



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
September 20, 2024



September 23-28, 2024

...Week 5 - It's Midterm...

...Celebrating the Current and the Past through Homecoming...

Monday, September 23

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

- 3:15 p.m. *V Boys Golf @ Dubuque (Thunder Hills G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 5:00 p.m. *9th Volleyball @ Iowa City High
- 6:00 p.m. JV Football vs. Bettendorf (LM Stadium)

Tuesday, September 24

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

- 9:00 a.m. *V Boys Golf @ Cedar Falls (Pheasant Ridge G.C.)
- 3:15 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ CR (Airport National G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 5:30 p.m. 10th/JV/V Volleyball vs. Iowa City Liberty (LM Main Gym)
- 6:00 p.m. *JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving @ Iowa City High (Mercer Pool)

Wednesday, September 25

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

- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 5:15 p.m. *Homecoming Parade

Thursday, September 26

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

- 3:15 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ Marion (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI
- 3:45 p.m. *JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ CR (Seminole Valley Park)
- 6:00 p.m. *9th Football @ Cedar Falls
- 7:00 p.m. Powder Puff Game (LM Stadium)

Friday, September 27

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

Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Quarter Classes

- 3:30 p.m. Pep Assembly (LM Main Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. V Football vs. Cedar Falls (LM Stadium)

Saturday, September 28

- 8:30 a.m. 10th Volleyball Tourney @ Iowa City West
- 9:00 a.m. Marching Lions LM Marching Invite (LM Stadium)
(Marching Lions perform at 3:00 p.m.)
- V Volleyball Tourney @ Cedar Falls
- 8:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance (LM Main Gym)

Notes

- 9/23 V Boys Golf dismissed at 11:40 a.m.
- 9th Volleyball dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
- 9/24 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:30 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
- 9/25 **Homecoming Parade:** Staging this year will take place in the North Parking Lot. All vehicles using this lot will need to be moved by 4:10 p.m.
- 9/26 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:30 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Cross Country dismissed at 1:25 p.m.
- JV/V Boys Cross Country dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
- 9th Football dismissed at 3:40 p.m.
- 9/27 **Pep Assembly:** All students must either attend the Pep Assembly or leave campus. During the Pep Assembly, no students will be allowed to be in the building who are not in the gym.

Future

9/30	Professional Development Day (No Classes)
10/8	10 th Grade Student Advisory Council (8:30 a.m., Lecture Hall)
10/10	9 th Grade Student Advisory Council (8:30 a.m., Lecture Hall)
10/15	PSAT (Kirkwood Regional Center, Hiawatha)
10/16	PSAT (Kirkwood Regional Center, Hiawatha)
10/22	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (District-wide)
10/24	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule (District-wide)
	Last Day of 1 st Quarter
10/25	Professional Day – No Classes
10/26	ACT
10/28	1 st Day of 2 nd Quarter (2:00 p.m., Homeroom)

1st Quarter

LMHS National Merit *Commended* Scholars Named

Congratulations to Lizzy Dreyer, Mariam Kiani, and Charlotte Masters for being named *Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program*. To be named a Commended Student, students must score in the top 5% of all 1.7 million students who took the PSAT in October 2024. Congratulations **Lizzy, Mariam, and Charlotte!**

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!**

Attendance Information as you look at PowerSchool

After **four** 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.

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.

Fire Drill held on September 17

The final Fire Drill of 1st Semester was held on Tuesday, September 17. With the changes implemented in the Door #10, Door #13, and Door #14 areas, the building was able to be cleared in under three minutes.

LMHS Homecoming Week is Next Week

LMHS Homecoming week is September 23-28.

Dress up days will be everyday next week. Monday is BBQ Dads vs. Soccer Moms. Tuesday is "Tropical Tuesday", Wednesday is twin day. Thursday is Color Wars. Seniors wear pink, Juniors wear yellow, Sophomores wear purple, Freshman wear green, and Staff wear blue. Friday is Linn-Mar spirit.

Wednesday

The homecoming parade is on Wednesday, September 25th at 5:15 p.m.
All cars need to be removed from the Far North parking lot by 4:00 p.m.

Thursday

The Junior and Senior Powderpuff game is on Thursday September 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Linn-Mar Stadium.

Friday

The Pep Rally is at 3:30 p.m. on Friday in the LM Main Gym. The game and performances are the evening with the game beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, September 28th from 8:00-10:30 p.m. in the LM Main Gym. The cost is \$8 per person. You can purchase tickets ahead of time on Bound starting Monday. You can also purchase tickets at the door using cash, debit, credit, apple pay and google pay. Activity passes are not accepted. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SCHOOL ID TO ATTEND THE DANCE!** This is a dance for Linn-Mar students only. No one from other schools, including 8th graders, may attend. Read Photography will start taking pictures at 7:00 p.m.

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 have started to be installed. 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 about ten 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

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.

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!

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2025

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>

LMHS Class of 2026 Future Planning Dates

Commencement (1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 24, 2026, Alliant Energy Powerhouse, CR)

10th 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. **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>

LMHS Class of 2027 Future Planning Dates

Commencement (1:00 p.m., Sunday, May 30, 2027, Alliant Energy Powerhouse, CR)

9th Grade

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!

Athletics

Lion Boys Golfer **Christian Cloyd** was **medalist** at the **CRANDIC meet** this week! The **Lions** finished **second as a team!**

Next Up

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 next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on Friday, September 27.