



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
February 2, 2024



Calendar

February 5 – February 10, 2024

...Course Registration Week for 2024-25...

Monday,	February 5	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	* HOMEROOM
	5:15 p.m.	8th Grade Parent-Student Course Registration Night
	6:00 p.m.	*9 th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball @ Dubuque Hempstead
	7:30 p.m.	JV Boys Basketball vs. Iowa City High (LM Main Gym)
Tuesday,	February 6	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	2:30 p.m.	*JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling @ Dubuque Senior (Cherry Lanes)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	6:00 p.m.	JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Dubuque Hempstead (Auxiliary Gym)
		*10 th /V Boys Basketball @ Dubuque Hempstead
		JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Dubuque Hempstead (LM Main Gym)
		SENIOR NIGHT
		Winter Vocal Concert (LM Auditorium) (Lux, Fortis, Cantemus, Concert Chorale)
	7:15 p.m.	Winter Vocal Concert (LM Auditorium) (Chamber Singers)
Wednesday,	February 7	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	7:30 a.m.	National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	6:00 p.m.	*JV2 Girls/10 th Boys Basketball @ Iowa City West
Thursday,	February 8	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	4:30 p.m.	'INC' GRADES DUE
		* LMHS Parent Conferences
	6:00 p.m.	9 th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball vs. Western Dubuque (LM Main Gym)
Friday,	February 9	Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
		*Vocal Chamber Singers ICDA Convention @ Omaha, Nebraska
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	4:00 p.m.	*V Boys Swimming State Meet @ Iowa City (Univ. of Iowa)
	4:30 p.m.	*JV2 Girls Basketball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
	5:30 p.m.	Girls Track and Field Meeting (Learning Center)
	6:00 p.m.	JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
		10 th /V Boys Basketball vs. Western Dubuque (LM Main Gym)
Saturday,	February 10	
	All Day	Show Choirs @ Urbandale
	12:00 p.m.	V Boys Swimming State Meet @ Iowa City (Univ. of Iowa)
	10:00 a.m.	V Wrestling District Meet @ Ames

Notes

- 2/5 HOMEROOM: Grades 9-11 will report to Homeroom classrooms for 2024-25 Course Registration.
12th Grade will be released at 3:25 p.m.
- 9th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.
- 2/6 JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 12:25 p.m.
- 10th/V Boys Basketball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.
- 2/7 JV2 Girls/10th Boys Basketball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- 2/8 JV2 Girls Basketball dismissed at 2:10 p.m.

JV1/V Girls Basketball dismissed at 3:50 p.m.

Future

2/19	Professional Development Day (No Classes)
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

Course Registration for 2024-25 is February 5-9

2024-25 School Year Course Registration is open from Monday, February 5, through Friday, February 9. Students will need to attend Homeroom (3:30 to 4 pm) on Monday, February 5 so they can receive the registration information and make informed choices. The 2024-25 LMHS Program of Studies can be found at <https://magnify.web.app/>.

Homeroom on February 5 for Grades 9-11

Homeroom for grade 9, 10, and 11, will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, February 5. This session will focus on Course Registration for the 2024-25 school year. **12th Grade is released at 3:30 p.m.**

Black History Month Spirit Week

February 12-16

Sponsoring Student Group: **ALO (Accountability, Leadership, Opportunity)**

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

FAFSA Now Open

Now is the time to apply for Federal Student Aid. After a long delay, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid opened on December 31. Families can get help filing the FAFSA by reaching out to their school counselor, contacting ICAN (www.icansucceed.org) or attending a FREE FAFSA Workshop at Linn-Mar High School on Tuesday, January 30th. Time slots are available at 4:25, 5:10 and 5:55. Sign up at <https://calendly.com/lmcollegecareer/fafsa-help-night>. The FAFSA Priority

deadline for Iowa State, University of Iowa, and University of Iowa is February 1st. To receive the maximum amount of aid available, file your FAFSA before your college's priority deadline. Other Iowa college deadlines can be found at <https://www.icansucceed.org/financial-aid/financial-aid-process/iowa-postsecondary-schools-financial-aid-deadlines>.

Summer Internship Information

Internship applications are now open for SUMMER 2024. Students in grades 10-11 can earn high school and college credit for completing a 40 hour internship during June and July. These internships are unpaid but will give students invaluable opportunities to learn about future careers and enhance their college and scholarship applications. Find out more details and apply at www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/internships. Students are required to complete an application, have two recommenders, and participate in an interview to qualify. **Completed applications are due Thursday, February 8, 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.

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

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10th Grade

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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 Girls Wrestling team for qualifying five wrestlers for the State Girls Wrestling Meet! Kate Seery, Brielle Parke, Ava Hofer, and Ally Jelinek!

Congratulations to the Lion Boys Wrestling team for placing 2nd at the Mississippi Valley Conference Tournament! Individual MVC Championship match wrestlers were Malik Debow (1st), Nate Fish (1st), Kane Naaktgeboren (1st), Grant Kress (1st), Griffin Schultz (2nd)!

Congratulations to the Lion Boys Swimming team for being Mississippi Valley Conference Champions!

Best wishes to the Varsity Poms as they compete at UDA Nationals this weekend in Orlando, FL!

Fine Arts:

Congratulations to 10th Street Edition for being named Grand Champions at the Cedar Rapids Prairie show choir competition on Saturday! Caption awards were given for Rhylee Larson (Best Female Vocalist), Grace Luo (Best Instrumentation), Best Band, Best Choreography, Best Vocals, and Best Ballad!

Congratulations to In-Step for being named 1st Place in the mixed prep division at the Cedar Rapids Prairie show choir competition on Saturday! In-Step also qualified for the finals! Caption awards were given for Jaceia Ketchum (Best Female Vocalist), Best Band, Best Choreography, and Best Vocals!

Congratulations to Hi-Style for being named 1st Place in the treble clef division at the Cedar Rapids Prairie show choir competition on Saturday! Maddy Kramer was named best vocalist!

Congratulations to the following Lion Large Group Speech members who qualified for State Speech Contest:

Improv: Cal Gooding, Aheli Mustafi, Berenice Roche, Robbie Hoke, Nassif Ali, Wesley Lovseth, Sage Moore, Logan Burkett, and Chloe Rouse! Mime: Luke Muenggenberg, Anastasia Weaver, Carl Hagen, Evie McInroy, Marissa Miner, and Rowan Price! Readers Theatre: Rowan Price, Luke Muenggenberg, Anastasia Weaver, Elly Hoffman, Ellie Siddell, Maren Girard, Ahli Mustafi, Sage Moore, Kelsey Harks, Rylee Thompson, and Bérénice Roche!

Ensemble Acting: Grace Frale, Kelsey Harks, Emma Homan, Gabby Mauren, and Jessica Kramer!

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](#).

Attendance this week (Thursday-Thursday) 95.3 %

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **February 9, 2024**.