



**October 21 - 26, 2024**

**...Week 9...The Finish Line of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter...**

**Monday, October 21**

**Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)**

- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 6:00 p.m. JV Football vs. Iowa City High (LM Stadium)
- 6:30 p.m. Band Extravaganza (LM Main Gym)

**Tuesday, October 22**

**Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (7:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

- 4:00 p.m. Esports Super Smash vs. Keokuk (LMHS Library)

**Wednesday, October 23**

**Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)**

- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. \*V Girls/Boys Cross Country State Qualifier @ Pleasant Valley
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Wrestling Parent Meeting (Lecture Hall)

**Thursday, October 24**

**Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (7:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

**Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

- All Day \*Poms ISDTA Solo Competition @ Pella HS
- All Day \*JV Poms ISDTA Competition @ Newton HS
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Rainbow 6 Siege vs. Oskaloosa (LMHS Library)
- 5:00 p.m. \*V Girls Diving MVC Meet @ Iowa City (Mercer Pool)
- 6:00 p.m. Orchestra Fall Concert (LM Auditorium)  
(6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Concert Orchestra, Sinfonietta)
- 7:00 p.m. V Volleyball Regional vs. Dubuque Hempstead (LM Main Gym)
- 7:30 p.m. Orchestra Fall Concert (LM Auditorium)  
(6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Philharmonic, Symphony)

**Friday, October 25**

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

- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- All Day Poms ISDTA Solo Competition @ Pella HS
- All Day JV Poms ISDTA Competition @ Newton HS
- 5:00 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup>/V Football @ Pleasant Valley

**Saturday, October 26**

- 8:00 a.m. ACT @ LMHS
- Music All-State Auditions @ Independence
- 9:00 a.m. Cheer Clinic (LM Main Gym)
- 12:00 p.m. V Girls Swimming MVC Meet @ Iowa City (Mercer Pool)

**Notes**

- 10/23 V Girls Cross Country dismissed at 11:40 a.m.
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- 10/24 V Girls Diving dismissed at 1:10 p.m.
- V Poms departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- JV Poms departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

**Future**

- 10/28 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (2:00 p.m., Homeroom) [Homeroom Schedule](#)
- 10/31 **GRADES DUE (4:30 p.m.) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Courses**
- 11/1 Last Day to Declare Credit/Fail for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- 11/4 Professional Development Day – No Classes
- LMHS Parent Advisory Council Meeting (6:30 p.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 11/5 Professional Development Day – No Classes
- 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
12/9	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Connection (3:30 p.m., Focus: Preparing for Semester Exams and Exam Schedule)
12/20	<a href="#">Two-Hour Early Release Schedule</a> (District-wide) (Winter Break begins at 2:00 p.m.)

## 1st Quarter

### **Two-Hour Early Release Schedule For Tuesday and Thursday**

A [Two-Hour Early Release Schedule](#) (link) will be used district-wide on Tuesday, October 22, and Thursday, October 24. The link for this schedule is attached. Busses will depart at 2:05 p.m.

### **Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter is Thursday**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends on Thursday, October 24. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter grades from teachers are due on October 31, at 4:30 p.m. Any INC grades must be completed by November 18.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

### **Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter is Monday, October 28**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Classes begin on Monday, October 28, with a [Homeroom Schedule](#) (link). Homeroom is at 2:00 p.m. and will focus on 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Calendar Planning and the new Digital Hall Pass System staff and students will be using building-wide starting on November 6.

### **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.

### **Construction Update**

Interior work is now beginning inside the new facility and surrounding areas. Some delays with steel have occurred, but three loads did arrive this morning. Work on the south area behind the new stage is currently taking place. The hope is to have most of the roofing in place by the end of November.

## 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.

### **LMHS Robotics Team Dark Matter LMHS Wildcat Food Pantry Drive**

LMHS Robotics Team Dark Matter is again having a Food Drive for the LMHS Wildcat Food Pantry starting from October 1-25. Collection boxes will be placed in major commons areas, such as Pride Rock Commons, the South Commons, and Four Corners. Needed items would be canned chicken, pasta noodles and sauce, canned vegetables and fruits, macaroni and cheese, non-perishable snack items, rice, cereal, and ramen noodles. Thank you to Team Dark Matter for having this food drive and to everyone who helps contribute during the month of October!

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

### **Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Payments for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Classes Due November 4, 2024**

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

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### **Kirkwood Concurrent Course Enrollment for Spring 2025 Begins on Monday**

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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### **College Application Assistance Sessions**

Do you need assistance on your **college application**? Do you need just a little time carved out to work on the application? Then join the School Counselors in the Lecture Hall on one or both of the following times: **October 17 at 3:30 during RTI or October 22 from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m.**

### **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 Open October 15 for Linn-Mar Seniors!**

The Linn-Mar School Foundation is pleased to announce that scholarship applications are opening 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**

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#### **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**

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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 our LMHS Athletes for qualifying for the Special Olympics State Bowling Tournament: Julie Bishop, Owen Lovetinsky, and Micah Pederson!**

**Congratulations to LMHS Boys Golf and Christian Cloyd for Placing 8th individually at the State Golf Meet!**

**Congratulations to LMHS Volleyball for winning their MVC pod on Tuesday night!**

### **Fine Arts**

**Congratulations to the LM Marching Lions for Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class 4A at Valleyfest Marching Invitational this past Saturday!** This is the highest placement in school history at this event! The LM Marching Lions also received honors for 'Best Hornline'. The LM Marching Lions also received a Division 'I' (Superior) rating at the IHSMA State Marching Festival Saturday afternoon!

### **Clubs and Organizations**

#### **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 on 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](mailto:bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us)).

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