



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
February 14, 2025



February 17 – February 22, 2025

...Week 24...

Monday, February 17,

Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

9:00 a.m. *V Girls Bowling State Qualifier @ Marshalltown (Wayward Social)
3:30 p.m. RTI
6:00 p.m. Pom Tryout Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
7:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball @ CR Kennedy
7:30 p.m. Boys Soccer Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)

Tuesday, February 18

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

9:00 a.m. *V Boys Bowling State Qualifier @ Marshalltown (Wayward Social)
3:30 p.m. RTI
6:00 p.m. *9th Boys (Red) Basketball @ Dubuque Hempstead
10th/V Boys Basketball @ Dubuque Hempstead
7:30 p.m. Masterworks Concert (LM Auditorium)

Wednesday, February 19

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

All Day *V Boys Wrestling State Tournament @ Des Moines
3:20 p.m. *TORNADO DRILL
3:30 p.m. RTI
4:00 p.m. Esports Tryouts for Mario Kart (LMHS Library)
Esports Tryouts for Valorant (AEC 3rd Floor Graphics Lab)
7:00 p.m. V Girls Basketball Regional @ Waterloo West

Thursday, February 20

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

All Day V Boys Wrestling State Tournament @ Des Moines
3:30 p.m. RTI
5:00 p.m. 9th Boys (Red) Basketball vs. CR Jefferson (Hazel Point Int.)
6:00 p.m. Festival of Orchestra (LM Auditorium)
(Philharmonic, Sinfonietta)
10th/V Boys Basketball vs. CR Jefferson (LM Main Gym)
SENIOR NIGHT
6:30 p.m. 9th Boys (Black) Basketball vs. CR Washington (Hazel Point Int.)
7:30 p.m. Festival of Orchestra (LM Auditorium)
(Concert Orchestra, Symphony Strings)

Friday, February 21

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

8:30 a.m. *9th Grade Student Advisory (I015)
All Day V Boys Wrestling State Tournament @ Des Moines
4:20 p.m. *Jazz Bands @ Iowa City Liberty
3:30 p.m. RTI
6:00 p.m. Night of Speech (Little Theatre/Learning Center/Food Court)

Saturday, February 22

All Day V Boys Wrestling State Tournament @ Des Moines
All Day In-Step and Hi Style Show Choirs @ CR Jefferson
7:00 p.m. *V Girls Basketball Regional vs. CR Prairie @ CR Prairie

Notes

- 2/17 V Girls Bowling departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 2/18 V Boys Bowling departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
9th Boys (Red) Basketball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.
- 2/19 V Boys Wrestling departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
TORNADO DRILL: Students will follow teachers/staff to the shelter area and sit quietly to listen for any instructions. The goal for the drill is to be in shelter locations within three minutes.
- 2/21 9th Grade Student Advisory Council: Rescheduled from 2/13.

Jazz Bands dismissed at 2:30 p.m.

2/22 V Girls Basketball dependent upon winning on 2/19.

Future

2/24 LMHS Parent Advisory (6:30 p.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
2/25 Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (District-wide)
2/27 Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (District-wide)
2/28 Professional Development Day – No Classes
3/5 Tornado Drill (10:25 a.m.)
3/17-21 Spring Break – No Classes
3/28 Last Day of 3rd Quarter
3/31 Professional Development Day – No Classes
4/1 Professional Day – No Classes
4/2 1st Day of 4th Quarter

3rd Quarter

Former LRC Officially Renamed Academic Excellence Center

On Monday night, the LMCS D School Board officially approved the recommendation to rename the ‘Former LRC’. From this Updates forward, this building will be called the **Academic Excellence Center**. Thank you to the LMHS students who were part of the process to rename both the Academic Excellence Center and the new administrative building, now called the Educational Leadership Center (ELC).

LMHS Art Student is Gold Key Award Winner in Scholastic Art and Writing Regional Competition

Congratulations to LMHS 12th grade student **Emma Larson** for receiving the **Gold Key award** in the **Scholastic Art and Writing Regional Competition** for her self-portrait titled “Colors Beyond the Naked Eye.”! This recognition now qualifies Emma to compete at the national level, with national winners to be announced in March!

LMHS Art Students Recognized by Corridor Jazz Project

Congratulations to LMHS 11th grade student **Gavin Hatcher** and 12th grade student **Mya Furnish** for receiving **Honorable Mention** for their **CD cover designs** in the **Corridor Jazz Project!**

Item Drive Led by Two LMHS Seniors

Hello! We are Linn-Mar seniors **Arjun Raghavendran** and **Sanvi Manchanda** from our non-profit **The Pediatric Presents Project**. Our nonprofit is dedicated to helping mothers and children through tough times. We partner with the St Luke's Center for Women and Children's Health to deliver monthly items such as toys for children and essentials for mothers. We also partner with Lily and Rose to provide handmade bouquets to mothers as well. **We are hosting an item drive through February 21** to collect items such as toys, hair ties, eye masks, face masks, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Such items are appreciated and can be dropped off in the identified box in the LMHS Main Office. We would love assistance so we can give back and we thank you for your generosity.

