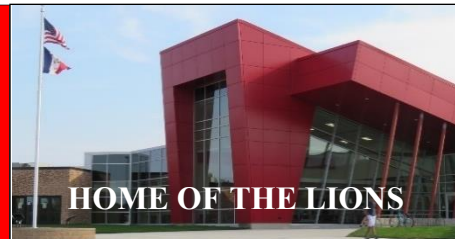




2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
September 13, 2024



Calendar

September 16 - 21, 2024

...Week 4...

...Mid-Term is Next Week...

Monday, September 16

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

9:30 a.m. *V Boys Golf MVC Divisional @ Iowa City (Finkbine G.C.)
2:40 p.m. *9th Boys Golf CRANDIC @ CR (Twin Pines G.C.)
3:30 p.m. *9th Grade Connection
5:00 p.m. *9th Volleyball @ Marion H.S.
6:00 p.m. *JV Football @ CR Kennedy (Kingston Stadium)

Tuesday, September 17

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

8:30 a.m. 12th Grade Student Advisory Council (Lecture Hall)
9:30 a.m. *V Boys Golf CRANDIC @ Marion (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
3:15 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ Shellsburg (Wildcat G.C.)
3:20 p.m. *FIRE DRILL
3:30 p.m. RTI
5:30 p.m. *10th/JV/V Volleyball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)

Wednesday, September 18

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

3:15 p.m. *9th Boys Golf @ Marion (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
3:30 p.m. RTI

Thursday, September 19

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

8:30 a.m. 11th Grade Student Advisory Council (Lecture Hall)
12:00 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ Marion (Gardner G.C.)
3:30 p.m. RTI
4:00 p.m. *JV/V Boys Cross Country @ Cedar Falls (Birdsall Pk.)
4:30 p.m. LMHS Parent Conferences
5:00 p.m. *JV Volleyball Tourney @ Iowa City Liberty

Friday, September 20

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

Deadline to DROP Classes for 1st Quarter

3:30 p.m. RTI
5:00 p.m. *9th/V Football @ Bettendorf

Saturday, September 21

9:00 a.m. V Girls Cross Country @ Pella (Central College)
V Girls Swimming @ Marshalltown YMCA
10:00 a.m. V Girls Diving LM Invite (LM Aquatic Center)

Notes

9/16 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
9th Boys Golf dismissed at 1:15 p.m.
9th Volleyball dismissed at 3:35 p.m.
JV Football dismissed at 3:40 p.m.

9th Grade Connection: 9th Grade students will be taking a feedback survey and discussing Homecoming expectations as part of this required session.

9/17 FIRE DRILL: Our goal is to exit the building in under three minutes and to be at evacuation sites in under four minutes.

V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
10th/JV/V Volleyball dismissed at 3:05 p.m.

9/18 9th Boys Golf dismissed at 1:45 p.m.

9/19 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 10:45 a.m.
JV/V Boys Cross Country dismissed at 1:20 p.m.
JV Volleyball dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
9/20 9th Football dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
V Football and Football Cheer dismissed at 3:10 p.m.

Future

9/25 Homecoming Parade (5:15 p.m.)
9/27 Homecoming Pep Rally Schedule (3:30 p.m.)
9/30 Professional Development Day (No Classes)
10/3 Building Management Team (8:05 a.m., Lecture Hall)
10/8 10th Grade Student Advisory Council (8:30 a.m., Lecture Hall)
10/10 9th Grade Student Advisory Council (8:30 a.m., Lecture Hall)

1st Quarter

LMHS National Merit Semifinalists Named

Linn-Mar High School has five Seniors named as Semifinalists for the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Approximately 1.3 million students from 21,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Competition. 16,000 students, less than 1% of students entering the competition have been named semifinalists based on their scores on the qualifying exam. The LMHS National Merit Semifinalists: **Henry Granger, Adam Kmetz, Dwight Kueper, Varun Pradeep, and Aditya Suri!** Congratulations to **Henry, Adam, Dwight, Varun, and Aditya!**

LMHS Parent Conferences on Thursday, September 19

LMHS Quarter 1 Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, September 19**, from **4:30 - 7:30 p.m.** The priority focus is to ensure those students showing the most need in a specific class get signed up for conferences first. Teachers have been making requests for specific conferences, and remaining conference slots will be open for all to sign up on Friday, September 13. **The first contact in PowerSchool should receive an email with sign-up information.**

https://myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high_school/conferences.php?where_from=student&language=

Call the Main Office at 319-447-3040 or email bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us or zachery.mixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us if assistance is needed with your password.

Attendance Information as you look at PowerSchool

After three weeks of working through the Attendance reporting changes, we want to provide some important information as a follow-up to many questions received in our Attendance Office. Please note that calling your student out from school does not mean the absence will automatically be exempt.

