



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
February 7, 2025



February 10 – February 15, 2025

...Week 23...

...Valentines and Course Registration Week...

Monday, February 10,

Regular Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 5:15 p.m. 8th Grade Parent-Student Course Registration Info. Night
- 6:00 p.m. 9th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball vs. West. Dub. (LM Main Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball @ Iowa City High

Tuesday, February 11

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

- TBD Colton Center Jazz/Jazz Collective @ Iowa City Liberty
- 8:30 a.m. 10th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. *JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. CR Kennedy (CRBC)
SENIOR NIGHT For Bowling
- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 4:30 p.m. *JV2 Girls Basketball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
- 6:00 p.m. *JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
10th/V Boys Basketball vs. Western Dubuque (LM Main Gym)
Winter Vocal Concert (LM Auditorium)
(Fortis, Lux, Cantemus, Concert Chorale, Chamber Singers)

Wednesday, February 12

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

- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Tennis Preseason Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)

Thursday, February 13

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

- 8:30 a.m. 9th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 5:00 p.m. 9th Boys (Black) Basketball vs. CR Prairie (Hazel Point Inter.)
JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Iowa City West (Auxiliary Gym)
- Evening *Honor Band Northern Festival of Bands @ Cedar Falls

Friday, February 14

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

Deadline to Declare CREDIT/FAIL for 3rd Quarter Classes

- All Day Honor Band Northern Festival of Bands @ Cedar Falls
- TBD *Show Choirs Invitational @ Chesterton, Indiana
- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 3:45 p.m. *JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling @ Xavier (May City Bowl)
- 5:00 p.m. *V Boys Swimming State Meet @ Iowa City
- 6:00 p.m. *9th Boys (Red) Basketball @ Dubuque Senior
*10th/V Boys Basketball @ Dubuque Senior
JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Dubuque Senior (Auxiliary Gym)
JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Dubuque Senior (LM Main Gym)
SENIOR NIGHT for Girls Basketball

Saturday, February 15

- 8:00 a.m. 9th Boys Basketball 5th Quarter League @ CR Prairie
- All Day Honor Band Northern Festival of Bands @ Cedar Falls
- All Day Show Choirs Invitational @ Chesterton, Indiana
- 10:00 a.m. V Boys Wrestling State Qualifier Meet @ Waverly
- 12:20 p.m. V Boys Swimming State Meet @ Iowa City

Notes

- 2/11 JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
JV2 Girls Basketball dismissed at 2:10 p.m.

JV1/V Girls Basketball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.
 2/13 Honor Band students dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
 2/14 Show Choirs dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
 V Boys Swimming dismissed at
 JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 2:25 p.m.
 9th Boys (Red)/10th Boys Basketball dismissed at 3:35 p.m.

Future

2/19 Tornado Drill (3:20 p.m.)
 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

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!**

Qualifies for American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME)

Congratulations to LMHS 9th grade student, **Richard Weng**, who **qualified** for the **American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME)** for his **performance** in the **first round** of the **American Mathematics Competition (AMC)! Richard** will be taking the AIME at LMHS on February 6!

Course Registration window for Current 9th – 11th grade continues through February 14

Course Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on Monday, February 3. Links for virtual course registration information meetings for students and parents on January 29, are in the grade-level sections of the *Updates*. The course registration window will close at the end of the school day on February 14.

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.

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)

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

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/linmar>

Athletics

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, Aryn 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!

Congratulations to Lion Girls Wrestling for placing 3rd at the MVC Super Meet! Kate Seery was MVC Champion in her weight division!

Congratulations to Lion Boys Swimmer Parker Macho for setting two new MVC Conference Meet Records on Saturday in the 200 IM and 100 Butterfly!

Congratulations to Lion Boys Swimmers who place 4th at the MVC Super Meet on Saturday! Hudson Huberg (100 Free, 200 Free Relay), Owen Sieren (200 Free Relay), Rylee Sieren (200 Free Relay), Maxwell Macho (200 Free Relay) and Parker Macho (200 IM, 100 Fly) were MVC Champions in their individual events!

Congratulations to Lion Boys Wrestling for Winning the Bob Lueders Invitation at Clinton on Saturday! Malik DeBow (126) and Philip Jacobs (175) won their respective weights divisions! Malik DeBow was also named the Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament! Congratulations to Lion Boys Wrestling for clinching the MVC Divisional Title last night!

Congratulations to the following Lion Athletes signing Letters of Intent on Wednesday, February 5: Michael Burington- Northeast Iowa Community College (NIACC)- Baseball; Dean Garvin- Northeast Iowa Community College (NIACC)- Baseball; Tyree Alons- Loras College- Football; Daniel Peplinski- Wayne State College- Football; Grant Crosen- Dakota Wesleyan University- Football; Bryson Miell- University of Wisconsin-Platteville- Football; Mehal Raghvani- University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire- Swimming; Aidan Holven-Rice- Iowa Central Community College- Football; Carson Luense- Wartburg College- Football; Ava Hofer- William Penn University- Wrestling; Owen Wolfe- Simpson College- Football; Max Cassidy- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)- Soccer; Noah Vint- Wartburg College- Tennis; Stone Morgan- Monmouth College- Football; Gabe Geelan- St. Ambrose University- Tennis; Maverick Stapley- Wartburg College- Football; Tate Fassler- Luther College- Baseball; Brody Faulkner- Luther College- Baseball; Camden Henderson- Coe College- Football; and Mason Matson- Wartburg College- Basketball!

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!

Congratulations to Wind Ensemble for being selected as a Concert Honor Band to perform at the Iowa Bandmasters Association (IBA) conference on May 16 at 5:00 p.m.!

Congratulations to Colton Center Jazz Collective for being selected as a Concert Jazz Band to perform at the Iowa Bandmasters Association (IBA) conference on May 15 at 8:00 p.m.!

Congratulations to 10th Street Edition for being Grand Champion at the Johnston Showzam! Show Choir Competition on Saturday! 10th Street Edition also received caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Band, Best Soloist (Jacob Jensen) and Best Overall Performer (Eric Liang)!

Congratulations to In-Step for being 3rd Runner-Up in the Varsity Division at the Johnston Showzam! Show Choir Competition on Saturday! In-Step received 1st Place in the Prep Division and received caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Instrumentalist (Evan Southwood)!

Congratulations to **Hi-Style** for being **1st Place** in the **Treble Division** at the **Johnston Showzam!** Show Choir Competition on Saturday!

Next Up

The next edition of the 2024-25 *LMHS Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent on **Friday, February 14, 2025.**