



2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School  
Updates and Announcements  
For Students and Parents  
September 1, 2024



Calendar

September 4-7, 2023

...First full week of September...

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>September 4</b>	<b>Labor Day – No Classes</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>September 5</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
	9:30 a.m.	*V Boys Golf CRANDIC @ Iowa City (Pleasant Valley G.C.)
	<b>3:20 p.m.</b>	<b>*FIRE DRILL</b>
	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>RTI</b>
	5:30 p.m.	10 <sup>th</sup> /JV/V Volleyball vs. Iowa City West (LM Main Gym)
	6:00 p.m.	*JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving @ Cedar Falls (Holmes J.H.)
	6:15 p.m.	*JV Football @ North Scott (Eldridge)
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Booster Club Meeting (C110)</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>September 6</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)</b>
	3:15 p.m.	*V Boys Golf @ Marion (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
		*JV Boys Golf @ CR (Airport National G.C.)
	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>RTI</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)</b>
	3:15 p.m.	*9 <sup>th</sup> Boys Golf @ CR (Airport National G.C.)
	<b>3:20 p.m.</b>	<b>*TORNADO DRILL</b>
	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>RTI</b>
	5:00 p.m.	9 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs. Xavier (LM Main Gym)
	6:00 p.m.	9 <sup>th</sup> Football @ CR Kennedy (Kingston Stadium)
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>September 8</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)</b>
	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>RTI</b>
	7:00 p.m.	V Football vs. CR Kennedy (LM Stadium)
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>September 9</b>	
	TBD	Marching Lions Uptown Marion Parade (Downtown Marion)
	9:00 a.m.	V Girls Diving LM Invite (LM Aquatic Center)
		V Volleyball LM Invite (LM Main Gym/Auxiliary Gym)
		9 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball Tourney @ CR Washington
	10:00 a.m.	V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Decorah (Luther College)
	1:00 p.m.	V Girls Swimming LM Invite (LM Aquatic Center)

**\*Notes**

- 9/5 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- FIRE DRILL: Our goal is to empty the building in under two minutes (which we did during the first drill).**
- JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
- JV Football dismissed at 3:50 p.m.
- 9/6 V Boys Golf dismissed at 1:45 p.m.
- JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:30 p.m.
- 9/7 9<sup>th</sup> Boys Golf dismissed at 1:30 p.m.
- TORNADO DRILL: Our goal is to get everyone into the shelter location in under three minutes.**

**Future**

- 9/11 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)
- 9/12 **SERIOUS THREAT-INTRUDER DRILL (9:01 a.m. 'Walk-Through'-only)**
- 9/13 Homecoming Parade (5:00 p.m.)
- 9/15 **Homecoming Pep Assembly Schedule**
- 9/16 Homecoming Dance (8:00 p.m.)

9/21 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

10/18 LMHS Picture Make Up

## 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](mailto:joyce.booth@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 447-4884

**Jessica Deahl:** [jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 730-3559

**Kevin McCauley:** [kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto: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**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

### Homecoming '23 Is Quickly Approaching

A reminder to students that **the LMHS Homecoming Dance is for LMHS students only.** No outside guests/dates are permitted to the LMHS Homecoming Dance. This is our highest attended dance each year. Last year, with just LMHS students, 1431 attended the Homecoming Dance. The Spring Fling Dance and Senior Prom will continue to allow students to sign up out of school guests/dates.

### FIRE DRILL ON AUGUST 29

During the fire drill on August 29, the building was evacuated in just under two minutes. All students were at the outside evacuation locations in under four minutes. The goal for the first drill of the year was to have the building evacuated in under three minutes.

### 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!](#)

[LMHS 2023-24 Student Handbook \(changes are in red\)](#) (link)

[2023-24 LMHS Daily Schedule](#) (link)

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

[12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#) (link) (Due by September 15) (return to Main Office)

**Job Shadow Applications Deadline is September 21**

Workplace Learning Connection Job Shadow applications open on Monday, August 14. Students in grades 10-12 are invited to apply for a job shadow to learn more about future career opportunities. Placements are made on a first-come, first-served basis, so get signed up soon! The deadline to apply is September 21 at 5:00 p.m.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade students interested in Job Shadow and Internship sign up may attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade meeting in the Auditorium on Tuesday, September 5, at 3:30 p.m.

### **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.

### **College Fair at Kirkwood Community College on September 13**

12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students are invited to attend a college fair at Kirkwood Community College on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00. Interested students should sign up in the College/Career Center to get a permission form to ride the bus to Kirkwood. Colleges at the fair will include public and private colleges across Iowa and surrounding states as well as military recruiters.

### **College Admission Visits to LMHS**

Students in Grades 9-12 are welcome to meet with College Admission Counselors in the College/Career Center. If you are interested in talking with an admissions counselor, please check the calendar <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career> for when the counselor will be here and get a pass from the Counselors' Office. Visits will start after Labor Day, September 4th!

### **Scholarship Information and other College/Career Preparation Events and Resources**

Watch the Linn-Mar School Counseling Instagram page for updates on scholarships, events, and resources @linnmarhscounseling. Counselors often receive notification of scholarships in the community and across the US. Those scholarships are then posted in Xello. Students can find these opportunities by logging into their Xello account and clicking on "College Planning" then "Search for Local Scholarships." Additional scholarships can be found at a number of search sites across the internet. We recommend Fastweb, Going Merry, or College Board's Scholarship Search – just Google to find these sites.

### **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)

## **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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## **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Reminder: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, from 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.**

**A meeting for all LMHS 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be held on Tuesday, September 5, from 3:30-4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.** The primary focus of the meeting will be on Job Shadow and Internship sign up through the Workplace Learning Connection.

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## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection Dates: (3:30-4:00 p.m.)**

September 11, October 2, November 13, December 18, March 18, May 6

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## **Other Information**

Attendance for the week (Thursday – Thursday): **95.3 %**

### **[LMHS Parent Advisory Council Application](#) (link)**

This is the link for an LMHS parents interested in being in Parent Advisory Council for 2023-24. Forms may be emailed/returned to [bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us). Please return by September 29.

### **Parent Chaperones for Homecoming Dance are Needed**

We are looking for Parents interested in signing up as a volunteer for the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 15 (7:30-10:30 p.m. – Dance is from 8:00-10:30 p.m.). **We are in need for people to help chaperone our largest dance of the school year. It takes a lot of adults to help make for a great dance for our students.** Please contact Karla Blakely ([kblakely@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:kblakely@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) or Honey Sue Heater ([Hheater@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:Hheater@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) if you are able to help. Thank you for considering!

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on September 8.