These are frequent **Exempt** Codes in PowerSchool:

- “SRP” is a school related participant (this replaced “S” from previous years). Only exempt for participants, not spectators.
- “MEDX” - The new state law states that the MEDX code can only be used for students "unable to attend school due to legitimate medical reason(s)" and a doctor's note will satisfy this requirement. Notes can be turned in by the student to either the attendance office or the counselor's office. They can also be emailed in to the Attendance Office.

These are frequent **Not-Exempt** Codes in PowerSchool:

- “ILL” -Illness, used when calling out sick or for a doctor's appointment, is not exempt until a Dr's note received. The **only** way for a medical appointment to be exempt is with a doctor's note. Notes can be turned in by the student to either the attendance office or the counselor's office. They can also be emailed in.
- “FAM” -Family Leave, used for vacation, funerals, family emergencies, car problems, or overslept.
- “CV”- College Visit.
- “DOT” (when a student goes to the vehicle licensing location) is not considered exempt.

LMHS 2024-25 Regular Daily Schedule (link)

The link above is for the LMHS 2024-25 Regular Daily Schedule.

1039 Students from the Classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027, were honored at the Academic Letter Assemblies on Sept. 5!

Daily Attendance Messages To Start Being Sent Each Day

LMHS will begin to send out an email and text message to parents twice each day should your student be absent without prior parent notification during that day. If a parent contacts the Attendance Office prior, then you should not be receiving the email or text notifications. 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 in an effort to notify parents as soon as possible of absences without parent notification.

Serious Threat-Intruder ('walk-through only') Drill on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:01 a.m.

On Tuesday, September 10, at 9:01 a.m. LMHS held a Serious Threat-Intruder 'walk-through only' Drill. The focus was **knowing what to do and where to go**. The following is what was emphasized by staff during the drill:

Point I: Get out of the Building.

For the drill, students will be walking outside as a class with their teacher emphasizing:

- **It is important to simply get out of the building as quickly as possible.**
- **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.**
- **If you cannot leave the building, then barricade and prepare to fight.** [will be discussed when return to classroom].

Point II: Get off Campus. [For today, classes will **stay put just outside of the building. Do NOT leave campus**].

Teachers will be emphasizing the following with students:

- **Once you get outside of the building, get off campus any way you can. (Do NOT get in your vehicles. Emergency vehicles will be coming on site and traffic will snarl).**

Point III: Go to the MARION YMCA for reunification.

Teachers will be emphasizing the following with students:

- **Once you get off campus, you should make your way to the MARION YMCA** (go west on Tower Terrace to get there).
- Please **point in the general direction (northwest) of the MARION YMCA.**
- Let them know that the **busses will take students from the MARION YMCA to the District reunification site.**
- Teachers will ask if any questions.
- Upon return to classroom, teachers will emphasize with students what to do if need to '*Barricade and Prepare to Fight*'.

Point I: If you must, Barricade and Prepare to Fight, as you work to get out of the building.

After returning to classroom, teachers will be emphasizing with students:

The focus is **knowing what to do and where to locate yourself in the classroom.**

- **'Barricade'**: Teachers will show students what items they would like students to help quickly move in front of classroom door(s) to prevent, or at least disrupt, anyone from entering the room.
- **'Prepare to Fight'**: Teachers will show students **where they will locate in room** once they have barricaded doors. (Students will be asked to spread throughout the room and locate behind desks/tables/etc. and away sightline of someone outside the door(s)). **Teachers will inform students to 'arm' themselves with any objects** that they can use to throw/distract any perpetrator that may penetrate the barricade.
- **'Get out of the room and out of the building'**: Teachers will inform students 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.

Tornado Drill held on September 12

The second Tornado Drill of 1st semester was held on Thursday, September 12. All students and staff were in shelter locations in just over three minutes. (We had a delay in the radio report from one area but have learned students were in position earlier than the radio report). This is our final Tornado Drill of 1st Semester. We will start doing our two 2nd Semester Tornado Drills in mid to late February.



U-RENEW Club Campus Cleanup on September 10

The LMHS U-Renew Club held their first Campus Cleanup on Tuesday, September 10, before school. Twenty-one LMHS students and sponsor, Mr. Pisarik, let the cleanup. If you are interested in joining the U-Renew Club please see Mr. Pisarik or a U-Renew Club member about future meetings and campus cleanup dates. Thank you to U-Renew for all of your efforts!

LMHS Homecoming Week is September 23-28

LMHS Homecoming week is September 23-28. The Parade will be at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25. The Powder Puff game is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26. The Pep Rally is at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 27. The game and performances are the evening of Friday, September 27. The Homecoming Dance is from 8:00-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28. *****A reminder that the LMHS Homecoming Dance is for LMHS students only. No guests are allowed for this dance**.***

Construction Update and Traffic Caution

A large crane will be in the Door #10 circle drive on September 24, to put to new HVAC units on the roof. The Door #10 circle drive will be closed off for a while on this day.

