

Linn-Mar High School Updates and Announcements For Students and Parents August 1, 2025



Calendar

August 4 – 9 Three Weeks Until 9th Grade-Only 1st Day of School on August 25

Monday, August 4	All Day	*Summer Break – No Classes Girls Tennis Practice Begins	
	All Day	All-State Music Camp	Mt. Mercy Univ.
	1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp	Colton Center
	3:00 p.m.	Volleyball Camp	LM Main Gym
	4:00 p.m.	Football Camp	LM Stadium
Tuesday, August 5		*Summer Break – No Classes	
	All Day	All-State Music Camp	Mt. Mercy Univ.
	1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp	Colton Center
	3:00 p.m.	Volleyball Camp	LM Main Gym
	4:00 p.m.	Football Camp	LM Stadium
Wednesday, August 6	*Summer Break – No Classes		
	All Day	All-State Music Camp	Mt. Mercy Univ.
	1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp	Colton Center
	3:00 p.m.	Volleyball Camp	LM Main Gym
	4:00 p.m.	Football Camp	LM Stadium
	5:30 p.m.	Volleyball Parent Meeting	Lecture Hall
Thursday, August 7		*Summer Break – No Classes	
	9:00 a.m.	JV Girls Tennis vs. CR Washington	(Oak Ridge Complex
	1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp	Colton Center
	2:00 p.m.	*Mobile Sports Physicals	Door #10 area
	3:00 p.m.	Volleyball Camp	LM Main Gym
	4:00 p.m.	Football Camp	LM Stadium
Friday, August 8	*Summer Break – No Classes		
	1:00 p.m.	In-Step Show Choir Camp	Colton Center
		10 th St. Show Choir Leader Training	Colton Center
Saturday, August 9		10 th St. Show Choir Leader Training	Colton Center

Notes

8/7 Mobile Sports Physicals: an additional day for Mobile Sports Physicals has been made for August 12, from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Pre-Start of School Year

Registration or 2025-26

All families with a student returning to the Linn-Mar Community School District for the upcoming school year must complete a simple online process to re-enroll their student for the upcoming school year.

Our district will use the information entered through the re-registration process in several ways. By completing this enrollment process, building administrators will have a more accurate reflection of student enrollment as they make classroom assignments, staffing changes, and other important decisions.

As part of this process, please ensure that your student's guardian contact information is updated
and current. The top two contact names are those that will be used to send emergency
communications and to make calls about attendance. Please ensure these two contacts are
those you want used in these situations.

Action Required:

- Are you enrolling/registering a returning student? <u>Complete the Re-Enrollment Process For Your Returning Student.</u>
- Are you enrolling a preschool student? <u>Please follow our preschool enrollment process</u>.
- Are you new to the district? You can register your student on the New Student Enrollment page.

All Families Must Create a New Student Meal Account

Our school district is transitioning to a new meal management platform called "Meal Magic" beginning this fall. This system will help you better manage student meal accounts and will replace "Total Access", which is no longer in operation.

What This Means for You:

 All parents and guardians will need to create a new Meal Magic account before the school year begins. Once your account is set up, you'll be able to check meal balances and manage your student's cafeteria account with ease.

Adding Funds:

- Any remaining meal funds from last year were transferred to the account of the oldest child in each family.
- Parents will need to redistribute those funds among any children in the family once student accounts have been created.
- Meal payments will continue to be made through PowerSchool. After creating your Meal Magic account, simply log in to PowerSchool to deposit funds.

Action Required:

- Click here to access "Meal Magic" to create an account.
- These step-by-step instructions can help you if you have trouble setting up your account.
- You will need to use your students' ID numbers to establish their accounts. These ID numbers can be found in PowerSchool under "Other Information."

LMHS Main Building Open for Students and Parents to Find Locations beginning on August 5

Starting on Tuesday, August 5, LMHS students and parents may walk the building to find classrooms and other building locations from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday). Door #3 (North) and Door #13 (South) will be open during this time. Building maps will be available at Door #3 and Door #13. Please be mindful that staff will be working in the building during these times. A few areas of the southwest side of the HS Main Building will have accessibility impacted at times by construction. The AEC building will be available for students and parents to walk through from 9:00-3:00 p.m. starting the week of August 18.

Parking Information and Forms

Each grade level section below has parking information and forms.

WHEN DRIVING ON CAMPUS AT ANY TIME, PLEASE DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, CAUTIOUSLY, AND NO MORE THAN TEN MILES PER HOUR! IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE. BE SAFE AND BE RESPECTFUL OF EVERYONE ON CAMPUS AND OURCAMPUS PROPERTY. WE ARE LINN-MAR - TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AND OUR CAMPUS!

School Counselor appointments begin on August 8

School counselors will begin taking appointments beginning on August 8. School counselors will start meeting with students on August 11. Please contact the School Counseling Office (447-3070 or 447-3043) or your school counselor to schedule an appointment.

