



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
January 17, 2025



January 20 - 25, 2025

...Week 20...

Monday, January 20, *Professional Development Day – No Classes (7:30 – 3:30 p.m.)*
5:45 p.m. JV2 Girls Basketball @ CR Washington
7:00 p.m. JV Boys Basketball vs. Iowa City Liberty (LM Main Gym)

Tuesday, January 21 *Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)*
Deadline to ADD Classes for 2nd Semester
9:01 a.m. *SERIOUS THREAT-INTRUDER DRILL
3:00 p.m. *JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling @ CR Washington (Cedar Lanes)
3:30 p.m. RTI
4:00 p.m. Esports Overwatch 2 vs. Davenport West (LMHS Library)
4:15 p.m. *9th Boys (Red) Basketball @ Xavier
4:30 p.m. *9th Boys (Black) Basketball @ Iowa City High
JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Iowa City High (LM Main Gym)
6:00 p.m. JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Iowa City High (LM Main Gym)
*10th/V Boys Basketball @ Iowa City High
*JV/V Boys Swimming @ Dubuque Senior

Wednesday, January 22 *Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)*
3:30 p.m. RTI

Thursday, January 23 *Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)*
3:30 p.m. RTI
4:00 p.m. Esports Rocket League vs. Iowa City Liberty (LMHS Library)
4:30 p.m. *9th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball @ Iowa City Liberty

Friday, January 24 *Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)*
3:15 p.m. *JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling @ Iowa City High (Colonial Lanes)
3:30 p.m. RTI
4:30 p.m. *JV2 Girls Basketball @ Iowa City Liberty
*JV1 Girls Basketball @ Iowa City Liberty
6:00 p.m. *10th Boys Basketball @ Iowa City Liberty
*V Girls Basketball @ Iowa City Liberty
6:30 p.m. Jazz Bands Java 'n Jazz @ Robins (Epic Events Center)
(Lab Band, Jazz Collective)
7:30 p.m. *V Boys Basketball @ Iowa City Liberty
8:00 p.m. Jazz Bands Java 'n Jazz @ Robins (Epic Events Center)
(Stage Band, Colton Center Jazz Collective)

Saturday, January 25
All Day Show Choirs @ Johnston
9:00 a.m. V Boys Wrestling @ Clinton
JV Boys Wrestling @ Marshalltown
10:00 a.m. JV/V Girls Wrestling MVC Meet @ Iowa City Liberty
12:00 p.m. V Boys Swimming MVC Meet (LM Aquatic Ctr.)

Notes

1/21 **SERIOUS THREAT-INTRUDER DRILL:** Following the Pledge, all classes will review procedures for evacuating the building and campus. The focus for this walk-through drill will be on how to BARRICADE and PREPARE TO FIGHT if you are unable to leave a classroom or the building.
JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
9th Boys (Red) Basketball dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
9th Boys (Black) Basketball dismissed at 2:40 p.m.
10th/V Boys Basketball dismissed at 4:00 p.m.

JV/V Boys Swimming dismissed at 2:55 p.m.

1/23 9th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball dismissed at 3:05 p.m.

1/24 JV/V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 1:40 p.m.

Future

1/28 12th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

1/29 Virtual Parent Course Registration Information Night;
(Current 9th Grade – 5:30 p.m., Current 10th Grade – 6:00 p.m., Current 11th 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 11th Grade Student Advisory Meeting (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)

2/3 Course Registration Window Opens for 2025-26 (9th-11th grades)

Homeroom (2:00 p.m., Course Registration for 9th-11th grades; Class meeting – 12th gr.)

2/7 Pep Rally (3:30 p.m., LM Main Gym) – we will use a Regular Daily Schedule w/no RTI.

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

3/5 Tornado Drill (10:25 a.m.)

3rd Quarter

Fire Alarm on January 15

A fire alarm occurred on Wednesday morning due an activation of a smoke detector in a boys restroom. The human source of the activation was quickly identified. Students and staff returned to the building in less than three minutes.

Serious Threat-Intruder Walk-Through Drill on January 21 During 1st Period/1st Block

Following the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m., the Intercom will ask teachers and staff to go through the ‘Drill’. Students will stay in the classroom for this drill. This is a ‘NON-Active’ drill. The focus is knowing what to do and where to locate yourself in the classroom. This drill will not take long but we ask all to take this seriously without creating panic.

Re-emphasize Point I: *Get out of the Building.*

a. *It is important to simply get out of the building as quickly as possible.*

b. *If there is a logjam getting out a door, go to the next closest door – the point being to not wait to get out and to find the next quickest exit and get out of the building.*

c. *If cannot leave the building, then barricade and prepare to fight. THIS IS TODAY’S FOCUS.*

Major Points of this ‘Drill’:

a. ‘Barricade’: Teachers will show students what items to quickly move in front of classroom door(s) to prevent, or at least disrupt, anyone from entering the room.

b. ‘Prepare to Fight’: Students will be shown where they will locate in room once they have barricaded doors. Students will be told to ‘arm’ themselves with any objects that they can use to throw/distract any perpetrator that may penetrate the barricade.

c. ‘Get out of the room and out of the building’: Students will be informed the goal is still to get out of the room and out of the building as they are able. If perpetrator has been distracted/disabled enough to get out of the room, do so quickly and then get out of the building at the nearest exit.

- Once this is done, then 1st Period/1st Block will begin.

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

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

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.

FAFSA Priority Dates

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.

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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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

Job Shadow Portal is Open until January 24

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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/linnmar>

Next Up

The next edition of the 2024-25 *LMHS Updates for Students and Parents* will be sent on **Friday, January 24, 2025.**