



**Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
December 19, 2024**



December 23, 2024 – January 11, 2025

...Week 18...The End of 1st Semester/2nd Quarter...

December 23 – January 1, 2025 **Winter Holiday Break – No Classes**

Thursday, January 2 **Winter Holiday Break – No Classes**

5:00 p.m. JV Pom Holiday Hangout (LRC Gym)
7:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball vs. CR Jefferson (LM Main Gym)

Friday, January 3 **Winter Holiday Break – No Classes**

4:15 p.m. JV2 Girls Basketball @ Cedar Rapids Washington
5:00 p.m. 10th/V Boys Basketball vs. Wahlert Catholic (LM Main Gym)
9th Boys (Red) Basketball vs. Wahlert Catholic (Hazel Point Int.)
6:00 p.m. JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Wahlert Catholic (Dubuque)
6:30 p.m. 9th Boys (Black) Basketball vs. Cedar Falls-Peet (Hazel Point Int.)

Saturday, January 4

2:30 p.m. V Boys Basketball vs. Ankeny @ CR (Alliant Energy PH)

Monday, January 6, **Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**

Classes Resume

3:30 p.m. *RTI

Tuesday, January 7 **Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**

3:30 p.m. RTI
4:00 p.m. Esports Overwatch 2 vs. CR Washington (LMHS Library)

Wednesday, January 8 **Semester Exam Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**

9:00 a.m. Period 1/Block 1 Exam
10:40 a.m. Period 2 Exam
12:50 p.m. Period 3/Block 2 Exam
2:30 p.m. Period 4 Exam

Thursday, January 9 **Semester Exam Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**

8:05 a.m. Building Management Team (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
9:00 a.m. Period 5/Block 3 Exam
10:40 a.m. Period 6 Exam
12:15 p.m. *LMHS Staff Luncheon (South Commons)
4:00 p.m. Esports Rocket League vs. CR Kennedy (LMHS Library)
5:00 p.m. JV/V Girls/Boys Wrestling vs. Western Dubuque (LM Main Gym)
6:30 p.m. JV Boys Basketball vs. Marion (Hazel Point Intermediate)

Friday, January 10 **Semester Exam Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)**

Last Day of 1st Semester/2nd Quarter

9:00 a.m. Period 7/Block 4 Exam
10:40 a.m. Period 8 Exam
3:00 p.m. JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. Dubuque Senior (CRBC)
4:15 p.m. 9th Boys (Black) Basketball @ Iowa City West
4:30 p.m. 9th Boys (Red) Basketball @ Waterloo West
6:00 p.m. JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Waterloo West (LM Main Gym)
10th/V Boys Basketball @ Waterloo West

Saturday, January 11

All Day NEIBA Honor Band @ CR (Coe College)
All Day NEISTA Honor Orchestra @ TBD
9:00 a.m. V Boys Wrestling Linn-Mar Duals (LM Main Gym)
9:30 a.m. V Girls Wrestling Tourney @ Anamosa

12:00 p.m. V Boys Swimming LM Invite (LM Aquatic Center)

Notes

1/9 LMHS Staff Luncheon: please come and enjoy a good meal and company at 12:15 p.m.

Future

1/13 Professional Day – No Classes (Faculty meeting, Little Theatre, 11:00 a.m.)

1/14 1st Day 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter (Homeroom Schedule, Homeroom at 2:00 p.m.)

1/17 Seal of Biliteracy Exams (Presentation-Lecture Hall)

1st Semester/2nd Quarter GRADES DUE at 4:30 p.m.

1/20 Professional Development Day – No Classes

1/28 12th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

1/30 11th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

2nd Quarter

Attendance Notification Calling System to Begin for LMHS Students

We have been informed that the **attendance notification calling system** is planned to start this week. Originally, it was hoped they system would be in use during September. Again, at LMHS, this notification system will send out an email and text message to parents twice each day should your student be absent without prior parent notification during that day. If a parent contacts the Attendance Office prior, then you should not be receiving the email or text notifications. These **email and text notifications** will be sent to parents at **12:30 p.m.** and **4:30 p.m.** each day. While the notifications are part of meeting the state requirement for attendance, they are not related to the categorizing of a student absence. The school will continue to make in person calls to notify parents as soon as possible of absences without parent notification.

1st Semester Exam/RTI Schedule for January 8, 9, and 10, 2025.

The above link is for the 1st Semester Exam/RTI Schedule for January 8-10.

Important Information Regarding Semester Exams:

- All classes will be having a final assessment or RTI during the scheduled time.
- Students are only required to be on campus for scheduled exam sessions.
- Students late to an exam will not be allowed into exam sessions so please plan accordingly.
- Students will be allowed in the South Commons/Cafeteria when not taking exams. (Please note Pride Rock will be closed during exam times if you park in the North Lots).
- Students will only be allowed in hallways during exams with a staff escort.
- Busses depart at 4:05 p.m. on Wednesday, January, and at 12:20 p.m. on Thursday, January 9 and Friday, January 10.
- If an exam session will be an RTI session for a course, the teacher will inform students and parents by December 19.
- Teachers will inform students and parents by December 19, 2024, what the *Individual Course Weather Contingency Plan* will be in the event all weather contingencies are exhausted and an exam session is cancelled due to weather.
- Teachers will not change exam day/time without a Change of Semester Exam Form signed by the Principal or Associate Principals. Any needed request for an exam day/period change must be made by a parent/guardian to the Principal or Associate Principals.
- A teacher may, or may not, exempt a student from a semester exam if they have a '4' on every priority standard in the course. A teacher may, or may not, exempt a student from taking any portion of an exam for which a student has earned a '4' on the content for a particular portion of an exam.

