



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School  
Updates and Announcements  
For Students and Parents  
March 22, 2024



Calendar

March 25 – March 29, 2024  
...Last Week of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter...

<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
All Day	*FBLA State Leadership Conference @ CR
3:20 p.m.	* <b>FIRE DRILL</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
4:30 p.m.	Girls Golf Pictures @ Marion (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
6:00 p.m.	V Boys Soccer Jamboree vs. CPU @ CR (Kingston Stadium)
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
All Day	*FBLA State Leadership Conference @ CR
3:30 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
4:15 p.m.	Girls/Boys Tennis Pictures (LM Main Gym)
4:30 p.m.	*V Girls Track and Field @ Iowa City West
5:00 p.m.	*JV/V Boys Soccer @ Pleasant Valley (TBK Bank Sports Complex)
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
	<b>Last Day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>RTI</b>
4:15 p.m.	Girls/Boys Soccer Pictures (LM Main Gym)
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>Professional Development Day Schedule – No Classes (7:30 -3:30 p.m.)</b>
4:15 p.m.	V Boys Track and Field @ CR (Kingston Stadium)
7:00 p.m.	V Girls Soccer vs. Waukee Northwest @ Ankeny High School
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	
10:00 a.m.	JV/V Girls Track and Field @ CR (Kingston Stadium)
11:00 a.m.	V Boys Soccer vs. Johnston (LM Stadium)
1:00 p.m.	V Girls Soccer vs. Valley, WDM @ Ankeny Centennial High School
3:00 p.m.	V Boys Soccer vs. Ankeny (LM Stadium)

**Notes**

- 3/25 FBLA departing prior to 9:00 a.m.  
**FIRE DRILL:** This will be using the emergency egress exits without Door #1 and Door #16. Our goal for this drill will be to have everyone out of the building in just at two minutes.
- 3/26 FBLA departing prior to 9:00 a.m.  
V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 2:10 p.m.  
JV/V Boys Soccer dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

**Future**

- 4/1 Professional Day (no classes)
- 4/2 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (HOMEROOM, 3:30 p.m.)
- 4/4 **FIRE DRILL (10:25 a.m.)**  
**GRADES DUE (4:30 p.m.)**
- 4/16 ISASP Prep – Writing Practice (3:30 p.m.)
- 4/17 Conditions for Learning Survey – w/ISASP Prep – Math Practice (3:30 p.m.)
- 4/18 INC Grades Due (4:30 p.m.)
- 4/23&24 ISASP (a.m.)
- 4/25 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
- 4/26 Comp Day (no classes)

## 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

### Tornado Drill on Thursday

LMHS had the quickest Tornado Drill in many years, maybe decades, on Thursday, getting into shelter locations in two minutes and twenty-three seconds.

### Attention LMHS Students

**All LMCS D parking lots, including LMHS, are not a hangout for socializing on weeknights or weekends. We are working with the Marion Police Department to notify everyone that the district and MPD will be working to keep parking lots clear during non-school event/activity times after school hours and on weekends. We thank everyone for your attention and cooperation.**

### Construction Update

Demolition and preparation for construction of the Performance Venue has started. The construction area has been fenced off at this time and doors #1 and #16 are no longer accessible except as an emergency exit. Patrons coming to LMHS for events in the LM Auditorium or Little Theatre should park in the North Lot and use doors #2 and #3. Please know that Door #13 (with access from the South Lot) will not always be open except for larger events in the LM Auditorium (Musical and concerts). Thank you to everyone for your patience as this project will create the need for several adjustments until completion (end of 2025).

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

### Conditions for Learning Survey on April 17 at 3:30 p.m.

All LMHS students will take the state-required *Conditions for Learning Survey* at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17. (Parents will receive information on this survey, including an opt-out form, in a separate email sent on April 1). Seniors will take the survey and then be dismissed. 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grades will be having a short ISASP Math practice session prior to taking the *Conditions for Learning Survey*. While ISASP practice and exams must be on school-issued computers, the *Conditions for Learning Survey* may be accessed by computer or by mobile device.

