



2024-25 School Year

Linn-Mar High School
Updates and Announcements
For Students and Parents
September 6, 2024



Calendar

September 9 - 14, 2024

...Week 3 - 1/3 of the way through 1st Quarter...

Monday, September 9

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

5:00 p.m. *9th Volleyball @ CR Jefferson
6:00 p.m. JV Football vs. CR Prairie (LM Stadium)

Tuesday, September 10

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

9:01 a.m. *SERIOUS THREAT-INTRUDER DRILL
3:30 p.m. RTI
5:30 p.m. *10th/JV/V Volleyball @ Iowa City West
6:00 p.m. *JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving @ Cedar Falls (Holmes J.H.)

Wednesday, September 11

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

3:15 p.m. *9th Boys Golf @ Shellsburg (Wildcat G.C.)
3:30 p.m. RTI
4:30 p.m. *V Boys Golf MVC Quad @ Iowa City (Pleasant Valley G.C.)

Thursday, September 12

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

3:15 p.m. *9th Boys Golf @ CR (Ellis G.C.)
3:20 p.m. *TORNADO DRILL
3:30 p.m. RTI
6:00 p.m. 9th Football vs. CR Kennedy (LM Stadium)

Friday, September 13

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

3:30 p.m. RTI
7:00 p.m. V Football @ CR Kennedy (Kingston Stadium)

Saturday, September 14

8:00 a.m. ACT @ LMHS
9:00 a.m. V Volleyball LM Invite (LM Main Gym)
JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Decorah (Luther College)
9th Volleyball Tourney @ CR Washington
V Girls Diving LM Invite (LM Aquatic Center)
10:00 a.m. Marching Lions Uptown Marion Parade (Downtown Marion)
12:00 p.m. V Girls Swimming LM Invite (LM Aquatic Center)

Notes

- 9/9 9th Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- 9/10 **SERIOUS THREAT-INTRUDER DRILL: See information on the drill below.**
10th/JV/V Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
- 9/11 9th Boys Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
V Boys Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
- 9/12 **TORNADO DRILL: Our goal will be to get into shelter locations in under three minutes. We will be having the Colton Center classes go directly to the Dean's Office hallway.**
9th Boys Golf dismissed at 1:25 p.m.

Future

- 9/16 9th Grade Connection (3:30 p.m.)
- 9/17 **FIRE DRILL (3:20 p.m.)**
- 9/19 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30-7:30 p.m.)
- 9/25 Homecoming Parade (5:15 p.m.)
- 9/27 Homecoming Pep Rally (3:30 p.m.)

1st Quarter

[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 Thursday!

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.

Tornado Drill on September 3

Everyone was in shelter location in three minutes and twenty-eight seconds. We do need to keep evaluating Math Hallway numbers during certain periods and we did move some Colton Center students to the Deans Office Hallway. We may determine to have all Colton Center students go directly to the Deans Office Hallway for this school year.

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 will be having a Serious Threat-Intruder Drill. This will be a 'walk-through only' drill. The focus is **knowing what to do and where to go**. This drill will not take long but staff will be serious with students while working to not create panic. The following is what will be 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:

- a. **It is important to simply get out of the building as quickly as possible.**
- b. **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.**
- c. **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:

- a. **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:

- a. **Once you get off campus, you should make your way to the MARION YMCA** (go west on Tower Terrace to get there).
- b. Please **point in the general direction (northwest) of the MARION YMCA.**
- c. 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.**

- a. **'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.
- b. **'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.
- c. **'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.

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**.**

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



SENIOR SUNRISE 2025 – Approximately 160 members of the LMHS Class of 2025 met at LM Stadium to watch the sunrise this morning. This picture was taken at about 6:30 a.m.

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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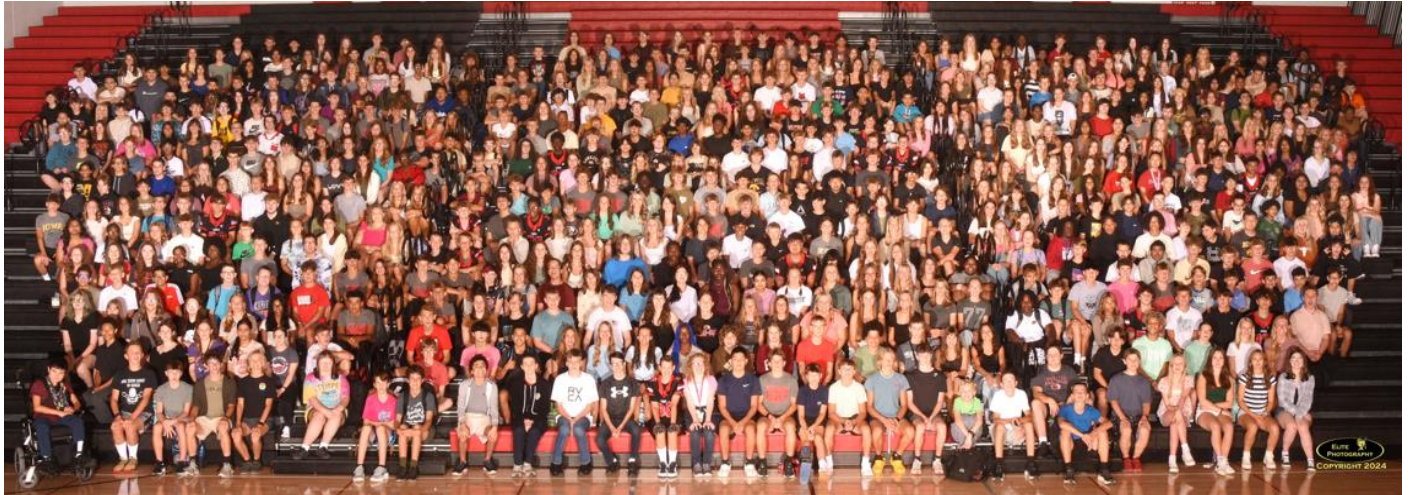
LMHS Class of 2027 Future Planning Dates

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 1st Day of High School

If you would like information on ordering a copy of the LMHS Class of 2028 First Day of High School, please use the link below:
<https://www.teamphotonetwork.com/track/e.aspx?2312358-3095-C350450153>

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/linmar>

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!

423 Lions are participating in Fall Athletics (Girls/Boys Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Girls Swimming/Diving, Football, Boys Golf, Cheer, and Poms).

Fine Arts

Music Department Apparel Sale

The site is open! **Deadline: Sunday, September 8, 2024 (11:59 PM CDT).**

Apparel will be delivered by October 1st.

Here is the link! <https://linn-mar-music.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Reminder, this is not a fundraiser. Items are sold at face value for the brand of garment. This is just a fun way to represent Linn-Mar music as a whole.

271 LMHS Students are Marching Lions this fall.

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 next edition of the 2024-25 LMHS Updates for Students and Parents will be sent on Friday, September 13.