The pre-cast walls of the new performance hall will start being staged and set on September 26. Flag crews will be in the South Lot/10th Street entrance/exit during the day to help stop traffic. Semis will be staging off campus and arriving as walls are put into place. Another large crane will be on site as the precast walls are placed. The semis will coordinate and enter the fenced area in the South Lot, then back into the construction area during this time. The contractors know our class schedule to help minimize any delays. If you are entering/exiting while the semis are entering or exiting the South Lot and the construction zone, you may experience some short delays. This will take a few days, and any planned schedule is subject to change at any time.

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.

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

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2025

12th Grade Student Advisory Council Application (link)

The LMHS Student Advisory Council is comprised of volunteer members of the student body whose purpose is to meet with members of the high school administrative team, provide feedback, and advise on various policy or procedure matters. The SAC's purpose is to represent the student body in shared decision making. Three meetings for each grade level are held during the school year. Interested 12th Grade students should complete the attached application and return to the LMHS Main Office. Hard copies

of the application are available in the LMHS Main Office. The first 12th Grade Student Advisory Council meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17, in the Presentation-Lecture Hall.

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

PSAT Sign-Up

Students may sign up for the 2024 Practice SAT, or PSAT. **The PSAT is designed for juniors as a practice college test and to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program.**

The PSAT will be either Tuesday, October 15, or Wednesday, October 16. **To register for the PSAT, please pay \$18 at the Cashier's window, or your parent/guardian may pay on the Powerschool payment page.** The deadline for submitting payment is Friday, October 4. If you have any questions about the PSAT, please see Mr. Kennedy in the School Counselors' office.

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat-suite-benefits-students-parents/why-take-psat/why-take-psat-nmsqt>

11th Grade Student Advisory Council Application (link)

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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

Job Shadow Opportunities for 10th Grade Students

10th graders interested in signing up for a Job Shadow may meet with a representative from Workplace Learning in the Lecture Hall Tuesday, September 10, Wednesday, September 11, and Thursday, September 12, at 3:30 p.m. (during RTI) to provide more information and help get students registered for a Job Shadow.

PSAT Sign-Up

Students may sign up for the 2024 Practice SAT, or PSAT. The PSAT is designed for juniors as a practice college test and to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. **Sophomores may also take the PSAT but would need to take the PSAT again as a junior to qualify as a National Merit scholar.**

The PSAT will be either Tuesday, October 15, or Wednesday, October 16. **To register for the PSAT, please pay \$18 at the Cashier's window, or your parent/guardian may pay on the Powerschool payment page.** The deadline for submitting payment is Friday October 4. If you have any questions about the PSAT, please see Mr. Kennedy in the School Counselors' office.

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat-suite-benefits-students-parents/why-take-psat/why-take-psat-nmsqt>

10th Grade Student Advisory Council Application (link)

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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

9th Grade Student Advisory Council Application (link)

The LMHS Student Advisory Council is comprised of volunteer members of the student body whose purpose is to meet with members of the high school administrative team, provide feedback, and advise on various policy or procedure matters. The SAC's purpose is to represent the student body in shared decision making. Three meetings for each grade level are held during the school

year. Interested 9th Grade students should complete the attached application and return to the LMHS Main Office. Hard copies of the application are available in the LMHS Main Office. The first 9th Grade Student Advisory Council meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, in the Presentation-Lecture Hall.

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

A Message as we begin the '24-25 Fall Sports Season:

SPORTSMANSHIP

Linn-Mar High School students, parents, and spectators are all expected to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship at athletic events. Chanting or taunting opponents, doing anything to incite opponents, or other actions that do not display appropriate sportsmanship is unacceptable at a high school athletic contest. Your actions of sportsmanship are greatly appreciated.

DO YOUR PART TO SUPPORT LINN-MAR TEAMS LOUDLY, ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AND WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF SPORTSMANSHIP!

Next Up

LM Foundation Dine Out for Linn-Mar on September 19 (link)

The attached flyer shows the participating restaurants in the Linn-Mar Foundation Fall Dine Out for Linn-Mar night on Thursday, September 19. Thank you to the LM Foundation and the partnering restaurants!

LMHS Parent Advisory Council Application (link)

The role of the LMHS Parent Advisory Council is to receive information and updates on building procedures, issues and initiatives, and to provide input and give feedback from the parent perspective to the Principal and building administration. Parent Advisory Council meets twice each year (once per semester) from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Any interested LMHS parents are asked to complete the application and submit to either Jeff Gustason (jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or Barb Benton (bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us) in the HS Main Office by September 27. The two meeting dates this school year are Monday, November 4, and Monday, February 24, 2025. Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Presentation-Lecture Hall.

The Roar Store is open this Saturday (September 14) from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. Enter the school at Door #10.



The next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on Friday, September 20.