



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School Updates and Announcements For Students and Parents March 29, 2024



Calendar

April 1 – April 6, 2024

...4th Quarter is here...

Monday, April 1 Professional Day Schedule – No Classes (7:30 – 3:30 p.m.)

- 4:15 p.m. JV2 Boys (Black) Soccer vs. CR Prairie (Armstrong Field)
- 4:30 p.m. JV2 Boys (Red) Soccer @ CR Jefferson (Lower Kingston)
- 4:30 p.m. JV Girls Tennis vs. CR Washington (Oak Ridge Complex)
- 9th-10th Boys Track and Field @ Iowa City High
- JV Boys Tennis @ CR Washington

Tuesday, April 2 Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

1st Day of 4th Quarter

- 3:15 p.m. *V Girls Golf MVC Quad (Marion, Hunters Ridge G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. *Homeroom**
- New Tennis Courts Ribbon Cutting (Oak Ridge Complex)
- 3:45 p.m. *Colton Center Jazz Ensemble State Jazz Championships @ Ames
- 4:00 p.m. *V Boys Tennis vs. WDM Valley (Oak Ridge Complex)
- 4:15 p.m. *V Girls Track and Field @ CR (Kingston Stadium)
- 5:45 p.m. JV/V Girls Soccer vs. Iowa City Liberty (LM Stadium)

Wednesday, April 3 Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- All Day *Robotics FRC Regional @ LaCrosse, WI
- 3:15 p.m. *JV Girls Golf @ CR Prairie (Airport National G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:15 p.m. *JV2 Boys (Red) Soccer vs. CR Washington (Armstrong Field)
- 6:00 p.m. *JV2 Girls/JV2 Boys (Black) Soccer @ Iowa City High

Thursday, April 4 Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Last Day to Add Courses for 4th Quarter

- All Day Robotics FRC Regional @ LaCrosse, WI
- 8:00 a.m. *FFA State Ag Fair @ TBD
- 10:25 a.m. *FIRE DRILL**
- 2:45 p.m. Compass/Atlas 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony (LRC Gym)**
- 3:15 p.m. *V Girls Golf MVC Quad @ CR (Twin Pines G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. *V Boys Track and Field @ Marshalltown
- *V Girls Tennis vs. Dubuque Hempstead (Oak Ridge Complex)
- *V Boys Tennis @ Dubuque Hempstead
- 4:30 p.m. GRADES DUE**
- *JV Boys Track and Field @ Clear Creek-Amana (Tiffin)
- 5:45 p.m. JV/V Girls Soccer vs. Waterloo West (LM Stadium)
- 7:00 p.m. Spring Jazz Band Concert (Auditorium)

Friday, April 5 Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- All Day Robotics FRC Regional @ LaCrosse, WI
- All Day *Spectrum Governor's Conference @ Altoona
- 5:30 p.m. *JV1/V Boys Soccer @ Bettendorf
- 6:00 p.m. LM Foundation Mane Event (CR, Radisson)

Saturday, April 6

- All Day Science Olympiad State Contest @ Ames (ISU)
- Robotics FRC Regional @ LaCrosse, WI
- 9:00 a.m. JV Girls Tennis Metro Doubles @ CR (Noelridge Courts)
- V Girls Tennis vs. Waterloo West (Oak Ridge Complex)

V Boys Tennis @ Waterloo West
10:30 a.m. V Girls/Boys Track and Field @ CR (Kingston Stadium)
1:00 p.m. JV Boys Tennis Metro Doubles @ CR (Noelridge Courts)
V Girls Tennis vs. Cedar Falls (Oak Ridge Complex)
V Boys Tennis @ Cedar Falls (UNI Tennis Complex)

Sunday, April 7

1:00 p.m. *Pride of Linn-Mar Recognition Ceremony (Pride Rock Commons)*

Notes

4/2 **HOMEROOM: 9th-11th Report to Homeroom Classrooms. Only 12th Grade needing to complete CPR for graduation need to report to the LM Auditorium.**

Colton Center Jazz Ensemble departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

V Girls Golf dismissed at 1:45 p.m.

V Boys Tennis dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

4/3 Robotics departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

JV Girls Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

JV2 Boys (Red) Soccer dismissed at 3:30 p.m.

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4/4 FFA departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

V Girls Golf dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 1:10 p.m.

V Girls Tennis dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

V Boys Tennis dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

JV Boys Track and Field dismissed at 2:10 p.m.

4/5 Spectrum departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

JV1/V Boys Soccer dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

Future

4/15 12th Grade Student Advisory (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

4/16 11th Grade Student Advisory (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

ISASP Prep – Writing Practice (3:30 p.m.)

