



2023-24 School Year

**Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
November 17, 2023**



Calendar

November 20-December 2, 2023

...Thanksgiving Week and the last week of November...

Monday,	November 20	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	5:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting (LRC Board Room)
Tuesday,	November 21	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:15 p.m.	*JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. CR Prairie (CRBC)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	6:00 p.m.	JV/V Girls Basketball vs. Bettendorf (LM Main Gym) V Boys Swimming Metro Meet (LM Aquatic Center)
Wednesday,	November 22	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes
Thursday,	November 23	Thanksgiving Day – No Classes
Friday,	November 24	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes
Saturday,	November 25	
	10:00 a.m.	V Girls Wrestling LM Invite (LM Main Gym)
	2:00 p.m.	V Girls Basketball vs. Marion HS @ Kirkwood C.C.
*Notes		
11/21	JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:50 p.m.	
Monday,	November 27	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	5:00 p.m.	JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Western Dubuque (Hazel Point Intermediate)
Tuesday,	November 28	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	4:00 p.m.	*Robotics FTC League @ CR Washington
	5:00 p.m.	*10 th /V Boys Basketball @ Bettendorf
	6:00 p.m.	*JV/V Boys Swimming @ Waterloo West (Central MS)
Wednesday,	November 29	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	7:30 p.m.	Pom Preview Show (LM Main Gym)
Thursday,	November 30	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	8:00 a.m.	LMCSD School Board Visit to LMHS
	12:00 p.m.	*V Girls Wrestling Dan Gable Donnybrook @ Coralville
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	4:30 p.m.	*LMHS Parent Conferences
		Jazz-A-Thon (Learning Center)
	6:00 p.m.	JV/V Boys Wrestling vs. Dubuque Hempstead (LM Main Gym)
Friday,	December 1	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
		Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Quarter
	8:45 a.m.	State Legislator Visit to LMHS
	9:00 a.m.	*V Girls Wrestling Dan Gable Donnybrook @ Coralville
	12:00 p.m.	*V Boys Wrestling Dan Gable Donnybrook @ Coralville
	3:00 p.m.	*JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. Xavier (CRBC)
	3:30 p.m.	RTI
	6:00 p.m.	*JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Dubuque Wahlert

Saturday, December 2

All Day	NEIBA Honor Band @ Oelwein
TBD	Robotics @ CR (Regis Middle School)
10:00 a.m.	V Boys Wrestling Dan Gable Donnybrook @ Coralville
10:00 a.m.	V Boys Swimming @ Sun Prairie East (Wisconsin)
12:00 p.m.	JV1 Girls/10 th Boys Basketball @ Waukee
1:30 p.m.	V Girls/Boys Basketball @ Waukee

Notes

11/28	10 th /V Boys Basketball dismissed at 2:25 p.m. JV/V Boys Swimming dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
11/30	V Girls Wrestling departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
12/1	V Girls Wrestling departing prior to 9:00 a.m. V Boys Wrestling departing prior to 9:00 a.m. JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 2:10 p.m. JV1/V Girls Basketball dismissed at 3:45 p.m.

Future

12/15	Pep Assembly in place of RTI
12/18	9 th Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)
12/22	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule
12/23-1/2/24	Winter Break
1/3/24	Classes Resume
1/9	Semester Exams (Blocks 1, 2; Periods 1, 2, 3, 4)
1/10	Semester Exams (Block 3; Periods 5, 6)
1/11	Semester Exams (Block 4; Periods 7, 8)

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

2nd Quarter

LMHS Parent Conferences on November 30

LMHS 2nd Quarter Parent Conferences will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. Teachers will be making requests for specific conferences through November 27. On the morning of November 28, remaining conference slots for each teacher will be open for parents to sign up. An email will be sent to all parents on November 27 with conference sign up information.

Pep Assembly at 3:30 p.m. on December 15

LMHS will have a Pep Assembly in place of RTI on Friday, December 15.

Semester Exam Schedule and Weather Contingency Schedule (January 9-11, 2024)

The Semester Exam Schedule and Semester Exam Weather Contingency Schedule for January 9-11, 2024, are below. More information on semester exams will be coming in December.

1st Semester Exam Schedule (January 9-11, 2024)

1st Semester Exam Schedule Weather Contingency Plans (January 9-11, 2024)

Order Your 2023-24 LMHS Yearbook

Anyone interested in ordering the 2023-24 LMHS Yearbook may do so using the following link.

[Click here to order your 23/24 Yearbook!](#)

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

Senior Cap/Gown/Tassel/Victory Stole Ordering Assistance on November 15

A representative from our vendor (Herff Jones) will be at Linn-Mar Wednesday, November 15th from 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. in the South Commons to assist with ordering as needed and to answer any questions. Please put mark this date on your calendar. Students & Parents will be receiving an email this week with detailed order information and instruction.

Kirkwood Winter/Spring Course registration is now open.

Students can find a [list of Linn-Mar approved Kirkwood courses](#) here. [Click here for directions for how to register and deadlines.](#) Check your email for more details.

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>.

Foundation Scholarships

Linn-Mar Foundation Scholarships – Attention Seniors! The Linn-Mar Foundation has opened their scholarship application early this year. Applications are completely online and due January 15th. Check out the LM Foundation website for more details.

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.)

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

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

December 18, March 18, May 6

Activities

Athletics

Congratulations to LMHS Volleyball player Kate Passmore for being named 1st Team All-State (5A) and 1st Team NE All-District (5A)!