[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: 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.

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

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Payments for 2nd Semester Classes Due March 5, 2025

*The window for AP exam payments for 2nd Semester Only Classes will be from **Monday, February 17 – Wednesday, March 5, 2025**. All students in 2nd Semester Only Classes who plan to take an AP exam in May must register and pay the full \$90 exam fee by March 5, 2025. Please make sure the selection on AP Classroom reads 'YES' for the exam when you are registering. Please **make the payment in PowerSchool under the Purchases and Payments tab** to the left of the screen. Payments may also be made to Joyce Dayton in the Cashier's Office.*

Students may still register and pay for a 1st semester or Exam Only exam during the second payment window for an additional late registration fee of \$40.

If you have a question, please email Jeff Gustason, jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us

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.

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.

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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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.

LMHS Class of 2026 Future Planning Dates

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

10th Grade

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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/linnmar>

Athletics

Congratulations to Lion Girls Wrestling for having three State Meet Place winners at the Girls State Wrestling Meet! Lion Girls State Place winners are: Kate Seery (110), Ally Jelinek (120), and Brielle Parke (130)!

Congratulations to LM Boys Swimming for winning the District Meet Championship on Saturday! Hudson Huberg was named Outstanding Swimmer at the Meet!

Congratulations to LM Boys Swimming for Qualifying in every event for the Boys State Swimming Meet! Lion Boys State Swimming Qualifiers are: Parker Macho (200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 100 Fly, 400 Free Relay); Owen Sieren (200 Medley Relay, 200 IM, 100 Breaststroke, 400 Free Relay); Carter Byers (200 Medley Relay, 100 Fly); Maxwell Macho (200 Medley Relay, 50 Free, 200 Free Relay, 100 Backstroke); Hudson Huberg (200 Free, 100, Free, 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay); Rylee Sieren (200 Free, 500 Free, 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay); and Dylan Koepnick (200 Free Relay)!

Congratulations to LM Varsity Poms for Placing 3rd in Poms and 6th in Jazz at the National Competition in Orlando, Florida! LMVP Team Members are: Maya Budke, Lexie Buresh, Presley Duggan, Emery Fillner, Addi Fischer, Reina Gilbertson, Larkin Hamilton, MacLynn Hannan, Elsie Ledger, Hallie Lippert, Emmerson Middlekauff, Addy Milam, Juliette Miskell, Claire Muszynski, Arynn Obleton, Lucy Severson, Chloe Smith, Brooklynn Taylor, Lauren Weber, and Addie Wegmann!

Congratulations to Lion Girls Wrestling for Qualifying five wrestlers for the Girls State Wrestling Meet! Lion Girls State Qualifiers are: Kate Seery (110), Lily Carlson (115), Ally Jelinek (120), Chloe Adamson (125), and Brielle Parke (130)!

Congratulations to Lion Boys Wrestling for Winning the MVC Super Meet! Malik Debow and Berrett Meiras were MVC Champions in their weight divisions!

Congratulations to Lion Football and Maverick Stapley, who was selected to play in the 2025 Iowa Shrine Bowl!

Fine Arts

Congratulations to 10th Street Edition for being Grand Champion at the CR Prairie Show Choir Festival on Saturday! 10th Street Edition also received caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Band, Best Show Design, Best Soloist (Jacob Jensen) and Best Instrumentalist (Carter Buske)!

Congratulations to In Step for being 1st Place in the Prep Division and 4th Place in the Varsity Division at the CR Prairie Show Choir Festival on Saturday!

Congratulations to Hi-Style for being 1st Place in the Treble Division and 5th Place in the Varsity Division at the CR Prairie Show Choir Festival on Saturday!

Next Up

ACHIEVE Family Portal Invitations For Families Expected in Late February

The Iowa Department of Education will soon introduce a new tool to help families of Iowa students receiving special education services. The ACHIEVE Family Portal is an optional, online system that lets parents and guardians access information about their child's special education records electronically. This tool will provide families with information to support a student's development and learning.

Parents who have provided an email address to your IEP team will receive an email invitation to join the ACHIEVE Family Portal in late February 2025. Look for emails with additional information. To learn more, please visit the [ACHIEVE Family Portal web page](#).

District Information

Preschool Registration is Now Open

Do you or does someone you know have a child who is ready for preschool? The registration window for the Linn-Mar Little Lions Preschool Program for the 2025-2026 school year is now open!

This program is for children who turn four years of age between September 16, 2024, and September 15, 2025. [Families will have until February 21, 2025, to enter their information in this form](#) to be a part of lottery-based placement for enrollment into our preschool program.

PowerSchool Information about Data Breach

PowerSchool is offering two years of complimentary identity protection services to students and educators whose information was involved in their data breach in December.

PowerSchool has contracted with a credit agency called Experian to contact all individuals impacted by this breach and inform them of how to enroll in these services. If you would like to proactively enroll in these services, [you can do so by referencing this information available from PowerSchool](#).

The next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on **Friday, February 21, 2025**.