



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
September 27, 2024



September 30-October 5, 2024

...Week 6...

...October is Here...

Monday, September 30

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

- 9:30 a.m. V Boys Golf MVC Divisional @ Marion (Hunters Ridge G.C.)
- 5:00 p.m. 9th Volleyball vs. Xavier (LM Main Gym)
- 6:00 p.m. JV Football @ Iowa City West
- 9th Football vs. Western Dubuque (LM Stadium)
- 7:15 p.m. Boys Swimming Parent Meeting (Presentation-Lecture Hall)

Tuesday, October 1

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

- 3:15 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ Iowa City (Finkbine G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Super Smash vs. Pella (LMHS Library)
- 4:50 p.m. *JV/V Girls Cross Country @ Iowa City (U. Of Iowa)
- 6:00 p.m. JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving vs. Dub. Wahlert (LM Aquatic C.)

Wednesday, October 2

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

- 9:30 a.m. *JV Boys Golf Ryder Cup @ CR (Twin Pines G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 6:30 p.m. National Honor Society Induction (LM Auditorium)

Thursday, October 3

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

- 3:15 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ Shellsburg (Wildcat G.C.)
- 3:30 p.m. RTI**
- 4:00 p.m. Esports Rainbow 6 Siege vs. Bettendorf (LMHS Library)
- 5:30 p.m. 10th/JV/V Volleyball vs. Davenport West (LM Main Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. Thespian Show (LM Little Theatre)

Friday, October 4

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

- 5:00 p.m. *9th/V Football @ Muscatine
- 7:00 p.m. Thespian Show (LM Little Theatre)

Saturday, October 5

- 8:00 a.m. Marching Lions @ CR Prairie (Perform at 2:45 p.m.)
- 8:15 a.m. V Girls Swimming/Diving @ Ames
- 9:00 a.m. JV Volleyball Tourney @ Anamosa
- JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Waverly (Wartburg College)
- Pom Clinic (LM Main Gym)
- 2:00 p.m. Marching Lions @ CR (Kingston Stadium) (Perform at 8:30 p.m.)

Notes

- 10/1 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:10 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Cross Country dismissed at 1:25 p.m.
- 10/2 JV Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 10/3 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
- 10/4 9th Football dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
- V Football dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

Future

- 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)
- 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 2024-25 Regular Daily Schedule \(link\)](#)

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

Construction Update and Traffic Caution

A large crane will be in the Door #10 circle drive on October 1, to put to new HVAC units on the roof. (We actually anticipate this date not being changed again). The Door #10 circle drive will be closed off starting the evening of Monday, September 30, until completion on Tuesday, October 1.

The east side walls of the performance hall will be installed starting on Monday, September 30. They will start placing precast walls from the north end of the performance hall and work south. We will be moving six classrooms at different times as the wall placement progresses to the south. The Library will be closed on Monday, September 30, and the Deans Office will be moved to the Attendance Office on Monday, September 30, and Tuesday, October 1, until the walls have been set. We expect most of the precast walls to be placed by the end of next week. Starting October 7, steel beams will begin to be attached to the structure. This is expected to take another 3-4 weeks (most of October). We anticipate getting the renovated restrooms near the Little Theatre back for usage around 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 (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.

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

Rotary International Student Exchange Information Session

Rotary International, the largest humanitarian service organization in the world, sponsors high school students annually for an international cultural exchange. Students between the ages of 15 ½ and 19 are eligible to apply for the program. If accepted, students live, learn, grow and build life-long skills and relationships while attending high school in a foreign country. Students live with and are supported by Rotarians in the foreign country during this life-changing academic year. [Rotary District Website](#)
Students interested in learning more can come to the informational session on Thursday, October 3, in the College and Career Center at 8:15 a.m.

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

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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

Rotary International Student Exchange Information Session

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<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

Rotary International Student Exchange Information Session

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Students interested in learning more can come to the informational session on Thursday, October 3, in the College and Career Center at 8:15 a.m.

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!

Fine Arts

Linn-Mar Marching Festival on Saturday

LMHS is hosting the Linn-Mar Marching Band Festival this Saturday at LM Stadium. The bands will start arriving before 8:00 a.m. and the award ceremony is at 3:15. Please do not park in the South Lot, Former LRC Lot, East Lot, or near the LM Aquatic Center during this time.

The Linn-Mar Marching Lions will perform at 3:00 p.m. if you would like to come watch!

LMHS Speech Team Fundraiser October 7-11

Members of the LMHS Speech Team will be holding a bake sale in the Four Corners from 8:20-8:50 a.m. on October 7-11. Funds go to help pay for royalties, props, and other performance needs for the LMHS Speech Team.

Next Up

The next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on Friday, October 5.