



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
January 10, 2025



January 13 - 18, 2025

...Week 19...The Start of 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter...

Monday, January 13,

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

- 11:00 a.m. LMHS Faculty Meeting (Little Theatre)
(Advanced Placement (AP) teachers will have a brief meeting in the Little Theatre following the Faculty Meeting)
- 5:00 p.m. 10th Boys Basketball vs. CR Kennedy (Hazel Point Intermediate)
- 6:00 p.m. 9th/10th Boys Wrestling CRANDIC @ Xavier
- 9th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball vs. Xavier (LM Main Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball @ CR Prairie

Tuesday, January 14

Homeroom Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- 2:00 p.m. *HOMEROOM
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Overwatch 2 vs. Bettendorf (LMHS Library)
- 4:15 p.m. *JV2 Girls Basketball @ Xavier
- 6:00 p.m. JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Xavier
- 10th/V Boys Basketball vs. Xavier (LM Main Gym)
- JV/V Boys Swimming vs. CR Jefferson (LM Aquatic Center)

Wednesday, January 15

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

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

Thursday, January 16

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

Deadline to ADD classes for 3rd Quarter

- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Rocket League vs. Davenport North (LMHS Library)
- 5:00 p.m. 9th Boys (Black/Red) vs. Cedar Falls (Hazel Point Intermediate)
- 6:00 p.m. 10th/V Boys Basketball vs. Cedar Falls (LM Main Gym)
- *JV/V Girls/Boys Wrestling @ Iowa City Liberty

Friday, January 17

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

- 8:00 a.m. Seal of Biliteracy French Exam (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 12:00 p.m. Seal of Biliteracy Spanish Exam (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. *JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. Western Dubuque (CRBC)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 4:30 p.m. GRADES DUE for 1st Semester/2nd Quarter
- 5:00 p.m. *V Girls Wrestling Tourney @ Ankeny HS
- 6:00 p.m. *JV2 Girls Basketball @ Cedar Falls
- *JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Cedar Falls

Saturday, January 18

- All Day Show Choirs 'Supernova' (LMHS - Entire Building)
- 7:30 a.m. 9th Boys Basketball 5th Quarter League @ IC Liberty
- 9:00 a.m. JV/V Boys Wrestling Tourney @ Ankeny HS
- JV Boys Wrestling Tourney @ Independence
- 11:00 a.m. JV/V Boys Swimming vs. Ankeny Centennial (LM Aquatic Ctr.)
- 1:00 p.m. V Girls Bowling Baker Tourney @ CR (Cedar Lanes)
- 6:15 p.m. V Boys Basketball vs. Benline St. Margaret's @ LaCrosse, WI (Civic Ctr.)

Notes

- 1/14 HOMEROOM Schedule (link)
- JV2 Girls Basketball dismissed at 2:50 p.m.
- 1/16 JV/V Girls/Boys Wrestling dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
- 1/17 JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

V Girls Wrestling dismissed at 12:10 p.m.
JV1/JV2/V Girls Basketball dismissed at 3:40 p.m.

Future

1/20	Professional Development Day – No Classes
1/21	Serious Threat-Intruder ‘walk-through’ Drill (9:01 a.m.)
1/28	12 th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
1/29	Virtual Parent Course Registration Information Night: (Current 9 th Grade – 5:30 p.m., Current 10 th Grade – 6:00 p.m., Current 11 th Grade – 6:30 p.m.; links of recordings for these sessions will be sent out following the meeting for those unable to attend)
1/30	11 th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
2/3	Course Registration Window Opens for 2025-26 (9 th -11 th grades) Homeroom (2:00 p.m., Course Registration for 9 th -11 th grades; Class meeting – 12 th gr.)
2/7	Pep Rally (3:30 p.m.) – will use a Regular Daily Schedule with no RTI.
2/11	10 th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
2/13	9 th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
2/19	Tornado Drill (3:20 p.m.)
3/5	Tornado Drill (10:25 a.m.)

3rd Quarter

First Day of 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter is Tuesday, January 14, and is a Homeroom Schedule Day

The first day of 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter is Tuesday, January 14. This will be a Homeroom Schedule Day with all grade levels reporting to their Homeroom classroom at 2:00 p.m. [HOMEROOM SCHEDULE](#) (link).

Attendance Notification Calling System Has Started

If a parent contacts and speaks to someone in the Attendance Office prior, then you should not be receiving the email or text notifications. If you leave a message close to the time the notifications are sent, then you may still receive a call. 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.

Construction Update

Work continues in areas that join the new construction and current building. The west hallway is also being constructed. Work is also shifting to the interior of the facility.

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/gdEesYnkoDG3WL7A>

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

Seal of Biliteracy Testing on January 17

Are you proficient in two or more languages? You could earn the Iowa High School Seal of Biliteracy! Testing will be on January 17. French students will test in the morning and Spanish students will test in the afternoon.

To qualify, you must be proficient in both English and a second language. Seniors and juniors who are in their final (Level IV or V) foreign language class, or who already have biliterate proficiency, are eligible to sign up.

Please sign up by January 15 with your foreign language teacher or contact Mrs. Heather Kosikas at heather.kosikas@linnmar.k12.ia.us.

Don't miss your chance to showcase your skills and earn the Seal! Get more details and sign up today!

Job Shadow Portal is Open until January 24

The Spring Workplace Learning Job Shadow portal is open for applications. These are a great opportunity to get experience in a career field and prepare yourself for life after Linn-Mar. Applications are open until January 24. Sign up on the Kirkwood Workplace Learning Website <https://www.kirkwood.edu/workplace-learning-connection/job-shadows/index>. Please reach out to your School Counselor if you have any questions.

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 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.

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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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

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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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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

Next Up

The next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on **Friday, January 17, 2025.**