



2023-24 School Year

# Linn-Mar High School Updates and Announcements For Students and Parents March 1, 2024



## Calendar

**March 4 – March 9, 2024**

*...March is here...*

<b>Monday, March 4</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
	*V Boys Track and Field @ Mason City
TBD	Colton Center Jazz Corridor Jazz Project @ CR (Paramount Theatre)
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	<b>Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (9:00 – 2:00 p.m.)</b>
2:00 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
3:30 p.m.	*V Girls Track and Field @ Mason City
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	<b>Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (9:00 – 2:00 p.m.)</b>
8:05 a.m.	<b>Building Management Team (Presentation-Lecture Hall)</b>
9:00 a.m.	*V Boys Track and Field @ Ames (Iowa State University)
2:00 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
6:00 p.m.	Baseball Parent meeting (Learning Center)
<b>Friday, March 8</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
	<b>Deadline to Drop Classes for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
	*V Girls Track and Field @ Ames (Iowa State University)
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	
9:00 a.m.	FFA District Convention @ Waukon

### Notes

- 3/4 V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 11:40 a.m.
- 3/5 V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 11:50 a.m.
- 3/7 V Boys Track and Field dismissed at departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 3/8 V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 12:40 p.m.

### Future

- 3/11-15 Spring Break
- 3/18 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)
- 3/21 TORNADO DRILL (3:25 p.m.)
- 3/25 FIRE DRILL (3:20 p.m.)
- 3/28 Last day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

## 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**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

### **Construction Impacts to Parking Begins after March 8 – PARKING ALERT**

March 8 will be the last school day we will use the West (Door #1) parking area (14 parking spaces, 10 ADA parking spaces, 4 district vehicle spaces). It will also be the last day for some time that we will use the western-most area of the South Parking Lot (approximately 71 parking spaces). **Please be aware that these locations will no longer be available when we return from spring break on March 18.** Additional ADA locations are planned to be added near the Door #2 and Door #14 areas. The Door #1 and Door #16 circle drive area, as well as the western-most area of the South Parking Lot, will be fenced off beginning after March 8. Emergency egress will be maintained; however, it will not be a regular entrance/exit location for the remainder of the construction project.

### **March 5 and March 7 are Two-Hour Early Dismissals**

Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on March 5 and March 7 as the district has Two-Hour Early Dismissals scheduled for both dates. LMHS will use the LMHS Two-Hour Early Release Schedule for both days. Busses will depart each day at 2:05 p.m. RTI will be available from 2:05-2:35 p.m. (teachers may go longer than 2:35 p.m.).

**[Two-Hour Early Release Schedule for March 5 and 7.pdf](#)** (link)

### **Tornado Drill**

During the Tornado Drill on Tuesday, all students and staff were in evacuation locations in three minutes and one second.

**Thank you to the U-Renew Club for picking up trash on campus Tuesday morning!**



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

### Advanced Placement (AP) Students:

If your Advance Placement (AP) class started 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

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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>.

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

**9<sup>th</sup> 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 Wrestling for placing 9<sup>th</sup> at the State Boys Wrestling Tournament! State Place Winners are: **Malik DeBow** (120) **5<sup>th</sup> Place**, **Nate Fish** (126) **8<sup>th</sup> Place**, **Kane Naaktgeboren** (144) **STATE CHAMPION**, **Grant Kress** (157) **6<sup>th</sup> Place**, and **Griffin Schultz** (215) **4<sup>th</sup> Place!****

### Fine Arts:

**Congratulation to 10<sup>th</sup> Street Edition for being named Grand Champion at the CR Kennedy Show Choir Festival on Saturday! Caption awards went to **Jacob Jensen** (Best Male Vocals),**

**Congratulations to the following 9<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra members who were selected for the Kennedy Honor Orchestra: **Anastasia Sackfield**-violin, **Simon Vieira**-cello, **Maddie Barnidge**-cello, **Ashlyn Novak**-violin, **Addison Luck**-viola, **Lily Carlson**-violin, **Grace Luo**-violin, **Sahana Nagarajan**-violin, **Sophia Weber**-viola, **Trystan Asher**-bass, **Rylee Passmore**-viola, and **Caleb DeLay**-bass!**

**Congratulations to Colton Center Jazz Ensemble for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Class 4A at the Coe Jazz Festival last Saturday! **Carter Buske** (guitar) was awarded 'Outstanding Soloist'!**

**Congratulations to Jazz Collective for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class 4A second band category at the Coe Jazz Festival last Saturday! **Alex Rodriguez** (alto sax) earned an 'Honorable Mention' soloist award!**

**Congratulations to In-Step for being named 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Varsity division at the Pella show choir competition on Saturday! Caption awards were given for **Jaceia Ketchum** (Best Female Vocalist)!**

**Congratulations to Hi-Style for being named 5<sup>th</sup> Runner-Up in the Varsity division at the Pella show choir competition on Saturday! Hi-Style also received Best Show Design!**

### Clubs and Organizations:

#### **Mental Health Matters Club Wildcat Closet Clothing Drive on Tuesday**

The **Mental Health Matters Club** is hosting a Wildcat Closet Clothing Drive before and after school on Tuesday, March 5, in both the Pride Rock Commons and South Commons. **The ONLY items requested for this clothing drive are: sweats and joggers, leggings, shorts, and hoodies and crewnecks.** Please limit any clothing donation to ten items. The Wildcat Closet provides clothing to LMHS students in need through the Student Assistance Office and Family Resource Office. Please contact Mrs. Deahl with any questions you may have. Thank you for any assistance you can provide to the clothing drive on March 5.

**Congratulations to the Esports Rocket League team for placing 4<sup>th</sup> at the Iowa High School Esports State Championships! Team members are: **Wyatt Colburn, Brody Mosnik, Ayan Anwar, Easton Shepherd, Liam Hindahl,** and **Seth Dickson!****

## Other Information

### **Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)**

Registered voters [who reside](#) in the Linn-Mar CSD are eligible to vote ahead of the special election on **Tuesday, March 5.**

From now until Monday, March 4, in-person absentee voting is available at the [Linn County Auditor's Office](#) (935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids). This option can be completed weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A valid ID will be required to vote.

On the ballot is the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) renewal for Linn-Mar CSD. The voted PPEL must be renewed every 10 years and provide revenue that has been used to address facility and equipment needs throughout the district. This list includes roof repairs, school bus replacement, technology purchases, school security improvements, and more. More information can be found on the [district website](#).

If the voted PPEL is renewed, it will remain in place through 2035 at the existing rate of \$1.34 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. This will generate approximately \$3.5 million to \$4.7 million annually, based on the district's taxable valuation increasing by 3.5% each year.

If you plan to vote on election day (March 5), the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You will need to show a valid ID and polling locations can be found on the [Iowa Secretary of State 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](mailto:parker.craw@linnmar.k12.ia.us)).

**Attendance this week (Thursday-Thursday) 93 %**

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be a two-week edition and sent to all LMHS students and parents on **March 8, 2024.**