



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
January 31, 2025



February 3 – February 8, 2025

...Week 22...

...Winter Spirit Week...

Monday, February 3,

Homeroom Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Winter Spirit Week – Jersey Day

- 2:00 p.m. ***HOMEROOM**
- 4:15 p.m. *9th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball @ CR Kennedy
- 4:30 p.m. JV2 Girls Basketball vs. CR Kennedy (LM Main Gym)
- 6:00 p.m. JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. CR Kennedy (LM Main Gym)

Tuesday, February 4

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

Winter Spirit Week – Dress Like a Teacher Day

- 3:30 p.m. **RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Overwatch 2 vs. Iowa City High (LMHS Library)
- 6:00 p.m. 10th/V Boys Basketball @ CR Kennedy
- *V Boys Wrestling Regional Duals (LM Main Gym)

Wednesday, February 5

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

Winter Spirit Week – Glory Day (wear medals, ribbons, awards, etc.)

- 7:30 a.m. National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony (LM Main Gym)
- 3:30 p.m. **RTI**
- 4:30 p.m. *JV Boys Basketball @ Marion HS
- 5:30 p.m. JV2 Girls Basketball @ Iowa City West
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Soccer Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)

Thursday, February 6

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

Winter Spirit Week – Pajama Day

- All Day *V Girls Wrestling State Meet @ Coralville
- 3:30 p.m. **RTI**
- 4:30 p.m. ***LMHS PARENT CONFERENCES**
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Rocket League vs. Waterloo East
- 5:00 p.m. 9th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball vs. CR Prairie (Hazel Point Int.)
- 6:00 p.m. JV2 Girls Basketball @ CR Prairie

Friday, February 7

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

Deadline to DROP Classes for 3rd Quarter

Winter Spirit Week – Black and Red Day

- All Day V Girls Wrestling State Meet @ Coralville
- 3:30 p.m. ***PEP ASSEMBLY**
- 6:00 p.m. V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. CR Prairie (LM Main Gym)
- *(Hall of Fame Night)

Saturday, February 8

- 8:00 a.m. **ACT @ Marion HS**
- All Day Orchestra Metro Orchestra Festival @ CR (Paramount Theater)
- All Day V Boys Wrestling State Dual Team Meet @ Coralville
- 9:00 a.m. JV1 Girls/10th Boys Basketball @ CR Prairie
- 10:00 a.m. JV Boys Wrestling MVC Meet @ Waterloo West
- 12:00 p.m. V Boys Swimming State Qualifier Meet (LM Aquatic Center)

Notes

2/3 **HOMEROOM:** All grade levels will report to Homeroom Classrooms. 9th-11th grades will be signing up for 2025-26 classes. 12th grade will report to Homeroom Classrooms. 9th Boys (Black/Red) Basketball dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

2/4 V Boys Wrestling: Lions will face winner of Bondurant-Farrar vs. North Scott.

2/5 JV Boys Basketball dismissed at 3:35 p.m.
 2/6 V Girls Wrestling departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
 2/7 **Pep Assembly:** Students will either attend the pep assembly or leave campus.
 Hall of Fame selectees to be inducted between games: Mark Atwater, Stephanie Jenks, Amanda Piche, Josh Evans, Brady Anderson, and John Begley!

Future

2/10 8th Grade Parent-Student Course Registration Information Night
 2/11 10th Grade Student Advisory (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
 2/13 9th Grade Student Advisory (8:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
 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 Parent Conferences on Thursday, February 6

3rd Quarter Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 6, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Priority is given to those needing to have a parent conference based on current performance. The link will be emailed to parents on Monday, February 3, for parents to fill remaining teacher conference slots. If you do not receive this email on Monday, please contact Barb Benton at bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us or 319-447-3040.

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 opens February 3 – 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.

Homeroom Session on Monday, February 3

LMHS will have a Homeroom Session on Monday, February 3, for all grade levels. 9th-11th grades will report to Homeroom classrooms and will be working on course registration for 2025-26. 12th grade will report to Homeroom classrooms for Graduation information. **Homeroom Schedule** (link).

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. 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

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](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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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

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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

School Counselors Available for Course Registration Assistance

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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](https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/linnmar) and select Register. <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/linnmar>

Athletics

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!

Congratulations to the Lion Girls Wrestling Team for being MVC Divisional Meet Champions!

Fine Arts

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 7, 2025.**