



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School Updates and Announcements For Students and Parents November 1, 2024



November 4 - 9, 2024

...Week 11...

Monday, November 4	<i>Professional Development Day (7:30 – 3:30 p.m.)</i>
6:30 p.m.	LMHS Parent Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Tuesday, November 5	<i>Professional Development Day (7:30 – 3:30 p.m.)</i>
Wednesday, November 6	<i>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</i>
9:00 a.m.	*AMC 10/12 Math Exam (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
3:30 p.m.	RTI
6:00 p.m.	Girls Basketball Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
6:30 p.m.	Boys Wrestling Meeting (South Commons)
Thursday, November 7	<i>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</i>
3:30 p.m.	RTI
5:00 p.m.	V Girls Diving State Qualifier (LM Aquatic Center)
6:00 p.m.	Girls Cross Country Team Banquet (Lower Commons)
6:30 p.m.	S.O.D.A. Co-Ed Volleyball Tourney (LM Main Gym)
Friday, November 8	<i>Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)</i>
3:30 p.m.	RTI
7:00 p.m.	*V Football 2 nd Round Playoff vs. TBD @ TBD
Saturday, November 9	
12:00 p.m.	V Girls Swimming State Qualifier (LM Stadium) JV/V Poms Lion Linage Night of Dance Comp. (LM Main Gym)

Notes

- 11/6 AMC 10/12 Math Exam: the list of students taking this exam will be emailed to teachers.
- 11/8 V Football plays if win on November 1.

Future

- 11/18 **INCOMPLETE GRADES DUE (4:30 p.m.) 1st Quarter Courses**
- 11/21 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 11/27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes
- 11/27 MPD Swat Team Practice (Pride Rock – Door #13 and Upper East Side) 9:00-2:00 p.m.
- 12/5 Building Management Team (8:05 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 12/9 9th Grade Connection (3:30 p.m., Focus: Preparing for Semester Exams and Exam Schedule)
- 12/20 **Two-Hour Early Release Schedule** (District-wide) (Winter Break begins at 2:00 p.m.)

2nd Quarter

November 4 and 5 are Professional Development Days with no classes

Classes will not be in session on Monday, November 4, and Tuesday, November 5, for Staff Professional Development. School will resume on Wednesday, November 6, with a Regular Daily Schedule.

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 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

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Students may still register and pay for a 1st semester or Exam Only exam during the second payment window in February 2025 for an additional fee of \$40.

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College Planning Night on November 13 at Lowe Park

Linn-Mar and Marion High Schools, with the financial support of FSB bank, will be hosting a College Planning Night on Wednesday, November 13, at Lowe Park from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for Seniors and their parents. The Iowa College Access Network will be placing an emphasis in the presentation on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid form), understanding award letters, and accessing local scholarships. A postcard was sent to each home with more information on it.

Kirkwood Concurrent Course Enrollment for Spring 2025

The Spring 2025 Kirkwood Concurrent Course enrollment begins on Monday, October 14 and closes on January 7. To get more information on what classes qualify and how to go about the enrollment process, you can go to the School Counselor's Website and under "Academics", you will find "Earn College Credit While In High School", or see your school counselor.

Post-Secondary Planning Information Available for Each Grade Level

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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)

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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

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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 LMHS Varsity Football for qualifying for the 5A State Football Playoffs! The Lions play against Ankeny at Ankeny tonight!

Congratulations to LMHS 9th Football for completing an undefeated season last Friday!

Congratulations to LMHS JV Poms for placing 2nd in Pom and 2nd in Jazz at the first ever ISDTA JV Championships last week!

Congratulations to LMHS Girls Cross Country and Haley Kozloski and Gabby Mauren for qualifying for the Girls State Cross Country Meet!

Congratulations to LMHS Boys Cross Country and Ethan Boston and Ethan Cheney for qualifying for the Boys State Cross Country Meet!

Congratulations to LMHS Varsity Poms for receiving the ISDTA Top Academic Team Achievement Award given to the top 15 programs in the state! The LMVP cumulative g.p.a. was 3.90!