4/17 10th Grade Student Advisory (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

Conditions for Learning Survey – ISASP Prep – Math Practice (3:30 p.m.)

4/18 9th Grade Student Advisory (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

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 (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.

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

Fire Drill on Monday

LMHS had a Fire Drill on Monday, which incorporated not using Doors #1 and #16 due to construction (these are emergency exits in an actual emergency). The Lions were in evacuation locations in two minutes and fifty-nine seconds.

Congratulations to **Ezra Crandall** for earning a Silver Key in the Scholastic Arts Awards! **Ezra's** project was a stop motion animation titled *Consume or Create* in the Film and Animation Category!

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.

3rd Quarter Grades

Grades for 3rd Quarter are due on April 4. They should be finalized after April 18, when INC grades are due.

4th Quarter

4th Quarter begins on Tuesday, April 2, with HOMEROOM at 3:30 p.m.

LMHS will begin 4th Quarter with a Regular Daily Schedule at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2. Homeroom will take place at 3:30 p.m. with 9th-11th grades reporting to Homeroom classrooms. 12th grade students who have not completed CPR for graduation will report to the LM Auditorium. All other 12th grade will be dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

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 were sent information on this survey, including an opt-out form, in a separate email from Associate Superintendent Nathan Wear on March 22). Seniors will take the survey and then be dismissed. 9th-11th 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. 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take exams in Language and Writing, Reading, and Math. Additionally, 10th 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 4th 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.

12th 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 (9th-12th).

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

Day 1 (Tuesday, April 23)

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Prep
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Writing Exam
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break/Snacks
10:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Reading Exam
12:00 – 12:55 p.m.	Break/Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Period 1/Block 1
1:50 – 2:30 p.m.	Period 2/Block 1
2:35 – 3:15 p.m.	Period 3/Block 2
3:20 – 4:00 p.m.	Period 4/Block 2

Day 2 (Wednesday, April 24)

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Prep
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Science Ex. (10th)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break/Snacks
10:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Math Exam
12:00 – 12:55 p.m.	Break/Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	Period 5/Block 3
1:50 – 2:30 p.m.	Period 6/Block 3
2:35 – 3:15 p.m.	Period 7/Block 4
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 1st Block/1st 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/headphones/ear buds (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.

12th 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

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.

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.)

May 6

Kirkwood C.C. Driver Education Course Sessions

The following link 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:

Best wishes to Colton Center Jazz Ensemble at the Iowa Jazz Championships on Tuesday!

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 1st in Class 4A at the NEIBA Jazz Festival last Saturday and **Qualifying for the Iowa Jazz Championships!** **Carter Buske** (guitar) was awarded **‘Outstanding Soloist’!**

Clubs and Organizations

2024 Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference Finalists.

LMHS FBLA students that placed in the top four will be eligible to compete at the National Conference in Orlando, FL. FBLA State Placemen: **Aditya Suri** (1st Computer and Technology, 1st Accounting, 1st Website Design, 2nd Personal Finance);

Tanvi Gopalam (2nd Business Calculations); **Quinn Lorenz & Shrisantosh Balasubramanian** (1st Business Ethics); **Adelina Garcia & Gaven Ketcham** (4th Community Service); **Pranav Karthik** (4th Economics); **Macklane Millhollin, Sahana Nagarajan & Priyanka Onteru** (4th Public Service Announcement); **Devasena Manikandan** (2nd Public Speaking); **Pranav Karthik & Aditya Suri** (10th Broadcast Journalism); **Macklane Millhollin** (8th Business Law); **Matieis Mayes & Keshav Ramnarayanan** (6th Business Plan); **Pranav Karthik** (6th Cyber Security); **Ainak Basu** (7th Digital Video Production); **Ainak Basu & Khush Modha** (7th Introduction to Social Media Strategy); **Landon Boddicker** (8th Entrepreneurship, 6th Health Care Administration); **Priyanka Onteru** (10th Impromptu Speech, 6th Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure); **Manasvi Devi Reddy** (5th Introduction to Financial Math, 6th Introduction to Public Speaking); **Grace Luo** (8th Introduction to Financial Math); **Macy Millhollin** (5th Introduction to Marketing Concepts); **Ananya Oli** (6th Introduction to Social Media Strategy); **Quinn Lorenz, Shrisantosh Balasubramanian & Matieis Mayes** (10th Sales Presentation); **Priscilla Osei-Tutu** (8th Securities and Investments); **Tanvi Gopalam & Devasena Manikandan** (8th Social Media Strategies); **Mariam Kiani & Priscilla Osei-Tutu** (9th Social Media Strategies); **Manasvi Devi Reddy & Grace Luo** (6th Visual Design)!

Other Information

Attendance this week (Thursday-Thursday) 92.8 %

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **April 5, 2024**.