



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
October 6, 2024



Calendar

October 9 - 14, 2023

...Thirteen Class Days Remain in 1st Quarter...

Monday, October 9	Regular Schedule (8:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	*9 th Volleyball @ Marion HS
	*JV Volleyball Tourney @ CR Washington
6:00 p.m.	JV Football @ Mount Vernon
	*Marching Lions Metro Marching Festival (LM Stadium)
Tuesday, October 10	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
4:00 p.m.	LM eSports Smash Brothers vs. Keokuk (LMHS Library)
5:00 p.m.	*V Volleyball MVC Tourney @ Dubuque Hempstead
6:00 p.m.	Fall Vocal Concert (LM Auditorium)
	(Lux, Fortis)
7:00 p.m.	Fall Vocal Concert (LM Auditorium)
	(Concert Chorus, LM Singers, Bella Voce, Chamber Singers)
Wednesday, October 11	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
Thursday, October 12	Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
	*V Girls/Boys Cross Country Divisional @ CR (Seminole Valley Park)
4:00 p.m.	LM eSports Rainbow 6 Siege vs. Davenport North (LRC – 3 rd Floor Lab)
5:00 p.m.	JV Volleyball Round-Robin (LM Main Gym)
6:00 p.m.	9 th Football vs. Iowa City High (LM Stadium)
7:00 p.m.	Thespian Show <i>It's Murder in the Wings</i> (Little Theatre)
Friday, October 13	Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)
	Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Semester
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	V Football @ Iowa City High
7:00 p.m.	Thespian Show <i>It's Murder in the Wings</i> (Little Theatre)
Saturday, October 14	
8:30 a.m.	9 th Volleyball @ CR Prairie (Prairie Point)
9:00 a.m.	10 th Volleyball MVC Tourney @ CR Washington
9:00 a.m.	JV Girls Swimming/Diving Metro Meet @ CR Kennedy
10:00 a.m.	V Girls Diving @ Marshalltown (YMCA)

***Notes**

- 10/9 9th Volleyball dismissed at 3:45 p.m.
JV Volleyball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.
Metro Marching Festival: Expect heavy traffic on campus before and during this event. Seven metro high school marching bands, including our Marching Lions will be performing. The UNI Marching Band will also be performing at the event and practicing on Monday afternoon at the stadium.
- 10/10 V Volleyball dismissed at 2:25 p.m.
- 10/12 V Girls Cross Country dismissed at 12:40 p.m.
V Boys Cross Country dismissed at 1:10 p.m.

Future

- 10/18 LMHS Picture Make Up
- 10/25 Last day of classes for 1st Quarter

10/26 Professional Development Day (no classes)
10/27 Professional Day (no classes)
10/30 1st Day of 2nd Quarter

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

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.

Two-Hour Early Release Schedule on October 17 and 19

All LMCS D schools will be releasing Two-Hours Early on October 17 and 19 for Professional Development. LMHS will operate with a Two-Hour Early Release Schedule on both days. **TWO-HOUR EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE** (link)

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:

October 16-20, 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

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>.

Grinnell College	Monday, October 9 at 3:00PM
New York University	Tuesday, October 10 at 12:00PM
Villanova University (Virtual)	Tuesday, October 10 at 3:00PM (Virtual)
Augustana College	Thursday, October 12 at 11:30AM
Knox College	Thursday, October 19 at 11:00AM

Internships

Workplace Learning Connection Internships are now open. Students in grades 11 and 12 can participate in a Winter or Spring Internship. Students typically need a block off during the school day in order to get their hours completed. Internships are worth 5 credits at Linn-Mar and 1 credit through Kirkwood.

- Mrs. Bass will be offering internship information sessions on Monday, October 9th and Tuesday, October 10th during RTI and at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, October 11th. Please reach out to her if you cannot make it to any of those dates.

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

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

November 13, December 18, March 18, May 6

Activities

Fine Arts

Congratulations to the Linn-Mar Marching Lions for receiving 1st Place in Class 4A at the Bands Across the Prairie Festival on Saturday afternoon! Caption award winners included Best Winds, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, and Best Drum Majors!

Congratulations to the Linn-Mar Marching Lions for receiving 1st Place in Class 4A at the Five Seasons Marching Festival on Saturday night! Caption award winners included Best Winds, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, and Best Drum Majors!

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): **93.9 %**

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on **October 13**.