



**Linn-Mar High School  
Updates and Announcements  
For Students and Parents  
September 23, 2022**



**Calendar**

**September 26 – October 1, 2022**

**Week 6**

*October is Coming...*

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>September 26</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)</b> 9:30 a.m. *V Boys Golf MVC Divisional @ Iowa City (Pleasant Valley G.C.) <b>3:30 p.m. *9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection</b> 6:00 p.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball Round-Robin (LM Main Gym)
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>September 27</b>	<b>Regular Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)</b> 8:30 a.m. 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall) 3:15 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ Marion (Gardner G.C.) <b>3:30 p.m. RTI</b> 4:15 p.m. Esports Smash Brothers Ultimate Varsity vs. Spirit Lake HS 5:30 p.m. *10 <sup>th</sup> /JV/V Volleyball @ Dubuque Hempstead 6:00 p.m. JV/V Girls Swimming-Diving vs. CR Jefferson (LM Aquatic Center)
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>September 28</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)</b> All Day *FFA to Waterloo (Hawkeye Community College) 8:30 a.m. 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall) 9:30 a.m. *JV Boys Golf Ryder Cup @ CR (Twin Pines) <b>3:30 p.m. RTI</b> 4:00 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons Club (Learning Center)
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>September 29</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)</b> 8:30 a.m. 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall) 3:15 p.m. *V Boys Golf @ Marion (Gardner G.C.) <b>3:30 p.m. RTI</b> <b>4:30 p.m. *LMHS Parent Conferences</b> 5:00 p.m. *9 <sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ CR Kennedy 6:00 p.m. *9 <sup>th</sup> Football @ Southeast Polk (Altoona)
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>September 30</b>	<b>Regular Daily Schedule (7:50 – 4:00 p.m.)</b> <b>Deadline to Declare CREDIT/FAIL for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b> 8:30 a.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall) 5:00 p.m. 10 <sup>th</sup> /V Football vs. Southeast Polk (LM Stadium) <b>**Senior Night for Marching Band**</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 1</b>	12:00 p.m. Band Across the Prairie Marching Festival @ CR Prairie (Marching Lions perform at 3:15 p.m.) 9:00 a.m. JV Volleyball Tourney @ Anamosa 10:00 a.m. JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Waverly (Wartburg College) 6:00 p.m. Five Seasons Marching Festival @ CR (Kingston Stadium) (Marching Lions perform at 8:45 p.m.)

**\*Notes**

- 9/26 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 9/27 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.  
10<sup>th</sup>/JV/V Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.
- 9/28 FFA departing prior to 9:00 a.m.  
JV Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 9/29 V Boys Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.  
9<sup>th</sup> Volleyball dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Football dismissed at 2:55 p.m.

**Parent Conferences: Conferences will be in-person with the focus on meeting with parents of students who are currently struggling in your courses. We will open for remaining conference time slots on Wednesday.**

### **Future**

- 10/3 Professional Development Day (No Classes)
- 10/6 Building Management Team (8:05 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
- 10/12 School Picture Retakes  
PSAT
- 10/14 Deadline to Drop Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- 10/22 ACT @ Marion HS
- 10/27 Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Deadline to Declare CREDIT/FAIL for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Courses
- 10/28 Teacher Workday (No Classes)
- 10/31 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

### **Student Assistance Office**

**Student Assistance Counselors Available to All Students including Online-Only Students:** Student Assistance Counselors are available to provide support for all LMHS students. This includes online-only students 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 Teams to schedule a meeting:

**Janessa Carr:** [janessa.carr@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:janessa.carr@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 892-4884

**Jessica Deahl:** [jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 730-3559

**Kevin McCauley:** [kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto: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.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Parent Conference Sign-Up:**

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held **In-Person** at Linn-Mar High School on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 p.m.** The focus is on meeting with parents of students who are currently struggling in courses, but there will be opportunity for anyone to sign up for remaining slots starting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 28:

[Linn-Mar High School Parent-Teacher Connect \(myschoolsystems.com\)](https://myschoolsystems.com)

Your login is the student's first and last name. The password should be your PowerSchool Access Code. This should be in an e-mail from Zachery Mixdorf if you don't remember that code, or you can call the Main Office to get your access code (319-447-3040).

#### **ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBER IS BACK IN SERVICE:**

Our **Attendance Phone line (319-447-3050)** is now back in service. Parents are asked to use this number to call regarding any absences. If for an illness, parents are asked to call prior to 8:00 a.m. or as soon as you are able. For appointments, parents call the same phone line (319-447-3050) and leave a message for when the student is to be dismissed for the appointment. Students then pick up passes for the appointment in the Deans Office to show teachers when they need to leave. Students leaving for appointments must check out from the Deans Office and then check back into the Deans Office upon return. Thank you for your help when appointments are necessary during the school day.

#### **CONSTRUCTION ALERT: Pedestrian Bridge Over Indian Creek to Be Replaced in October**

The pedestrian bridge over Indian Creek between LMHS and Armstrong Field will be replaced starting September 26. Users will need to take the 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue bridge to cross Indian Creek during bridge replacement. The trail along Indian Creek through campus is currently being paved from south of campus to north of the LM Aquatic Center. A pedestrian bridge along the trail south of campus is being completed. Another pedestrian bridge north of the LM Aquatic Center is now being constructed.

