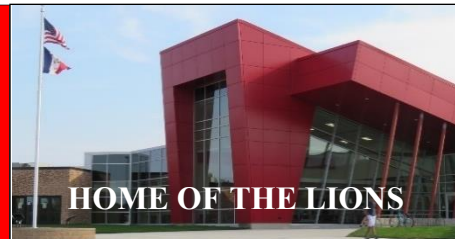




2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
 Updates and Announcements
 For Students and Parents
 September 22, 2024



Calendar

September 25 - 30, 2023
 ...Last Week of September...

Monday, September 25	Professional Development Day – No Classes (7:30 – 3:30 p.m.)
9:30 a.m.	V Boys Golf MVC Divisional @ Dubuque (Meadows G.C.)
3:15 p.m.	JV Boys Golf @ Shellsburg (Wildcat G.C.)
5:00 p.m.	9 th Volleyball vs. CR Kennedy (LM Main Gym)
6:00 p.m.	9 th Football @ Western Dubuque (Epworth) JV Football vs. Iowa City West (LM Stadium)
Tuesday, September 26	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
8:30 a.m.	*12 th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:20 p.m.	*V/JV Boys Cross Country @ Iowa City (Ashton Course)
5:30 p.m.	10 th /JV/V Volleyball vs. Dubuque Hempstead (LM Main Gym) **SENIOR NIGHT**
	*9 th Volleyball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
6:00 p.m.	*JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving @ CR Jefferson
Wednesday, September 27	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
8:30 a.m.	*11 th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
9:30 a.m.	*JV Boys Golf Ryder Cup @ CR (Twin Pines G.C.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
Thursday, September 28	Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)
8:30 a.m.	*10 th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
3:15 p.m.	*V Boys Golf @ CR (Twin Pines G.C.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	9 th Volleyball vs. Iowa City West (LM Main Gym)
Friday, September 29	Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)
	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Quarter Classes
8:30 a.m.	*9 th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	9 th /V Football vs. Muscatine (LM Stadium) **Mental Health Matters Club Suicide Awareness Night**
Saturday, September 30	
All Day	Orchestra All-State Clinic @ Cedar Falls (UNI)
8:15 a.m.	V Girls Diving and Swimming @ Ames
9:00 a.m.	JV Volleyball Tourney @ Anamosa
11:30 a.m.	JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Waverly (Wartburg College)
3:00 p.m.	Marching Lions @ CR Prairie (John Wahl Stadium)
8:15 p.m.	Marching Lions @ CR (Kingston Stadium)

***Notes**

- 9/26 V/JV Boys Cross Country dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
- 9th Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving dismissed at 3:55 p.m.
- 9/27 JV Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 9/28 V Boys Golf dismissed at 1:15 p.m.

Future

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

10/26 Professional Day (no classes)
10/27 Professional Development 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



U-RENEW Club Cleans Up Campus!

A 'thank you' to the LMHS U-RENEW Club for cleaning up the campus on September 20! The picture above shows their efforts.

Monday, September 25, is a Professional Development Day – No Classes

Students do not have classes on Monday, September 25, for a staff Professional Development Day. We will see everyone with a Regular Schedule on Tuesday, September 26.

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)

Seven LMHS Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

Linn-Mar High School has seven Seniors named as Semifinalists for the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Approximately 1.3 million students from 21,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Competition. 16,000 students, less than 1% of students entering the competition have been named semifinalists based on their scores on the qualifying exam. The LMHS National Merit Semifinalists: **Riya Anand, Pranav Chepyala, Tanvi Gopalam, Katrina Ibrahim, Sutra Iyer, Graedyn Morrissey, and Melissa Wang!** Congratulations!

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

September 25-29, 2023	<i>Suicide Prevention Week</i>	Sponsoring Group: Mental Health Matters Committee
October 16-20, 2023	<i>Human Trafficking Awareness Week</i>	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!](#)

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

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

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2024

Common App Help on September 26

Seniors are invited to the College/Career Center on **Tuesday, September 26, at 3:30 p.m.** to get **help on their Common App.** Learn about the admissions process and learn about FAQs Common App so you can confidently complete your applications!

College Admission Visits

Students can now sign up for college admission visits online at www.calendly.com/lmcollegecareer! When they sign up, they will enter their email and phone number to receive reminders about the event. Students can use the text or email as their pass to the College/Career Center.

Tuesday, September 26

11:30 a.m. Saint Louis University [In-person Visit]

12:00 p.m. Drake University [In-person Visit]

Wednesday, September 27

1:00 p.m. St Olaf College [In-person Visit]

Thursday, September 28

12:30 p.m. Iowa Central Community College [In-person Visit]

Friday, September 29

2:30 p.m. Hamline University [In-person Visit]

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

PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Exam) Sign-Up

Students may now sign up for the Practice SAT, or PSAT. The PSAT is designed for juniors as a practice college entrance test and also may qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT will take place during the week of October 9th at

the Kirkwood Regional Center. To sign up for the PSAT, please pay \$18 at the Cashier's window, or your parent/guardian may pay on the Powerschool payment page. **The last day to make payment for the PSAT is Monday October 2.** If you have any questions about the PSAT, please see Mr. Kennedy in the Counselors' office.

10th Grade

PSAT Sign-Up

Students may now sign up for the Practice SAT, or PSAT. The PSAT is designed for juniors as a practice college entrance test and also may qualify juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sophomores may also take the PSAT but not as a qualifier for National Merit Scholarships. The PSAT will take place during the week of October 9th at the Kirkwood Regional Center. To sign up for the PSAT, please pay \$18 at the Cashier's window, or your parent/guardian may pay on the PowerSchool payment page. **The last day to make payment for the PSAT is Monday October 2.** If you have any questions about the PSAT, please see Mr. Kennedy in the Counselors' office.

If any 10th Grade student would like a copy of the First Day of High School Class of 2026 picture from last year, use this link to order: www.elitephoto2.com

9th Grade

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

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



If any 9th Grade student would like a copy of the Class of 2027 First Day of High School picture, use this link to order: www.elitephoto2.com

Activities

Clubs and Organizations

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): **94.1 %**

Just over 1300 LMHS students attended the Homecoming '23 Dance on Saturday night.

[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. Please return by September 29.

The next edition of the *Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent to all LMHS students and parents on September 29.

