



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
October 20, 2024



Calendar

October 23-28, 2023

...The 1st Quarter Finish Line...

Monday, October 23	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
6:00 p.m.	Girls/Boys Bowling Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Tuesday, October 24	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
4:00 p.m.	eSports Smash Brothers Team vs. Davenport North (LMHS Library)
6:00 p.m.	Festival of Orchestra Concert #1 (LM Auditorium) (Concert Orchestra, Sinfonietta)
7:00 p.m.	*V Volleyball Regional Final @ Dowling Catholic (West Des Moines)
7:30 p.m.	Festival of Orchestra Concert #2 (LM Auditorium) (Philharmonic, Symphony)
Wednesday, October 25	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
	Last Day of 1st Quarter
3:30 p.m.	RTI
6:00 p.m.	Boys Swimming Parent Meeting (LM Aquatic Center) Girls Wrestling Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Thursday, October 26	Professional Development Day – No Classes (7:30 - 3:30 p.m.)
Friday, October 27	Professional Day – No Classes (7:30 - 3:30 p.m.)
10:30 a.m.	V Girls/Boys Cross Country State Meet @ Fort Dodge
7:00 a.m.	*V Football 1 st Round Playoff vs. TBD @ TBD
Saturday, October 28	
9:30 a.m.	10 th Girls Swimming and Diving MVC Meet @ Iowa City (Mercer Pool)

***Notes**

- 10/24 V Volleyball dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
- 10/27 V Football is contingent on making the playoffs.

Future

- 10/30 1st Day of 2nd Quarter
- 10/31 1st Quarter Grades Due (4:30 p.m.)
- 11/6 LMHS Parent Advisory Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall, 6:30 p.m.)

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

1st Quarter

1st Quarter Ends on Wednesday, October 25

The last day of 1st Quarter is Wednesday, October 25. **No classes will be held on October 26 or 27 for Professional Development and a Professional Day for staff.** 2nd Quarter will begin on Monday, October 31, with a Regular Daily Schedule.

LMHS Student is Helping Raise Funds for People Affected by the Wildfires in Maui

Next week, Linn Mar is holding a fundraiser for people affected by the wildfires in Maui. Look out for the QR codes posted in the school to help support the cause. Donations are directly transferred to the American Red Cross Association to help buy supplies such as water, food, and batteries. Sharing the link with your family and friends can help us reach our goal of 500 dollars! This effort is made possible through the initiative of a student at LMHS!

<https://americanredcross.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.personalCampaign&participantID=6047> (link)

Current Calendar for Building-Wide Celebrations/Recognitions/Drives/Awareness Initiatives:

Nov. 6 - 10, 2023 *Human Trafficking Awareness Week* Sponsoring Group: Amnesty Club

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!](#)

Thank you, again, to the U Renew Club for cleaning up campus on Wednesday morning! See Mr. Pisarik if you are interested in becoming a member of the U Renew Club. **And, pick up after yourself each day to help keep our campus clean!**



12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

Advance Placement Course Testing Updates:

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window in February 2024 for an additional fee of \$40. Please make the payment in PowerSchool under the Purchases and Payments tab to the left of the screen. You may also make your payment to Joyce Dayton in the Cashiers office.

If your student has a conflict they can e-mail the AP Coordinator, Heather Kosikas, at heather.kosikas@linnmar.k12.ia.us

ACT Prep at LMHS on November 4

Recommended for Grades 10-12: ACT Prep – Doorway to College – Students planning to take the ACT can take advantage of \$95 ACT Prep here at Linn-Mar High School on Saturday, November 4th. Register for this test prep at <https://www.doorwaytocollege.com/seminarinformation/act-seminar-details?id=11428>.

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)

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

November 13, December 18, March 18, May 6

Activities

Athletics

Congratulations to LMHS Girls Cross Country Runners, Hailey Kozloski and Ally Buck, for qualifying for the State Girls Cross Country Meet!

Congratulations to LMHS Boys Cross Country Runner, Riley Kuhn, for qualifying for the State Boys Cross Country Meet!

Congratulations to the Lion Volleyball team as they defeated Southeast Polk in Regionals and good luck to the Lions as they play Dowling Catholic in a Regional final volleyball game on Tuesday!

Fine Arts

Best wishes to the members of our LMHS Music department trying out for Iowa All-State Band, Choir, and Orchestra on Saturday!

LMHS Robotics Dark Matter Team Pride Food Pantry Drive

LMHS Robotics Dark Matter Team will be holding a food drive for the LMHS Pride Food Pantry from Tuesday, September 19 – October 25. All non-perishable food donated to this food drive goes directly to the LMHS Pride Pantry. Our LMHS Pride Food Pantry serves the students of LMHS and is overseen by our Family Resource Specialist and Student Assistance Specialists. Donation boxes will be set up around the school specifically, at the South Commons, the Pride Rock Commons, the Theater Entrance, the Four Corners, and the Learning Center. Parents coming to conferences on Thursday, September 21, are also encouraged to participate in the food drive. Thank you for your efforts in helping Dark Matter with this project, LMHS!
[ITEMS OF NEED FOR DARK MATTER TEAM PRIDE FOOD PANTRY DRIVE](#) (link)

Other Information

Attendance for the week (Thursday – Thursday): 95.2 %

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on October 27.