



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School  
Updates and Announcements  
For Students and Parents  
November 8, 2024



November 11 - 16, 2024

...Week 12...

Monday, November 11

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

3:30 p.m. RTI  
7:45 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Player Meeting (South Commons)

Tuesday, November 12

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

3:30 p.m. RTI  
5:30 p.m. Robotics FTC Competition @ Hazel Point Intermediate

Wednesday, November 13

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

7:00 a.m. Girls/Boys Bowling Pictures (CRBC)  
7:30 a.m. \*National Signing Day Ceremony (South Commons)  
3:30 p.m. RTI  
6:30 p.m. Boys Cross Country Banquet (South Commons)

Thursday, November 14

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

3:30 p.m. RTI  
6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Parent Meetings  
(9<sup>th</sup>-Learning Center, 10<sup>th</sup>-C117, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>-E137C)  
7:00 p.m. HS/5<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Adopt-A-Beginner Concert (LM Auditorium)

Friday, November 15

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

11:00 a.m. \*V Girls Swimming/Diving State Meet @ Marshalltown  
3:30 p.m. RTI  
4:00 p.m. Esports Overwatch 2 tryouts (LMHS Library)

Saturday, November 16

All Day JV/V Poms DTU Regionals @ Johnston  
10:00 a.m. JV/V Girls Wrestling Team Pictures (Wrestling Room)  
12:00 p.m. V Girls Swimming State Meet @ Marshalltown

Notes

- 11/13 National Signing Day Ceremony: Approximately 14 LMHS Seniors will be signing letters of intent to participate in college athletics.
- 11/15 V Girls Swimming/Diving departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

Future

- 11/18 **INCOMPLETE GRADES DUE (4:30 p.m.) 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

[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](mailto:joyce.booth@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 892-4884

Jessica Deahl: [jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 730-3559

Kevin McCauley: [kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade – LMHS Class of 2025**

### **Cap and Gown Ordering**

Reminder on Cap & Gown Ordering: The Herff Jones graduation rep will be at Linn-Mar, this coming **Thursday, November 14th from 8:30-10:30 a.m.** in the **South Commons** to assist families with their orders and any questions you may have. Please put this on your calendar.

### **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.

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### **Senior Scholarship Information**

Seniors can access local scholarships through the LMHS Counseling Scholarship spreadsheet: [tinyurl.com/lmhsscholarships](https://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)

## **10<sup>th</sup> 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)

## **9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Congratulations to LMHS Volleyball team members for recognition received this season: Minnie Joyner (Academic All-State, MVC All-Academic); Kelsey Klesner (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Metro, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); Karsyn Michael (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Metro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); Kira Klesner (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Metro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); Emily Brunson (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Metro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-MVC, MVC All-Academic); Peyton Busch (Honorable Mention All-Metro, Honorable Mention All-MVC); Benita Anyanwu (Honorable Mention All-Metro, Honorable Mention All-MVC); Claire Carson (MVC All-Academic); Meadow Christensen (MVC All-Academic); Zigana Christensen (MVC All-Academic); Iseani Enosa (MVC All-Academic); Christina Gorsich (MVC All-Academic); Delaney Lake (MVC All-Academic); Sophie Mishler (MVC All-Academic); Addison Mohwinkle (MVC All-Academic); Alexis Schaefer (MVC All-Academic); Lauren Castor (MVC All-Academic); Samantha Eichinger (MVC All-Academic); Addison Millius (MVC All-Academic); and Ashlynn Moores (MVC All-Academic)!**

**Congratulations to LMHS Varsity Football for qualifying for the 5A State Football Playoffs!**

**Congratulations to LMHS 9<sup>th</sup> Football for completing an undefeated season!**

**Congratulations to LMHS JV Poms for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pom and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jazz at the first ever ISDTA JV Championships!**

### Fine Arts

**Congratulations to the following LMHS Band members selected for the NEIBA Honor Band: Ren Dvorsky (Baritone Saxophone); Ellie Fredin (Clarinet); Paige Harksen (Clarinet); Hudson Kensinger (Bass Clarinet); Nick Kindl (Tuba); Eve McInroy (Clarinet); Molly McPeck (Alto Saxophone); Lily Miglia (Flute); Maria Neihart Thielen (Clarinet); Jasper Neymeyer (Tuba); River Newton (Clarinet); Connor Niemeier (Tenor Saxophone); Khushi Reddy (Clarinet); Sophia Ryon (Oboe); Abram Sennett (Tuba); Nick Soto (Clarinet); and Peyton Stoller (Trumpet)!**

**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Marley Fonck – Flute (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Theo Hartwig – Flute (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Jonas Jaritz – Clarinet (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Adam Kmetz – Horn (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Everett Sams – Horn (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Owen Soenen – Trumpet (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Gigi Wright – Oboe (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Rania Hasan – Horn (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Dale Nuss – Tuba (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Reese Peddicord – Clarinet (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Richard Weng – Flute (1<sup>st</sup> Year), All-State Band Alternate: Nick Soto – Clarinet,**

**All-State Orchestra: Rashaan Bryant-Violin (4<sup>th</sup> Year), Clara Haker-Cello (4<sup>th</sup> Year), Eric Liang-Violin (4<sup>th</sup> Year), Kathryn Delsing-Viola (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Izzy Telisak-Violin (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Jordyn Puffer-Bass (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Henry Granger-Bass (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Grace Luo-Violin (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Charlotte Masters-Viola (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Erich Nguyen-Viola (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Sophia Phan-Violin (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Maddie Barnidge – Cello (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Sophia Chavez – Viola (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Caleb Delay – Bass (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Adithi Jenigiri – Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Sahana Nagarajan – Violion (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Landon Niemi – Cello (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Vasudha Sakolkar – Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Charlotte Schultz – Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Simon Vieira – Cello (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Addie Winn – Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), All-State Orchestra Alternate: Jackson Haro – Violin (2<sup>nd</sup> 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) Kaydence Walderbach - Alto (1st Year), All-State Chorus Alternates: Sydney Young - Alto, Olivea Getz - Alto**

### Clubs and Organizations

**Congratulations to LMHS Esports Varsity Rainbow 6 Siege and Super Smash Brothers for qualifying for the State Esports Playoffs in Marshalltown on November 22!**

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

## Next Up

The next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on **Friday, November 15.**

