, Mariam Kiani, and Priscilla Osei-Tutu** (Social Media Strategies); and **Aditya Suri** (Website Design).

Other Information

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)

The Linn-Mar Community School District's voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) will be on the ballot **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, but district residents wanting to vote before election day are welcome to do so.

From now until 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 19**, [Linn-Mar residents](#) can request a mailed absentee ballot from the [Linn County Auditor's Office](#) by completing the necessary [request form](#). Ballots will need to be returned to the county auditor's office or the ballot drop box before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on election day to be considered for counting.

If your preference is in-person absentee voting prior to election day, that will also be an option during regular business hours at the county auditor's office beginning **Wednesday, February 14**. In-person absentee voting will remain available until **5:00 p.m. Monday, March 4**.

Should you choose to head to the polls on election day, you will need to show a valid ID before casting a ballot. The polls will be open on March 5 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you're unsure about your polling location, you can find it at the [Iowa Secretary of State website](#).

A voted PPEL generates funds our school district can only spend for infrastructure and equipment repairs, purchases, and improvements. This levy must be renewed every 10 years by voters and is not a new tax.

Linn-Mar's voted PPEL provided the district with \$3.5 million in the past fiscal year. Those funds were used for a variety of projects, from improving school security and technology purchases, to replacing roofs and school buses.

More information can be found on the [district's website](#).

Linn-Mar Aquatic Center Swim Instructors Needed:

The application to become a SwimAmerica lessons instructor this Spring/Summer is now open! Linn-Mar Community School District Aquatic Instructor Instructors are responsible for planning and teaching aquatic programs and/or general aquatic safety, responding to any incident within the facility, enforcing rules, being responsive to visitor/staff requests and ensuring the safety of all participants in the Aquatic Center. All applicants must be 14 years of age or older. Spring lessons will begin on Monday, March 18. If you have any questions about instructing (if you qualify, duties and responsibilities, how to apply), reach out to Linn-Mar Aquatic Center Manager Parker Crow (parker.craw@linnmar.k12.ia.us).

Attendance this week (Thursday-Thursday) 93.2 %

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **February 23, 2024**.