Fine Arts

Congratulations to the 51 LMHS students who were selected for the Iowa All-State Music Festival! These students and the four alternates are:

All-State Band: Brock Whitham – Clarinet (3rd Year), Marley Fonck – Flute (2nd Year), Theo Hartwig – Flute (2nd Year), Jonas Jaritz – Clarinet (2nd Year), Adam Kmetz – Horn (2nd Year), Everett Sams – Horn (2nd Year), Owen Soenen – Trumpet (2nd Year), Gigi Wright – Oboe (2nd Year), Rania Hasan – Horn (1st Year), Dale Nuss – Tuba (1st Year), Reese Peddicord – Clarinet (1st Year), Richard Weng – Flute (1st Year), **All-State Band Alternate:** Nick Soto – Clarinet,
All-State Orchestra: Rashaan Bryant-Violin (4th Year), Clara Haker-Cello (4th Year), Eric Liang-Violin (4th Year), Kathryn Delsing-Viola (3rd Year), Izzy Telisak-Violin (3rd Year), Jordyn Puffer-Bass (3rd Year), Henry Granger-Bass (2nd Year), Grace Luo-Violin (2nd Year), Charlotte Masters-Viola (2nd Year), Erich Nguyen-Viola (2nd Year), Sophia Phan-Violin (2nd Year), Maddie Barnidge – Cello (1st Year), Sophia Chavez – Viola (1st Year), Caleb Delay – Bass (1st Year), Adithi Jenigiri – Violin (1st Year), Sahana Nagarajan – Violion (1st Year), Landon Niemi – Cello (1st Year), Vasudha Sakolkar – Violin (1st Year), Charlotte Schultz – Violin (1st Year), Simon Vieira – Cello (1st Year), Addie Winn – Violin (1st Year), **All-State Orchestra Alternate:** Jackson Haro – Violin (2nd alternate)
All-State Chorus: Jacob Jensen - Tenor (4th Year), Maddie Eley - Alto (3rd Year), Arjun Raghavendran - Tenor (3rd Year), Gabbie Biedermann - Soprano (2nd Year), Maryn Budke - Soprano (2nd Year), Olivia Ferin - Soprano (2nd Year), James Knatz II - Bass (2nd Year), Micah Langley - Bass (2nd Year), Julian Anderson - Tenor (1st Year), Davis George - Bass (1st Year), Leah Glew - Soprano (1st Year), Owen Hanson - Bass (1st Year), Maddy Hunt - Alto (1st Year), Aaron Malget - Bass (1st Year), Cameron Potter – Tenor (1st Year), Parker Shadrick - Tenor (1st Year), Charlie Stevens - Soprano (1st Year) Kaydena Walderbach - Alto (1st Year), **All-State Chorus Alternates:** Sydney Young - Alto, Olivea Getz - Alto

Clubs and Organizations

Congratulations to the LMHS FFA for receiving the Sportsmanship Award at the FFA Northeast Subdistrict Volleyball Tournament this week!

Amnesty International Club - Fly a Flag in our Field of Flags this Veterans Day

This Veterans Day, Linn-Mar High School's Amnesty International Club will set up a field of American flags on the corner of 29th & 10th to honor America's veterans and raise critical funds to support our ill and injured heroes.

Each flag in the Field of Flags honors a different veteran. And behind each flag is a unique story—a story about courage and freedom. A story about sacrifice. A story worth honoring.

Each flag is a donation to represent one veteran and our unwavering commitment to serving all veterans after they've sacrificed so much for our country. All donations will raise critical funds to support the life-changing services DAV (Disabled American Veterans) provides for veterans in need and their families.

Will you fly a flag to honor veterans? [USE THIS LINK](#) to add your flag to our field today! 

<https://support.dav.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.participant&participantID=18821>



Next Up

Parent Advisory Meeting is Monday, November 4

The first LMHS Parent Advisory Meeting will be held **this** Monday, November 4, in the Presentation-Lecture Hall at 6:30 p.m. Any LMHS parents who would still like to join LMHS Parent Advisory may do so by contacting Barb Benton (bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us).

The next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on Friday, November 8.