Semester Exam Weather Contingencies for January 8, 9, and 10, 2025.

The above link is for possible weather contingencies during Semester Exams. It is not necessary for you to go through these scenarios unless you would like to. We just want everyone to know that these contingencies exist.

Construction Update

Steel is being set late this week to begin connecting the current auditorium with the new performance hall. Two of the final three precast walls are being set this week. The roof of the new performance hall and the stage are being completed. The steel for the balcony and beams/roofing for the west hallway will also begin to be set in the next couple of weeks. The project is currently on schedule to be completed in December of 2025.

LMHS 2024-25 Regular Daily Schedule (link)

The link above is for the LMHS 2024-25 Regular Daily Schedule.

Student Assistance Office

Depression Screening Available the Week of January 21, 2025

The teen years are marked by a rollercoaster ride of emotions – difficult for teens, their parents, and educators. Linn Mar Counselors will be offering Depression Screening the week of January 21 with parental informed consent. They are focusing on 9th and 10th grades for screenings, however, 11th and 12th students will be screened upon parent request. This tool cannot provide a diagnosis of depression, but it does give an indication of whether a young person should be referred for evaluation by a mental health professional. Parents can view a copy of the screener: [Screener \(English Version\)](#) [Screener \(Spanish Version\)](#)

If you would like your high school student(s) screened, please fill out the following consent form by Thursday, January 16: <https://forms.gle/gdHosYndxnDGj3WLA>

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Kim Bowen (School Counselor) 319-447-3175 or Kimberly.bowen@linnmar.k12.ia.us Jessica Deahl (Student Assistance Counselor) 319-370-3559 or jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us

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) 892-4884

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. 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 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](#)

LMHS Wildcat Food Pantry

Students and families in need of food are able to utilize the **LMHS Wildcat Food Pantry** located in the LMHS Wildcat Closet. Food distribution is based upon the need for students and families. To utilize this resource, please connect with your school counselor, a student assistance specialist, or directly with Mr. Knighton, our Family Resource Specialist, located in the LMHS Main Office via email, phone, or face to face.

Shawn Knighton: shawn.knighton@linnmar.k12.ia.us 319-730-3633

The **LMHS Wildcat Closet**, run by the Student Assistance Office, continues to be available for students needing clothing, school supplies, and hygiene products. Students needing to use the LMHS Wildcat Closet can speak to any LMHS staff member, who will help students get in the LMHS Wildcat Closet.

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2025

ICAN FAFSA Workshop at LMHS on January 16

The FAFSA is now open! It is time to apply for Federal Student Aid. **Linn-Mar is partnering with ICAN to host a FREE FAFSA Workshop at Linn-Mar High School on Thursday, January 16. Families can sign up for an hour time slot at 4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.. Sign up at [FAFSA Night Sign-up](#).** If you are unable to attend the FAFSA night, families can get help filing the FAFSA by reaching out to their school counselor, contacting ICAN (www.icansucceed.org).

There are different FAFSA priority dates for colleges in Iowa. The priority date for Iowa State University is February 4, University of Iowa is February 1, and University of Northern Iowa is February 7. To receive the maximum amount of aid

available, file your FAFSA before your college's priority deadline. Other Iowa college deadlines can be found at <https://www.icansucceed.org/financial-aid/fafsa/iowa-postsecondary-schools-financial-aid-priority-dates>

To get started on your FAFSA:

Visit [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to begin the application process.

You will need the student's personal information, including their social security number, as well as parent(s)/guardian(s)' tax information for the previous year. It's a good idea to set aside 30-60 minutes to complete the FAFSA. You can save your progress and come back to it later, if needed. ICAN (www.icansucceed.org) in Hiawatha offers free help to get the FAFSA filled out. Reach out to them to schedule an appointment today. Please reach out to your school counselor with any questions.

Kirkwood Winter and Spring Course Registration

Juniors and Seniors can sign up to take individual courses on Kirkwood's main campus or online (asynchronous) for Winter and Spring term classes. You can find a full list of classes we offer on this Google Doc – [Kirkwood 2024-25](#). **Students must register for winter courses by November 26th, 2024 and spring courses by December 21** ([see registration information here](#)). Please see your school counselor if you have questions about course time and availability.

Kirkwood Concurrent Course Enrollment for Spring 2025

The Spring 2025 Kirkwood Concurrent Course enrollment begins on Monday, October 14 and **closes on January 7**. To get more information on what classes qualify and how to go about the enrollment process, you can go to the School Counselor's Website and under "Academics", you will find "Earn College Credit While In High School", or see your school counselor.

