



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
October 27, 2024



Calendar

October 30–November 4, 2023

...A little spookiness, then November is here...

Monday, October 30	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) Start of 2nd Quarter
3:30 p.m.	HOMEROOM
4:00 p.m.	Girls Wrestling Practice begins (Wrestling Room)
Tuesday, October 31	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
8:00 a.m.	Girls Basketball Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
All Day	*FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis
3:30 p.m.	RTI
Wednesday, November 1	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.) Deadline to ADD classes for 2nd Quarter
All Day	FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis
3:30 p.m.	RTI
Thursday, November 2	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
All Day	FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis
2:45 p.m.	Compass/ATLAS 1st Quarter Recognition (Main Gym)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	*V Girls Diving State Qualifier Meet (LM Aquatic Center)
7:00 p.m.	Girls Basketball Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Friday, November 3	Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
All Day	FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis
3:30 p.m.	RTI
7:00 p.m.	*V Football Playoff-2 nd Round vs. CR Kennedy/Cedar Falls @ TBD
Saturday, November 4	
All Day	FFA National Convention @ Indianapolis
11:00 a.m.	JV/V Poms Lion Lineage (LM Main Gym)
12:00 p.m.	V Girls Swimming State Qualifier Meet (LM Aquatic Center)

***Notes**

- 10/31 FFA departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 11/2 V Girls Diving dismissed at 2:30 p.m.
- 11/3 V Football Playoff if win at SE Polk on October 27.

Future

- 11/6 LMHS Parent Advisory Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall, 6:30 p.m.)
- 11/13 9th Grade Connection
- 11/22-24 Thanksgiving break
- 11/30 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30-7:30 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.

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

2nd Quarter Begins on Monday, October 30, at 9:00 a.m.

LMHS will begin 2nd Quarter on Monday, October 30, at 9:00 a.m. with a Regular Daily Schedule.

HOMEROOM on Monday, October 30, at 3:30 p.m.

Homeroom for grades 9-12 will be held at 3:30 p.m. All students will need to plan to attend Homeroom. This will occur on the first day of each new academic term.

12th grade: will meet in the Auditorium for a class meeting regarding Graduation planning and 2nd Quarter planning, including the semester exam schedule.

11th grade: will meet in Homeroom classroom for 2nd Quarter planning post-secondary planning, deadline reminders, and the semester exam schedule.

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!](#)

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

LMHS Class of 2024 Graduation Meeting on Monday, October 30, in the LM Auditorium during HOMEROOM

The LMHS Class of 2024 will have a class meeting during Homeroom on Monday, October 30, at 3:30 p.m. in the LM Auditorium. **Graduation Cap/Gown/Tassel, and Victory Stole Online ordering starts Monday.** The time has arrived for families to order their Graduation Cap/Gown/Tassel, and Victory Stole for your graduating senior. Your senior will get detailed order information at the class meeting.

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.

Winter/Spring Internship applications for Workplace Learning Connection are due Friday, November 3rd.

Students interested in an internship should have a block off in their day and make sure all approvals and recommendations are completed by Friday as well.

Advance Placement Course Testing Updates:

The payment window will open on October 20, for 1st semester AP classes and Exam Only sections. **All students who wish to take an AP exam in May must register and pay the full \$89 exam fee by November 3, 2023.** Please remember to select “Yes” for the exam when registering. Students may still register and pay for a 1st semester or Exam Only exam during the second payment 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)

11th Grade

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9th Grade

9th Grade HOMEROOM at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, October 30

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Signs Of Suicide Lesson During U.S. History Classes on November 15

All 9th grade students will participate in one classroom lesson which teaches them to recognize the signs of depression and suicide in themselves and others. This is a continuation of their learning that took place in the middle school on the signs of suicide. They are taught the appropriate response to these signs is to use the ACT Technique: Acknowledge that there is a problem, let the person know you Care, and Tell a trusted adult. For freshmen enrolled in US History for this semester, their lesson will take place on November 15. If you have any questions about this lesson, please contact their high school counselor or a Student Assistance Counselor.

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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 and good luck to the Lion Football team as they play at Southeast Polk in the first round of the playoffs tonight!

Fine Arts

Congratulations to the LMHS Music Department for the 54 members accepted and 5 members selected as alternates to the 2023 Iowa All-State Music Festival!

All-State Band Selections: Graedyn Morrissey-Bassoon (4th Year), Evan Shanley-Clarinet (3rd Year), Shea Southwood-Flute (3rd Year), Karli Sletteland-Horn (2nd Year), Brock Whitham-Clarinet (2nd Year), Jace Whitham-Alto Sax (2nd Year), Marley Fonck-Flute (1st Year), Theodore Hartwig-Flute (1st Year), Jonas Jaritz-Clarinet (1st Year), Adam Kmetz-Horn (1st Year), Everett Sams-Horn (1st Year), Gigi Wright-Oboe (1st Year)! **All-State Band Alternates:** Mariselle Jones-Clarinet (1st alternate), Parker Nicks-Tuba (1st alternate), Owen Soenen-Trumpet (1st alternate)!

All-State Chorus Selections: Jacob Jensen-Tenor (3rd Year), Kamryn White-Soprano (3rd Year), Arjun Raghavendran-Tenor (2nd Year), Erika Steenhoek-Alto (2nd Year), Isaac Stanger-Tenor (2nd Year), Maddie Eley-Alto (2nd Year), Mara Kehrt-Soprano (2nd Year), Ryal Hanson-Bass (2nd Year), Timothy Laubach-Bass (2nd Year), Zach Kendrick-Tenor (2nd Year), Gabbie

Biedermann-Soprano (1st Year), James Knatz II-Bass (1st Year), Kaia Sjobakken-Soprano (1st Year), Kaitlyn Johnson-Alto (1st Year), Lucas Rabe-Bass (1st Year), Maryn Budke-Soprano (1st Year), Micah Langley-Bass (1st Year), Olivia Ferin-Soprano (1st Year), Olivia Getz-Alto (1st Year), Owen Hilbert-Tenor (1st Year), Sydney Young-Alto (1st Year), Tate Whittaker-Smith-Tenor (1st Year)!

All-State Orchestra Selections: Ava Macek-Viola (4th Year), Melissa Wang-Violin (4th Year), Rashaan Bryant-Violin (3rd Year), Clara Haker-Cello (3rd Year), Andras Haugen-Bass (3rd Year), Eric Liang-Violin (3rd Year), Amy Miller-Viola (3rd Year), Kathryn Delsing-Viola (2nd Year), Krishna Modha-Cello (2nd Year), Izzy Telisak-Violin (2nd Year), Jordyn Puffer-Bass (2nd Year), Lucie Scott-Cello (2nd Year), Henry Granger-Bass (1st Year), Jackson Haro-Violin (1st Year), Sutra Iyer-Violin (1st Year), Ellie Kim-Violin (1st Year), Grace Luo-Violin (1st Year), Charlotte Masters-Viola (1st Year), Erich Nguyen-Viola (1st Year), Sophia Phan-Violin (1st Year)! **All-State Orchestra Alternates: Maddie Barnidge – Cello (2nd alternate), Andrea Reznicow – Viola (1st alternate)!**

Other Information

Attendance for the week (Thursday – Thursday): **95.8 %**

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **November 3.**