Congratulations to the Lion Girls Swimming Team for qualifying eight events for the Girls State Swimming Meet! State Qualifiers are: Grace Whisenand, (200 Medley Relay, 100 Free, 100 Backstroke, 400 Free Relay), Maura Carstensen (200 Medley Relay, 100 Butterfly, 200 Free Relay, 100 Breaststroke), Mehal Raghvani (200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 100 Free, 200 Free Relay), Ellie Junk (200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay), Layla Breitbart (200 IM, 400 Free Relay), Libby Richard (200 Free Relay), Izzy Telisak (400 Free Relay), Anna Nordine (400 Free Relay), and alternates Ava Hofer, Petra Sherman, Elyah Steffan and Ava Winn!

Congratulations to the Lion Volleyball Team for the following state/conference/metro recognition this season: Tessa Casebolt (Academic All-State, All-MVC 1st Team, All-Metro 2nd Team, MVC All-Academic), Ellie Daubenmier (Academic All-State, All-Metro Honorable Mention, MVC All-Academic), Mallory Guenther (Academic All-State, MVC All-Academic), Kate Passmore (MVC Valley Division 'Player of the Year', MVC 1st Team, All-Metro 1st Team, MVC All-Academic), Kira Klesner (MVC Honorable Mention, All-Metro 2nd Team, MVC All-Academic), Karsyn Michael (MVC 2nd Team, All-Metro Honorable Mention), Gwen Gaffney (MVC Honorable Mention, MVC All-Academic), Emma Barnes (MVC All-Academic), Emily Brandt (MVC All-Academic), Emily Brunson (MVC All Academic), Katelyn Castor (MVC All-Academic), Lauren Castor (MVC All-Academic), Samantha Eichinger (MVC All-Academic), Minni Joyner (MVC All-Academic), Kelsey Klesner (MVC All-Academic), Addi Millius (MVC All-Academic), Ashlynn Moores (MVC All-Academic), and Madison Stroschien (MVC All-Academic)!

Fine Arts

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of the 9th Grade Play, *The Dining Table*, on their performance Thursday night! The show has one remaining performance tonight (Friday) at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Actors are: Blessing Luabeya, Charlie Yetter, Chloe Grunewaldt, Ellie Siddell, Kasena Gander, Marissa Miner, Pharaoh McDade, Rachel McDonald, Rory Nelson, and Jesse Zehr! Stage Managers and Crew: Grace Salomon, Kyra Haas, Kaylee Schwartzhoff, Ava Pitkin, Cyrus Allen, Jay High, Theo Harding, Sophia Nickerson, Lauren Hilzendager, Ryley Brunsmann, Cora Kerwin, Sheza Mulanthal, Chloe Davis, Lula Huber, Sterling Nusbaum, Sasha Kamp, Lily Rundall, Izzie Demuth, Sophia Weber! Student Directors: Cal Gooding and Rylee Thompson!

Spring Musical Newsies Auditions on November 27 and 28

Auditions for the spring musical *Newsies* will take place Monday, November 27th and Tuesday, November 28th. Anyone interested in auditioning should sign up for an audition time in the Colton Center hallway. You may access the audition music through the QR code located near the sign-up sheets. An accompanist will be provided. Please see Mr. Jorgenson, Mrs. Patterson or Mrs. Smith if you have any questions.

Congratulations to the LMHS Choral program for having 5 members selected to the 2023 Iowa OPUS Choral Festival: Will Bahl, Bradley Duncan-Porter, Rachel Hora, Everett Sams, and Parker Shadrick!

Congratulations to the LMHS Orchestra program for having 12 members selected to the 2023 NEISTA Jr. Honor Strings Orchestra: Trystan Asher (Bass), Maddie Barnidge (Cello), Lily Carlson (Violin), Caleb Delay (Bass), Olivia Lee (Bass), Cohen Mitchell (Cello), Sahana Nagarajan (Violin), Ashlynn Novak (Violin), Anastasia Sackfield (Violin), Maian Seeley (Violin), Simon Vieria (Cello), and Sophia Weber (Viola)!

Congratulations to the LMHS Band program for having the following members selected to the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association (NEIBA) Honor Band Festival on December 2: Selectees include: Thanh Beech (Tuba), Kyle Earnest (Alto Saxophone), Kael Edaburn (Trombone), Ellenor Fredin (Clarinet), Gavin Gates (Euphonium), Leah Glew (Flute), Sutra Iyer (Trumpet), Caden Justus (Bass Clarinet), Teressa Laubach (Bassoon), Aaron Malget (Horn), Evie McInroy (Clarinet), Molly McPeck (Alto Saxophone), Lily Miglia (Flute), Maria Neihart Thielen (Clarinet), Reese Peddicord (Clarinet), Khushi Reddy (Clarinet), and Ewan Southwood (Percussion)!

Clubs and Organizations

Congratulations to LMHS Esports and the Rainbow 6 Siege Team for Placing 2nd in the Esports State Tournament on Thursday! Team members are: Ethan Crawford (Captain), Ryan Lane, Clement Cochet, Kohen Fredrickson, Ryder Darrow, Grant Jessen, Max Reck, Bridger McDonald, Andrew Zolnowsky, and Connor Nissen!

Congratulations to LMHS Esports and the Smash Brothers Ultimate Team for Qualifying for the Fall Esports State Tournament! Team members are: **Kyle Langston, Brett Decker, Lucas Carlson, Adam Ledger, Alex Rodriguez, Easton Shepherd, Jack Meyer, Seth Dickson, Austin Pfab,** and **Joel Silcox!**

Other Information

Attendance for the week (Thursday – Thursday): **93.4 %**

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **December 1.**