



December 9 – December 14, 2024

...Week 16...Start of LMHS Student Council Holiday Celebration Kickoff

Monday, December 9

Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 3:30 p.m. *RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. *JV Girls Wrestling Tourney @ Williamsburg
- 5:00 p.m. *JV Boys Wrestling Tourney @ CR Kennedy
- 6:00 p.m. Holiday Concert I (LM Auditorium)
(Symphonic Winds, Cantemus, LM Singers)
9th/10th Boys Wrestling CRANDIC (LM Main Gym)
10th/V Boys Basketball @ Cedar Falls
- 7:30 p.m. Holiday Concert II (LM Auditorium)
(Bella Voce, Philharmonic, Sinfonietta, Wind Symphony)

Tuesday, December 10

Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Overwatch 2 vs. Dubuque Senior (LMHS Library)
- 4:15 p.m. *JV2 Girls Basketball @ CR Jefferson
- 6:00 p.m. JV1/V Girls Basketball @ CR Jefferson
Holiday Concert III (LM Auditorium)
(Concert Chorale, Concert Band)
JV/V Boys Swimming vs. Dub. Hempstead (LM Aquatic Center)
- 7:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball vs. CR Kennedy (LM Main Gym)
- 7:30 p.m. Holiday Concert IV (LM Auditorium)
(Symphony Band, Concert Orchestra, Lux, Fortis)

Wednesday, December 11

Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 3:30 p.m. RTI**

Thursday, December 12

Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. *9th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball @ CR Prairie
Esports Rocket League vs. Davenport West (LMHS Library)
- 6:00 p.m. Chamber Orchestras I/II Holiday Concert (LM Auditorium)
*JV/V Girls/Boys Wrestling @ Dubuque Senior
- 7:30 p.m. Holiday Concert V (LM Auditorium)
(Chamber Singers, Symphonic Strings, Wind Ensemble)

Friday, December 13

Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 8:00 a.m. *Student Council Pancake Breakfast (Food Court)**
- 3:00 p.m. *JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. CR Prairie (CRBC)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 5:30 p.m. *Robotics FTC League Meet @ CR (Trinity Lutheran School)
- 6:00 p.m. V Girls/Boys Basketball @ CR Prairie

Saturday, December 14

- 8:00 a.m. ACT @ LMHS (North wing)
- 8:30 a.m. Poms Winter Clinic (LM Main Gym)
- 10:00 a.m. 10th Boys Basketball vs. CR Kennedy (Hazel Point Intermediate)
V Girls Wrestling Dual Tourney @ Williamsburg
- 10:10 a.m. 9th Boys Reserve Basketball League @ CR Jefferson
- 11:00 a.m. V Boys Swimming @ Grinnell (Grinnell College)
- 12:00 p.m. JV1/JV2 Girls Basketball @ Pleasant Valley
- 1:00 p.m. V Girls Bowling Baker Tourney @ CR (Cedar Creek Lanes)
- 1:30 p.m. V Girls Basketball @ Pleasant Valley

Notes

12/9	RTI: This was originally a 9th Grade Connection Day (was held on December 5), now is RTI. JV Girls Wrestling dismissed at 2:10 p.m. JV Boys Wrestling dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
12/10	JV2 Girls Basketball dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
12/12	9 th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball dismissed at 2:25 p.m. JV/V Girls/Boys Wrestling dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
12/13	Student Council Pancake Breakfast is for All LMHS Students and Staff! JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:40 p.m. Robotics dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

Future

12/20	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (District-wide) (Winter Break begins at 2:00 p.m.)
1/6/25	Classes Resume (Regular Daily Schedule)
1/8	Semester Exams/RTI (Blocks 1-2, Periods 1-4)
1/9	Semester Exams/RTI (Block 3, Periods 5-6) LMHS Staff Luncheon (12:15 p.m., South Commons)
1/10	Semester Exams/RTI (Block 4, Periods 7-8) Last Day of 1 st Semester/2 nd Quarter
1/13	Professional Day – No Classes
1/14	1 st Day 2 nd Semester/3 rd Quarter (Homeroom Schedule, Homeroom at 2:00 p.m.)
1/20	Professional Development Day – No Classes

2nd Quarter

LMHS Student Council Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Celebration Kickoff

LMHS Student Council will be having their annual **Pancake Breakfast** on **Friday, December 13, from 8:00-9:00 in the Food Court**. Come and get pancakes and wear your PJ's!