#### **THE TUTORING CENTER IN THE LEARNING CENTER IS OPEN DAILY**

Students wanting/needing assistance with coursework may visit the Tutoring Center before school (8:15-8:45 a.m.) or during class periods/blocks during the school day. This can be drop-in or by appointment by contacting Mrs. Gettemy in the Tutoring Center. Also, any student interested in becoming a student tutor may see Mrs. Gettemy or Mrs. Schumacher in the Learning Center.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Academic Planning Dates and Deadlines

9/29 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30-7:30 p.m.)  
9/30 Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Classes  
10/1 SAT  
10/12 PSAT  
10/14 Deadline to Drop Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
10/22 ACT  
10/27 Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Classes  
Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Classes

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade – LMHS Class of 2023**

### Congratulations to LMHS National Merit Commended Students

Congratulations to **Amulya Gopalam, Tejas Gururaja, Prem Kulkarni, Shreya Kulkarni, and Kaiya Taylor** 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 1.5 million students who took the PSAT in October 2021. Congratulations **Amulya, Tejas, Prem, Shreya, and Kaiya!**

### Congratulations to LMHS National Merit Semifinalists

Congratulations to **Kara Kueper** and **Ashna Karia** for being named **National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalists!** To be named semifinalists, students must score in the top 1% of all 1.5 million students who took the PSAT in October of 2021. Congratulations to **Kara** and **Ashna!**

### Important 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Planning Dates

5/8 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)  
5/13 Senior Prom (8:00-10:30 p.m. LM Main Gym) (Grand March at 7:30 p.m., LM Auditorium)  
5/17 Seniors' Last Day of School (1:00 p.m., Graduation Rehearsal, LM Main Gym)  
5/28 Commencement (1:00 p.m., Alliant Energy Power House)

### From the College and Career Center

College Admission Counselor visits to LMHS have begun. If you are interested in what schools will be represented this year, check out the school counseling website at

<https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career>.

Tuesday, September 27 1:00PM St. John's & St. Benedict University

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Tuesday, September 27 3:00PM Central College

Wednesday, September 28 2:30PM St. Louis University

Thursday, September 29 1:00PM Augustana University

Thursday, September 29 2:30PM Illinois Wesleyan University

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Linn-Mar will be hosting events to help families file the FAFSA throughout October. To sign up for help filing the FAFSA, sign up for one of the dates below:

**October 1 - 9:30AM-12:30PM at Cedar Rapids Downtown Library - [REGISTER HERE](#)**

**October 5 - 5:00PM-7:00PM at Linn-Mar High School Learning Center - [REGISTER HERE](#)**

**October 24 - 5:00PM-7:00PM at Linn-Mar High School Learning Center - [REGISTER HERE](#)**

**You must have an appointment for this event. Use the links above to attend. Additional details will be emailed for you depending on the event you have chosen.**

**Juniors and Seniors** can sign up for Winter & Spring Internships through Workplace Learning Connection starting Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Check out [www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/internships](http://www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/internships) for more details. Students can earn 2.5 to 5 credits for participating in 45 or 90 hour experiences with local employers.

The Iowa Labor Center is once again offering a pre-apprenticeship program to area high school students. Students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades interested in apprenticeships in the building trades after high school are encouraged to attend this class and will receive 5 credits upon successful completion of the course. See <https://laborcenter.uiowa.edu/preapprenticeship-program> for more information and to apply. Female students and students of color are encouraged to apply.

Save the Date: Golden Circle College Fair – **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** in Altoona, Iowa. Find details at <https://www.icansucceed.org/goldencircle>

All college-bound students should take the ACT or SAT regardless of a college/university's test-optional status.

- The next **ACT test date** is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Register for the ACT test at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) by September 16<sup>th</sup> to save your spot! Get access to free test prep when you register.

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### **Senior Transcript Requests**

Transcript requests should be sent via Xello. [Follow the step-by-step directions HERE to complete this process.](#) Common App accounts should also be connected to your account so all forms will be sent correctly to your colleges by following [THESE STEPS](#).

## **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **PSAT SIGN-UP HAS STARTED**

Sign-up has started for the PSAT, which is designed for Juniors to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program and as a practice exam. **The 2022 PSAT will take place on Wednesday, October 12, at 9:00 a.m.** To register for the PSAT, please **pay \$18 at the Cashier's window** or on the PowerSchool payment page (on your parent's account). **The deadline for submitting payment for the PSAT is Friday, October 7.** If you have any questions about the PSAT, please see Mr. Kennedy in the School Counselor Office.

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## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### **Future 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Connection Dates (3:30-4:00 p.m.)**

**Monday, September 26, 3:30 p.m.** (bring your school-issued computers)

Monday, October 10, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, November 14, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 6, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

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## **Activities**

### **REACH Booklet**

This link is for the LMHS REACH Activities Booklet. Not all activities are listed in this booklet, but almost all of them are in here.

<https://sites.google.com/linnmar.k12.ia.us/lmhsreach/home>

### **Athletics**

479 LMHS athletes are participating in Fall Athletics this season.

### **Clubs and Organizations**

#### **FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)**

The LMHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets **each Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Auxiliary Gym**. Please see Ms. Hasken ([shasken@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:shasken@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) with questions.

#### **Dungeons and Dragons Club Meets on Wednesdays**

The Dungeons and Dragons Club meets on Wednesdays in the Learning Center at 4:00 p.m. See Mr. Griggs ([tgriggs@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:tgriggs@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) with questions. The club will meet on Thursday next week because of the Homecoming Parade.

## **Other Information**

### **PARENT ADVISORY APPLICATION**

This link is for any parent interested in signing up for LMHS Parent Advisory Council. Completed applications should be returned to the Main Office prior to October 1.

### **Substitute Teacher Authorization Information for Adults**

Any Adult Interested in Online Teacher Training Through AEA Learning to Obtain Substitute Teaching Authorization:

<https://training.aealarningonline.org/course/2204419999/catalog>

Attendance this week: **95.2 %** (Thursday – Thursday).

The next weekly *LMHS Updates and Announcements for Students and Parents* for the 2022-23 school year will be sent on **Friday, September 30.**