Post-Secondary Planning Information Available for Each Grade Level

Families check out the Linn-Mar High School counseling page for resources on planning for each grade level, college/career planning, scholarship information, resources for navigating personal/social issues, academic planning, upcoming events and more! <https://tinyurl.com/lmhsschoolcounseling>

Senior Scholarship Information

Seniors can access local scholarships through the LMHS Counseling Scholarship spreadsheet: tinyurl.com/lmhsscholarships This document will be continuously updated as the year goes on and is important for students to check frequently to access new scholarships as we become aware of them.

Linn-Mar School Foundation Scholarship Applications Opened October 15 for Linn-Mar Seniors!

The Linn-Mar School Foundation is pleased to announce that scholarship applications opened on October 15 for graduating seniors. With over 20 scholarships available, this is an incredible opportunity for students to gain support for their future educational pursuits.

Applications will be accepted through January 15. We encourage seniors to apply and take advantage of this support, generously made possible by our dedicated donors. Their commitment to the Linn-Mar student body truly makes a difference in the lives of our Lions.

For more information and to access the applications, visit [the Foundation's webpage](#).

ACT Information

As you plan post-secondary education, we encourage all students who are university-bound to consider taking the ACT. The ACT is an important college admissions exam that can play a significant role in your application process and financial aid. Linn-Mar High School will only host the December test date this year, but students can register for the other dates - October, February, April, June and July - at alternate locations. For registration details, visit the [ACT](#) website.

IMPORTANT LMHS Class of 2025 Planning Dates

- 5/5 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)
- 5/17 Senior Prom (8:00 p.m., Epic Events Center)
- 5/21 Seniors Last Class Day (1:00 p.m., Graduation Rehearsal)
- 5/25 Commencement (1:00 p.m., Alliant Energy Powerhouse, CR)

11th Grade

Summer Internship Applications

Attention all 11th graders! Are you ready to gain valuable real-world experience and boost your college applications? Now is the time to sign up for a summer internship.

Internships offer a unique opportunity to explore your passions, develop new skills, and network with professionals in your desired field. Whether you're interested in STEM, business, arts, or something else entirely, there's an internship out there for you.

To sign up, simply visit the Kirkwood Workplace Learning website at www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/internships or scan the QR code on the Workplace Learning Posters around the building. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to make your summer count! The deadline to sign up is February 7th, 2025. If you have any questions stop into the school counseling office.

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LMHS Class of 2026 Future Planning Dates

Commencement (1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 24, 2026, Alliant Energy Powerhouse, CR)

10th Grade

Post-Secondary Planning Information Available for Each Grade Level

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LMHS Class of 2027 Future Planning Dates

Commencement (1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 30, 2027, Alliant Energy Powerhouse, CR)

9th Grade

Post-Secondary Planning Information Available for Each Grade Level

Families check out the Linn-Mar High School counseling page for resources on planning for each grade level, college/career planning, scholarship information, resources for navigating personal/social issues, academic planning, upcoming events and more! <https://tinyurl.com/lmhsschoolcounseling>

LMHS Class of 2028 Future Planning Dates

Commencement (1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 28, 2028, Alliant Energy Powerhouse, CR)

Activities

Planning to participate in any LMHS activity this school year?

If your student is planning to participate in either Athletics, Fine Arts and/or Clubs for the 2024-25 School Year, please [click here](#) and select Register. <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/linnmar>

Athletics

Congratulations to the Linn-Mar Varsity Poms for earning 1st Place (State Champions) in both Pom and Jazz competitions at the ISTDA Championships! LMVP Team Members are: Maya Budke, Lexie Buresh, Presley Duggan, Emery Fillner, Addi Fischer, Reina Gilbertson, Larkin Hamilton, MacLynn Hannan, Elsie Ledger, Hallie Lippert, Emerson Middlekauff, Addy Milam, Juliette Miskell, Claire Muszynski, Arynn Obleton, Lucy Severson, Chloe Smith, Brooklynn Taylor, Lauren Weber, and Addie Wegmann!

Congratulations to the Linn-Mar Varsity Poms for having three State Individual Place Winners at the ISTDA Championships! LMVP Individual Place Winners are: MacLynn Hannan (2nd Place), Claire Muszynski (4th Place), and Larkin Hamilton (6th Place)!

Congratulations to the LMHS Girls Wrestlers who placed on the podium at the Dan Gable Donnybrook: Kate Seery (2nd Place, 115 lbs.); Ally Jelinek (4th Place, 120 lbs.); and Brielle Parke (5th Place, 135 lbs.)!

Congratulations to the LMHS Boys Wrestlers who placed on the podium at the Dan Gable Donnybrook: Aiden Ehlinger (6th Place, 144 lbs.); Philip Jacobs (2nd Place, 175 lbs.); and Barret Mieras (3rd Place, 175 lbs.)!

Congratulations to the **LMHS Boys Swimming Team** for **winning the invitational meet** at **Sun Prairie HS** (Madison, WI)!

Next Up

The next edition of the 2024-25 *LMHS Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent on **Friday, January 10, 2025**.