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November 11th, 2022



# **Instagram Takeover**

Curious what it's like to be a student at Linn-Mar High School? Hear directly from a student's perspective on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022!

### **Instagram Takeover:**

Linn-Mar High School Senior, Tate Naaktgeboren is taking over the district's Instagram account for the day to share a behind the scenes look at Linn-Mar (#LinnmarBTS). This will be the first Instagram Takeover for the district, and we're honored to have Tate share his day with us and with all of you!

He will start his morning with AP Statistics and Anatomy and Physiology class. In the afternoon he'll provide a look inside his online Kirkwood classes, and wrestling practice.

### A little background about Tate:

Tate is a two-time wrestling state champion, and he is attending lowa State to wrestle next year. His brother, Kane is a current Junior at Linn-Mar and he also wrestles. Last year, Kane broke the nearly 20-year school record for most falls (pins) in a single season. The school record was 30 and Kane ended the season with 38 pins. The brothers helped the wrestling team place 4th in class 3A, the first state duals semifinals appearance since 2002.

Their mom, Tina, is a Kindergarten teacher at Wilkins Elementary and Dad, Erik, is a police officer. They have three dogs; one is a retired K-9 police dog, and one is a current K-9 police dog.

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# 400 Volunteers In ONE Day

On Friday, October 21st, more than 400 volunteers read to elementary students throughout the Linn-Mar School District for America Reads Day! Volunteers included high school & college students, parents, grandparents, local celebrities, city officials and district board members and staff. Click here to view photos

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Linn-Mar, please contact Angela Burke or visit our **website**.



# **Lip-Sync Battle - TONIGHT**

Hear songs from Elton John, ABBA and Spice Girls tonight at 6:30pm on Friday, Nov. 11th for the Lip-Sync Battle at the High School.

More than 10 acts have auditioned for a spot on the stage and will battle in front of the judges for the trophy. Audience members will vote on "Fan Favorite". This event is open to the public.

The High School National Honor Society organized the event and proceeds will go to the Linn-Mar Wildcat Food, Clothing, and

Hygiene Pantry. Tickets are \$5 at the door.



# One Year Anniversary of the District Newsletter

On November 5th, 2021, the Linn-Mar Communications Department launched the Linn-Mar District Newsletter in an effort to communicate district news directly with families, staff, and community members.

In its first year, the monthly newsletter has won state and national awards. This summer, the newsletter received a National Award

from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA). Click here to learn more.

We hope this newsletter continues to provide you with more awareness throughout the district. **Click here** for the newsletter archive.

# **School Building News**



# **Veteran's Day**

Many schools are honoring Veteran's Day today. At Hazel Point Intermediate, students and staff created this artwork on the wall with information and pictures of the Veterans they wanted to celebrate.



# High School Orchestra Selected to Perform for Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) State Conference

The Linn-Mar Symphony Orchestra, a 53-member ensemble made up of 10th through 12th grade students, has been selected to perform at the Iowa Association of School Boards' (IASB) annual conference on Thursday, November 17th in Des Moines,

lowa. This conference is a gathering of over 1,000 school board members and superintendents from across the state of lowa.

This will be the second time the Linn-Mar Orchestra program has been selected to perform at this conference. Linn-Mar Middle School's 7th and 8th grade orchestra last performed there 20 years ago, in 2002.

# **Girls Wrestling**

Wrestling has been one of the fastest growing sports for girls in high school for a number of



years. Iowa is now one of 33 states that recognize girls' wrestling as an official sport. The team is proud to join the strong tradition of wrestling at Linn-Mar and is excited to start the first season of sanctioned girls' wresting!

According to head coach, Mike Geers, there are fifteen girls who joined the five "veterans" on the mat this year. It is the second week of practice, and the girls are working hard, learning a lot, and having fun.

"Wrestling has taught me so much about myself and so many life lessons I will take with me. It has been a huge part of my life for the past five years and I'm excited that this year I am able to share this with all of these girls and teach them the love for this sport ". -Lauren Pulis, Linn-Mar Senior

"Wrestling has taught me to be comfortable being uncomfortable and that nothing comes easy. And if you want something you have to work for it, you can't expect it to achieve it without working hard." - Ally Jelinek, Sophomore.

"I love the passion these young women bring to the wrestling mat but more importantly I look forward to them using wrestling to develop the attributes that will make them successful in all aspects of their lives; self-confidence, work ethic, gratitude, communication, empathy, and grit" - Mike Geers, Linn-Mar Girls Wrestling Head Coach

Linn-Mar will host 10 teams at the Linn-Mar Girls' Dual Invitational on Nov. 26th.

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# **Community News**



# How Does The Linn-Mar School Foundation Support Our Schools?

The Foundation and FSB recently wrapped up a new grant program giving \$250 to 114 teachers awarding over \$25,000! The funds were used for classroom purchases that directly

benefited students. This grant program impacted each school building and thousands of students. Additionally, the Foundation recently awarded a STEM grant to Oak Ridge Middle School for \$8,000 with the support of the Alliant Energy Foundation who awarded \$7,500 to the project.

The Foundation can offer these programs because of the support of our community. Our community includes you!

How can you help? The Smart Money campaign has started! This campaign is critical for the Foundation as the funds raised from this campaign will help support the Foundation. This will allow us to continue to offer programs to teachers and students to enhance their educational excellence. We have a goal of raising \$40,000 by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Will you help us reach this goal?

**Donate** to our **Smart Money** campaign directly support the Foundation's mission. **Follow us** on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **Twitter**.



Public Library (located at 1101 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) is finally open

to the public! The MPL staff would like to sincerely thank our patrons, supporters, and greater community for their patience and understanding over the last two years as our new facility has taken shape.

### Teen Programming | Weekdays | After School

School is in full swing, and so is teen programming! Head over to the library every day after school (and on early out days) for a variety of fun activities from our programming team.

### Peppermint Walk | December 3 | 4 – 8 p.m.

Grab your family and friends to kick off the holiday season at Christmas in the Park & Peppermint Walk! MPL has some fun and festive surprises for this event in the works, so be sure to stop by and see us!

Find a full calendar of programs at events atmarionpubliclibrary.org/events

### **Library Hours**

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.

Follow us on social. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok.

Ashley Osborn Marketing & Special Events Manager Marion Public Library

# **Upcoming Dates**

# November 2022

- 11/23 No School (Teacher Comp Day)
- 11/24-25 No School (Thanksgiving Break)

# December 2022

- **12/5** Early Childhood Professional Learning
- **12/23-30** No School (Winter Break)

# January 2023

- 1/2/23- No School (Winter Break)
- 1/9 Early Childhood Professional Learning
- 1/16 No School (Professional Learning Day)

 1/17 - No School (Teacher Collaboration Day)

# **School Board Meeting**



The LMCSD School Board will meet on **Monday, November 14th at 5:00 PM** in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center (2999 N 10th St, Marion).

Watch on YouTube

# **Event Calendar**



Calendar of events of everything that is happening throughout the district.

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# Inspire Learning. Unlock Potential. Empower Achievement.



2022-2023 School Calendar

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