



**Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
February 21, 2025**



February 24 – March 1, 2025

...Week 25...

Monday, February 24,

Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. Girls/Boys Track and Field starts
- 5:30 p.m. Pom Tryouts (Academic Excellence Center Gym)
- 6:30 p.m. LMHS Parent Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)**

Tuesday, February 25

Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (9:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

- 5:30 p.m. Pom Tryouts (Academic Excellence Center Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. Boys Track Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)

Wednesday, February 26

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

- 9:00 a.m. *V Boys Bowling State Tourn. @ Waterloo (Cadillac Lanes)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Wrestling Banquet (South Commons)

Thursday, February 27

Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (9:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

- 5:30 p.m. Pom Tryouts (Academic Excellence Center Gym)
- 6:00 p.m. Winter Band Concert (LM Auditorium)
(Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony)
- 7:30 p.m. Winter Band Concert (LM Auditorium)
(Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble)

Friday, February 28

Professional Development Schedule – No Classes (7:30 – 3:30 p.m.)

- 5:30 p.m. 9th Boys Basketball Banquet (Food Court)
- Pom Tryouts (Academic Excellence Center Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. V Boys Basketball Substate vs. TBD (LM Main Gym)

Saturday, March 1

- All Day Jazz Bands Coe Jazz Summit @ CR (Coe College)
- All Day 10th Street Edition Show Choir @ Iowa City Liberty

Notes

- 2/25 [Two-Hour Early Release Schedule](#)
- 2/26 V Boys Bowling departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

Future

- 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

Two-Hour Early Release Schedules for February 25 and 27. No Classes on February 28 for Professional Development

All LMHS and LMCS D students will be released Two-Hours early on both Tuesday, February 25, and Thursday, February 27. Classes will not be held on Friday, February 28, for staff professional development. **Two-Hour Early Release Schedule**

Tornado Drill Held on April 19

LMHS held our 3rd Tornado Drill of the school year on Wednesday, April 19, at 3:20 p.m. All evacuation sites reported in that students and staff were in place in three minutes.

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 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.

[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

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**. 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)

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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](https://act.org) 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

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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 LM Boys Swimming for Placing 4th at the Boys State Swimming Meet! Lion Boys State Swimming Place winners: Parker Macho (200 IM (State Champion), 100 Fly (State Champion), 200 Free Relay (3rd), 400 Free Relay (3rd), ‘Outstanding Meet Performer’; **Hudson Huberg** (200 Free (3rd), 100 Free (2nd), 200 Free Relay (3rd), 400 Free Relay (3rd); **Owen Sieren** (200 Medley Relay (9th), 200 IM (11th), 100 Breaststroke (10th), 200 Free Relay (3rd); **Carter Byers** (200 Medley Relay (9th); **Maxwell Macho** (200 Medley Relay 9th), 400 Free Relay (3rd), 100 Backstroke (11th); **Rylee Sieren** (200 Free Relay (3rd), 400 Free Relay (3rd); and **Dylan Koepnick** (200 Medley Relay (9th))!

Congratulations to LM Boys Wrestling for Qualifying 10 Wrestlers for the Boys State Wrestling Meet! Lion Boys State Wrestling Qualifiers are: Malik DeBow, Barrett Mieras, Noah Howk-Erwin, Will Smith, Philip Jacobs, Brayden Fish, Holden Heideman, Evan Pulis, and Aidan Ehlinger!

Congratulation to Lion Boys Bowling for having one State Meet Qualifier for the State Boys Bowling Tournament! Lion State Qualifier is: Cayden Oltmann!

Congratulations to Lion Boys Basketball for winning the MVC Divisional Title! The #2 ranked Lions begin tournament play next Friday in the LM Main Gym.

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)!

Fine Arts

Congratulations to 10th Street Edition for being Grand Champion in the Varsity Division at the Chesterton, Indiana, Show Choir Festival on Saturday! 10th Street Edition also received caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Best Band!

Congratulations to In Step for being Grand Champion in the Prep Division at the Chesterton, Indiana, Show Choir Festival on Saturday! In-Step received caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Best Band!

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 28, 2025.