The following week we will have **dress up days leading up to winter break**. Here is the dress up days:

Monday, December 16 – *Class Color Day*: 9th grade: White; 10th grade: Brown; 11th grade: Red; 12th grade: Green; Staff: Blue

Tuesday, December 17 - *Holiday Character Day*

Wednesday, December 18 - *Holiday Hat & Sock Day*

Thursday, December 19 - *Surf vs. Ski Day*

Friday, December 20 - *Ugly Sweater Day*

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.

[LMHS 2024-25 Regular Daily Schedule \(link\)](#)

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

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) 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

SENIOR PICTURES FOR YEARBOOK

Don't miss out on being in the 2025 Linn-Mar Yearbook!

Senior Picture deadline

To be included in the 2025 Yearbook, **please submit your senior picture by December 13, 2024!** Please use this link for [Instructions](#) about picture requirements and how to upload your senior picture.

FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) Information

The FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. This application allows students to apply for financial assistance to help cover the costs of college and post-secondary education programs. We encourage all senior students to fill out the FAFSA.

To get started:

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.

Senior Prom '25 Information

Seniors!! After the success of moving prom off campus last year, we have decided to keep it off campus again in 2025, but at a new location! Prom will be held **Saturday, May 17**, at the **Epic Event Center** just off of County Home Road in Marion. If you would like a chance to be on the **prom committee** and help plan this unforgettable experience, please contact Mrs. Kuennen (nicole.kuennen@linnmar.k12.ia.us) in the counseling office. Committee meeting dates scheduled to start in January.

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. The School Counselors will also be offering registration assistance on Tuesday, November 19th, Wednesday, November 20th and Monday, November 25th at 3:30 in the College/Career Center.

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

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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

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<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/linmar>

Athletics

Congratulations to LMHS Girls Swimming and Diving for Recognition received at the end of the season: Tori Sletteland – Diving (1st Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, MVC Diver of the Year, MVC All-Academic); **Greta Huberg** (1st Team All-Metro-3 events, 1st Team All-MVC-1 event, 2nd Team All-MVC-2 events, Honorable Mention All-MVC-1 events, MVC Swimmer of the Year); **Mehal Raghvani** (1st Team All-Metro-3 events, 2nd Team All-Metro-1 event, 1st Team All-MVC-2 events, 2nd Team All-MVC-1 event, Honorable Mention All-MVC-1 event, MVC All-Academic); **Layla Breitbart** (1st Team All-Metro-1 event, 2nd Team All-Metro-2 events, 1st Team All-MVC-1 event, 2nd Team All-MVC-3 events); **Maura Carstensen** (1st Team All-Metro-3 events, 2nd Team All-Metro-1 event, 1st Team All-MVC-3 events, Honorable Mention All-MVC-1 event), MVC All-Academic); **Addison Luck** (1st Team All-Metro-1 event, 1st Team All-MVC-1 event, 2nd Team All-MVC-1 event); **Mackenzie Tristan** (1st Team All-Metro-2 events, 2nd Team All-Metro-1 event, 2nd Team All-MVC-1 event, Honorable Mention All-MVC-1 event); **Sarah Pfaff** – Diving (2nd Team All-Metro, 2nd Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); **Anna Nordine** (2nd Team All-Metro-1 event, Honorable Mention All-Metro-1 event, Honorable Mention All-MVC-1 event, MVC All-Academic); **Izzy Telisak** (2nd Team All-Metro-2 events, MVC All-Academic); **Charm Burns** – Diving (Honorable Mention All-Metro, Honorable Mention All-MVC); **Libby Richard** (Honorable Mention All-Metro-1 event, 1st Team All-MVC-1 event, MVC All-Academic); **Olivia Lindeman** (Honorable Mention All-Metro-2 events); **Annie Cassidy** (Honorable Mention All-Metro-1 event); **Lydia Wall** (Honorable Mention All-Metro-1 event); **Maren Girard** (MVC All-Academic); **Rania Hasan** (MVC All-Academic); **Ellie Kim** (MVC All-Academic); **Phoenix Soppe** (MVC All-Academic); **Sophia Phan** (MVC All-Academic); **Tri Fritcher** (MVC All-Academic); and **Ananya Oli** (MVC All-Academic)!

Congratulations to LMHS Girls Wrestler Ally Jelinek for winning her 100th Career bout on Saturday!

