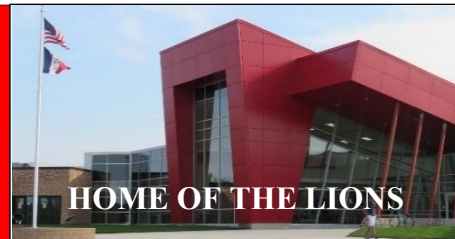




2023-24 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
September 29, 2024



Calendar

October 2-7, 2023

...Welcome to October – Four Weeks Left in 1st Quarter...

Monday, October 2	Regular Schedule (8:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
12:00 p.m.	*V Boys Golf District Meet @ Ankeny (Briarwood G.C.)
3:30 p.m.	*9th Grade Connection
5:00 p.m.	*9 th Volleyball @ Iowa City Liberty
	*10 th 'Reserve' Volleyball Round-Robin @ CR Kennedy
6:00 p.m.	JV Football vs. Davenport West (LM Stadium)
	*JV Volleyball Quad @ North Scott HS (Eldridge)
Tuesday, October 3	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:30 p.m.	*10 th /JV/V Volleyball @ Waterloo West
6:00 p.m.	JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving vs. Dubuque Hempstead (LM Aquatic Ctr.)
	SENIOR NIGHT
7:00 p.m.	Fall Band Concert (LM Auditorium) (Symphonic Winds, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble)
Wednesday, October 4	Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
Thursday, October 5	Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	*V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Cedar Falls (Birdsall Park)
6:00 p.m.	*College Fair (LMHS)
Friday, October 6	Regular Schedule (7:50 - 4:00 p.m.)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	*9 th /V Football @ Davenport West (Brady Street Stadium)
Saturday, October 7	
8:30 a.m.	V Volleyball Tourney @ CR Jefferson
9:00 a.m.	10 th Volleyball Tourney @ CR Kennedy
2:30 p.m.	Marching Lions State Contest @ CR (Kingston Stadium)
9:00 p.m.	Marching Lions Valley Fest @ West Des Moines (Valley Stadium)

***Notes**

- 10/2 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 9th Volleyball dismissed at 3:15 p.m.
- 10th 'Reserve' Volleyball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.
- JV Volleyball dismissed at 3:35 p.m.
- 10/3 10th/JV/V Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- 10/5 V Girls Cross Country dismissed at 12:10 p.m.
- V Boys Cross Country dismissed at 12:40 p.m.
- College Fair
- 10/6 9th Football dismissed at 2:15 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 End 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

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

Fine Arts

Congratulations to the Linn-Mar Marching Lions for receiving 1st Place in Class 4A at the Marion Marching Festival on Saturday night! Caption award winners included Best Winds, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, and Best Drum Majors! The score of 93.6 (out of 100) is one of the highest recorded scores ever for the Marching Lions!

Clubs and Organizations

A *shout out* to the **Mental Health Matters Club** for planning and efforts during Suicide Awareness Week! They will be continuing these efforts during the games tonight at LM Stadium.

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): **94.5 %**

[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 **October 6**.