## **Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)**

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) will be administered to LMHS students in grades 9-11, during the mornings of Tuesday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 24. These are state-required exams. The schedule for these days is listed below. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take exams in Language and Writing, Reading, and Math. Additionally, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will also take a Science exam. School-issued computers must be used for the ISASP. *A separate email on the ISASP will also be sent at the start of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter in April.*

The ISASP schedule has been created with input from students and staff to help ensure students can perform at their best on each exam. Each exam period is scheduled for seventy-five (75) minutes; however, students may take as much time as needed to complete an exam. The schedule also allows for a break after the exams each day for lunch (much like our semester exam schedule does) with classes beginning at 1:00 p.m. On the first day of testing (April 23), Periods 1-4/Blocks 1-2 will be held. On the second day of testing (April 24), Periods 5-8/Blocks 3-4 will be held. On the second day of testing, Grades 9 and 11 will not be required to report until just before the 10:45 a.m. Math exam. Students in grades 9 and 10 riding the bus or being dropped off prior to 10:45 a.m. on this day will report to the LM Main Gym until 10:30 a.m.

12<sup>th</sup> grade students will not need to report to school until their class times during each afternoon.

We will be holding two ISASP practice sessions at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, and Wednesday, April 17. These sessions will ensure students know the location of their exams, expectations for the exams, practice for the writing exam, and practice finding the calculator/formulas/other tools allowed for during the Math exam. On April 17, this session will also involve completing the state-required *Conditions for Learning Survey* for all four grade levels (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>).

## **Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) Testing at LMHS for April 22 and 23, 2024**

### **Day 1 (Tuesday, April 23)**

### **Day 2 (Wednesday, April 24)**

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Prep	9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Prep
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Writing Exam	9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Science Ex. (10 <sup>th</sup> )
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break/Snacks	10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break/Snacks
10:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Reading Exam	10:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Math Exam
12:00 – 12:55 p.m.	Break/Lunch	12:00 – 12:55 p.m.	Break/Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Period 1/Block 1	1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Period 5/Block 3
1:50 – 2:30 p.m.	Period 2/Block 1	1:50 – 2:30 p.m.	Period 6/Block 3
2:35 – 3:15 p.m.	Period 3/Block 2	2:35 – 3:15 p.m.	Period 7/Block 4
3:20 – 4:00 p.m.	Period 4/Block 2	3:20 – 4:00 p.m.	Period 8/Block 4

Grades 9-11 take Writing, Reading, and Math Exams. Grade 10 takes additional Science Exam.

Grade 12 does not report until 1:00 p.m. each day (AP study sessions may be held for Seniors from 9:00-10:30 a.m. on April 24 at teacher discretion).

Two-Day Testing Schedule (75 minutes schedule time for each exam).

Will schedule Testing with 1<sup>st</sup> Block/1<sup>st</sup> Period Teachers (or teacher student has or has had before).

Students receiving Accommodations will take exams with Directed Studies or Roster Teachers.

### **ISASP Cell Phone/Computer/Smart Watch Policy:**

Phones/smart watches/computers (other than for the actual test taking) are not out/used for entire 75-minute exam period, even if everyone is done with an exam. A free reading book is allowed.

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

### **Kirkwood Community College Visit Opportunity of April 4**

There will be a visit to the Kirkwood main campus on April 4. There will be a bus leaving Linn-Mar at 9:00 a.m. from Door 10. During the visit you will meet with admissions staff, hear from a panel for current students, and take a general walking tour. We will return to high school at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up in the School Counseling Office and pick up a permission slip.

### **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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### **Proof of Immunization for Meningococcal**

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- **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.

### **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>.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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

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

May 6

### **Kirkwood C.C. Driver Education Course Sessions**

The following link [www.kirkwood.edu/DriversEducation](http://www.kirkwood.edu/DriversEducation) provides information regarding driver education courses offered through Kirkwood Community College. Summer sessions have not yet been set.

### **Activities**

#### ***Fine Arts:***

**Congratulation to Gabby Mauren** for being selected for **All-State Individual Speech in Original Oratory!** **Gabby** will perform at the Iowa All-State Individual Speech Festival on March 25!

**Congratulations to Evan Shanley** (baritone sax), **Carter Buske** (guitar), and **Everett Sams** (piano) for being selected for the **All-State Jazz Band!** **Evan, Carter,** and **Everett** will perform with the sixteen other All-State Jazz Band performers on May 9 at the Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference!

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

### **Other Information**

**Attendance this week** (Thursday-Thursday) **92.1 %**

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **March 29, 2024.**