Congratulations to LMHS Boys Wrestler Malik DeBow for winning his 100th Career bout on Thursday night!

Congratulations to LMHS Football for Recognition received at the end of the season: Dylan Muszynski (1st Team All-State, Academic All-State, 1st Team All-Metro, All-Metro Athlete of the Year, 1st Team All-MVC, 1st Team All-District, All-District Player of the Year, MVC All-Academic); **Carson Luense** (Academic All-State, 1st Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic, 1st Team All-District); **Maverick Stapley** (Academic All-State, 1st Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic, 1st Team All-District); **Carson Fairley** (Academic All-State, MVC All-Academic); **Parker Gasper** (Academic All-State, 2nd Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic, 2nd Team All-District); **Aiden Holven-Rice** (Academic All-State, Honorable Mention All-Metro, 2nd Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); **Brody Pata** (1st Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, 1st Team All-District); **Owen Wolfe** (1st Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); 1st Team All-District); **Camden Henderson** (2nd Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, 2nd Team All-District); **Tate McEowen** (2nd Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic, 2nd Team All-District); **Austin Waller** (2nd Team All-Metro, 1st Team All-MVC, Honorable Mention All-District); **Daniel Peplinski** (2nd Team All-Metro, 2nd Team All-MVC, Honorable Mention All-District); **Max Hummer** (Honorable Mention All-Metro, Honorable Mention All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); **Bryson Miell** (Honorable Mention All-Metro, 2nd Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic, Honorable Mention All-District); **Landon Sorg** (Honorable Mention All-Metro, 2nd Team All-MVC); **Tyree Alons** (Honorable Mention All-MVC); **Tanner Buresh** (Honorable Mention All-MVC); **John Norris** (Honorable Mention All-MVC); **Dexter Bracy** (MVC All-Academic); **Mason Hodny** (MVC All-Academic); **Harrison Kensinger** (MVC All-Academic); **Daniel Lorenz** (MVC All-Academic); **Wes Owen** (MVC All-Academic); **Cole Potter** (MVC All-Academic); **Robert Pulju** (MVC All-Academic); **Henry Scharnau** (MVC All-Academic); **Harper Seaton** (MVC All-Academic); **Hunter Wildman** (MVC All-Academic); **Grant Crossen** (MVC All-Academic); **Evan Pulis** (MVC All-Academic); **Alex Thurm** (MVC All-Academic); and **Jaxson Wagner** (MVC All-Academic)!

Congratulations to LMHS Roughrider High School Hockey Players for being named team captains by exemplifying the R (Respect) I (Integrity) D (Desire) E (Excellence) R (Relentlessness) way both on and off the ice: Michael Stocki (Junior Varsity High School Team Captain); **Kyle Ramsey** (Varsity High School Team Captain); and **Dominic Frangella** (Junior Varsity High School Team Assistant Captain for Away Games)!

Fine Arts

Congratulations to the LMHS Jazz Bands for a successful Jazz-A-Thon on Thursday and raising over \$10,000 for LMHS Jazz! And, 'thank you' to all of the volunteers who helped make the event happen!

Congratulations to Olivea Getz, alto, for being named to the All-State Music Chorus!

Clubs and Organizations

Congratulations to LMHS Esports Varsity Smash Brothers Ultimate team for being State Champions at the Iowa High School Esports Fall State Championships! Varsity Smash Brothers Ultimate team members: Adam Ledger, Brett Decker, Alex Rodriguez, Easton Shepherd, Wyatt Carlson, Seth Dickson, Jackson Phelps, Robbie Hoke, Liam Hindahl, and Ryan Phillipp!

Congratulations to LMHS Esports Varsity Rainbow 6 Siege team for being 3rd Place at the Iowa High School Esports Fall State Championships! Varsity Rainbow 6 Siege team members: Ryder Darrow, Connor Steenhoek, Maxwell Reck, Cory Kruse, Andrew Zolnowsky, Thorin Tuttrup, Grant Jessen, Wyatt Darrow, Cullen Madsen, and Jace Bierman!

Student Council 'Spring Fling' Dance will be Saturday, March 29

The LMHS Student Council has announced that the 'Spring Fling' Dance will be held on **Saturday March 29**, from 8:00-10:30 p.m. in the LM Main Gym.

Next Up

The next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on **Friday, December 13.**