

December 14th, 2021



Meet the Linn-Mar School Board

Please help us welcome our newly elected school board members.

Front Row: *Melissa Walker, Sondra Nelson, Matt Rollinger*

Back Row: *Rachel Wall, Clark Weaver (Vice President), Britannia Morey (President), Barry Buchholz, and Shannon Bisgard (Superintendent)*

Board Statement on Equity and Inclusion

There have been ongoing discussions surrounding diversity, equity and inclusion within our school district. To have members of our community, our own students, state that they feel harassed or marginalized due to their race, gender, sexual orientation, or beliefs is hard to hear. At its core, Linn-Mar believes that every student should feel welcome and respected by all who surround them. The fact that this is not the case is simply unacceptable.

Creating a safe learning environment that feels welcoming and accepting to all our students is a top priority for this board. Without this environment, students cannot achieve at their highest levels.

There is no easy fix for division and the feeling of not being accepted. As a district, we must start with this truth in order to truly begin to move forward. This is the goal the board outlines today.....

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Holiday Message from Superintendent Shannon Bisgard

Happy Holidays Linn-Mar!

I hope this communication finds everyone in good spirits and good health as we approach the holiday season! Being able to spend time with family and friends is always a special part of the holidays. After all of the challenges of gathering in groups over the last year due to COVID-19 I think this year's get togethers will feel extra special. In addition to the



social opportunities of the holidays I hope everyone is able to relax and disconnect from the stress of work or school.

From my family to yours, have a wonderful winter break Linn-Mar and we look forward to seeing you again in 2022!

Shannon Bisgard
Linn-Mar Superintendent

Kindergarten Enrollment



Welcome Linn-Mar Class of 2035!

Are you interested in having your child attend Kindergarten or Jr. Kindergarten (formally ECBP) next year? More information will be coming soon about Kindergarten enrollment, but for now, please save the date for March 8th and join us for the Kindergarten Enrollment Fair!

Kindergarten Enrollment Fair

Date: March 8th, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: [Click here](#) to find out which

elementary school your child will attend.

Details: Kindergarten Enrollment Fair is an information night for parents who are interested in enrolling their child for Kindergarten or Jr. Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year.

Your child must be 5 years old by September 15, 2022 for enrollment.

Updated Return to Learn Plan



The Linn-Mar School Board approved updates to the Return to Learn Plan in last night's board meeting.

Visitors and Volunteers

We value the work of our volunteers and look forward to welcoming volunteers and visitors back into our schools beginning **January 3, 2022**.

Face Masks

Beginning **January 3, 2022**, face masks will be encouraged in all buildings for all students, staff, visitors, and before/after school daycares. Masks are an important tool in mitigating the spread of the virus and will be available at all buildings for those who wish to use them.

However, due to a separate CDC directive, masks will continue to be required on all Linn-Mar school buses at all times. [Read More](#)

Sign-Up for Weather Text and Email Alerts

It's that time of year to make sure your PowerSchool and School Messenger contact information are correct to receive important weather-related texts and email alerts.

School Messenger will **ONLY** send text messages to phones



tagged as "mobile". So, if a number is listed as "daytime", "home", or "work", it will not text that number.

Please update your contact information and change phone to mobile. Visit our website for detailed instructions. [Read More](#)

Student Spotlight



Excelsior Middle School students in the Jr. ALO (Accountability Leadership Opportunity) club organized a collection drive for clothing and personal items for Families Helping Families, a nonprofit organization designed to help and support children in foster care. The items were donated by students, staff and community members and was one of the largest collections drives at Excelsior!

Jr. ALO appreciates everyone's generosity and support.



Linn-Mar Varsity Poms are State Champions!

1st place Lyrical
1st place Pom
Judges Choice Award for Pom

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Get in the Spirit is a holiday themed Show Choir Event featuring solo and small group acts as well as the premiere of Linn-Mar High School's three show choirs; Hi-Style, In Step, and 10th Street Edition. The first since 2019!

Date: Saturday, December 18th at 5:30pm

Time: Saturday, December 18th at 8:00pm

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Linn-Mar Trivia

Which Elementary is named after a satellite station used in early U.S. space exploration?

Echo Hill

Linn Grove

Westfield

*The answer to this question will be featured in the next newsletter.
Thank you for participating.*

Trivia Answer:

Q: What was the name of the FIRST Linn-Mar Mascot?

A: Mar-Lin the lion. The current mascot is "King"

Upcoming Dates

December

- 12/23 - 12/31 - No School (Winter Break)
Classes Resume Monday, Jan. 3rd, 2022.

January 2022

- 1/17 - No School (Teacher Collaboration Day)
- 1/24 - No School (Professional Learning Day)



Start-Finish
August 23rd – May 26th

Linn-Mar School Board Meeting



The LMCS D School Board met on Monday, **December 13th at 5:00 PM** in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center (2999 N 10th St, Marion).

Watch on
YouTube

In The News



Students rave about Linn-Mar Venture Academics first semester - **KCRG**

COVID-19 Information



In an effort to keep students, staff, parents, and the community aware of how COVID-19 is impacting our district, we update our dashboard every Friday,

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2021-2022 School Calendar



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