David Kennedy (A-Cn) (447-3104), dkennedy@linnmar.k12.ia.us

John Herber (Co-Go) (447-3074), john.herber@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Austin Hill (Gp-K) (447-3098), Austin.Hill@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Kierstyn Buelt (L-On) (447-3072), Kierstyn.buelt@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Kim Bowen (Op-Sm) (447-3175), Kimberly.bowen@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Elizabeth Kreher (Sn-Z) (447-3071), ekreher@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Student ID/Computer Pick Up/School Pictures for 9th-12th, and Yearbook Pickup on August 21-22 in the Learning Center

All LMHS students, including Seniors, must have student picture IDs. If you had your picture taken last school year, you should have your ID for pick up on the 21st-22nd. All 9th-11th grade students, and Seniors needing a picture for their ID, must have their picture taken. Ordering of pictures is optional. 9th-10th grades will pick up IDs and get pictures taken from 9:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, in the Learning Center. 10th grade students will also pick up school-issued computers. 9th grade students will receive school-issued computers during 9th grade-only 1st day of school on August 25. 10th-12th Grade students who ordered at 2024-25 yearbook will be able to pick these up as well.

11th-12th grades will pick up IDs and get pictures taken from 9:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, in the Learning Center. Seniors only need a picture if needed for Student ID or if the student would like pictures. Students will not be turned away if they show for pictures on the opposite date, however, we ask that students work to get these completed on your assigned date as possible to help manage the number of students getting pictures on both days.

School Picture Make-Up Day is Wednesday, September 3, from 8:35-10:30 a.m. Picture retakes will take place on Wednesday, October 15, from 8:35-10:30 a.m.

Below is a link and a QR code for Student Picture Order Forms:



9th Grade Parent Orientation on Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 p.m., in the LMHS Auditorium

A 9th Grade Parent Orientation session will be held on August 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the LMHS Auditorium.

9th Grade-Only First Day of School – August 25

Monday, August 25, is the first day of high school for LMHS Class of 2029. Only 9th grade students attend on this day with school starting at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Students will receive their school-issued computers during this day. Students will also go through their class schedule, learn about school procedures and expectations, go through wayfinding activities, learn how lunch works, and have opportunities and activities to meet each other.

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 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 in person to schedule a meeting:

Joyce Booth: joyce.booth@linnmar.k12.ia.us (319) 447-4884 Kevin McCauley: kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us (319) 447-3047

(New hire will start in late August)

Any student may contact Student Assistance Counselors, School Counselors, or Academic Assistance Counselors at any time during the school day.

<u>Safe2SpeakUp</u> 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. The link will be made available in the Updates (below) 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 make 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

District to Release Personal Electronic Devices (Cell Phone) Policy Changes In Coming Weeks

The district will be releasing information regarding changes to building personal electronic devices (cell phone) policies for 2025-26 as we adhere to the recent state law. For LMHS students, the change will involve no cell phone access at any time during any particular class period a student is enrolled – BELL to BELL.

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2026

CHECK NAME SPELLING IN POWERSCHOOL

As you begin to eRegister for the 2025-26 school year in PowerSchool, we ask that 12th grade students and parents verify the spelling of first-middle-last name currently in PowerSchool. Diplomas are ordered in December. The name listing we have 12th grade students check prior to the ordering of diplomas is derived directly from PowerSchool. Experience tells us that if the name is correct in PowerSchool, then there is significantly less chance of a misspelling on the diploma. Thank you for taking a close look at this as you eRegister!

Parking Information

LMHS 2025-26 Parking Information (link)

LMHS 12th-10th Grade Parking Tag Form (link)

IMPORTANT LMHS Class of 2026 Planning Dates

- 5/4 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LM Auditorium or LM Performance Hall)
- 5/16 Senior Prom (8:00 p.m., Epic Events Center)
- 5/20 Seniors Last Class Day (1:00 p.m., Graduation Rehearsal)
- 5/24 Commencement (1:00 p.m., Alliant Energy Powerhouse)

11th Grade

Parking Information

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10th Grade

Parking Information

LMHS 2025-26 Parking Information (link)

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9th Grade

Parking Information

LMHS 2025-26 Parking Information (link)

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Next Up and Construction Update

Performance Hall Construction Update

The remaining precast wall was put in place on Thursday of this week. During the week of August 11, contractors will be polishing the flooring from the Health Office to the Exit Doors on the east side of the Performance Center Commons. This area will be closed off during this week (same as before the school year started last August). Access to the Health Office will be through the Student Assistance Office.

We do plan to have access to the Auditorium through the Performance Center Commons for events, but the area will still be off-limits at all other times until the project is completed. Again, we hope to be using the Performance Hall in December provided there are no major delays.

If you know of a parent who did not receive the LMHS Updates for Students and Parents, please have them contact Barb Benton (bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (310-447-3040) in the LMHS Main Office so we can work to make needed changes. Thank you for your help with this.

The next edition of the 2025-26 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on Friday, August 8.