



Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates April 9, 2021



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**Week #29... We head to the 4th Quarter...*

Monday, April 12 4th Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group 'B' On-Site

First Day of 4th Quarter

- 4:15 p.m. *JV2 Boys Soccer vs. Iowa City West (Oak Ridge Middle School)
- V Esports Rainbow 6 vs. Iowa City West
- 4:30 p.m. *JV1 Girls Tennis @ CR Prairie
- JV1 Boys Tennis vs. CR Prairie (LRC Courts)

Tuesday, April 13 4th Quarter Hybrid - Schedule - Group 'A' On-Site

- 7:30 a.m. **12th Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)**
- 3:15 p.m. *V Girls Golf @ CR Prairie (Airport National G.C.)
- 4:00 p.m. V Girls Tennis vs. CR Kennedy (LRC Courts)
- *V Boys Tennis @ CR Kennedy
- 4:15 p.m. *V/JV2 Girls Soccer @ CR Jefferson (Lower Kingston)
- V Esports Mario Kart vs. Mid-Prairie
- 4:30 p.m. *JV/V Girls Track and Field @ Dubuque Senior
- *JV/V Boys Track and Field @ CR Prairie
- 5:45 p.m. JV1/V Boys Soccer vs. CR Jefferson (LM Stadium)

Wednesday, April 14 4th Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group 'B' On-Site

- Deadline to Add Courses for 4th Quarter
- 11:25 a.m. ***Serious Threat – Intruder Evacuation Review**
- 4:15 p.m. *JV2 Boys Soccer vs. Cedar Falls (Oak Ridge Middle School)

Thursday, April 15 4th Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group 'A' On-Site

- 11:25 a.m. ***Spring Fire Drill #1**
- 4:00 p.m. *V Girls Tennis @ Waterloo West
- V Boys Tennis vs. Waterloo West (LRC Courts)
- 4:15 p.m. V Esports Rocket League vs. Fairfield
- 4:30 p.m. *V Girls/Boys Track and Field @ Iowa City High
- 5:45 p.m. JV1/V Girls Soccer vs. CR Kennedy
- **Cancer Awareness Night**

Friday, April 16 4th Quarter Hybrid – Schedule – Group 'B' On-Site

- Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Semester (Skinny) Classes
- 4:15 p.m. *JV2 Boys Soccer @ Marion HS
- 4:30 p.m. *JV2 Girls Tennis @ CR Kennedy
- JV2 Boys Tennis vs. CR Kennedy (LRC Courts)
- 7:00 p.m. JV1 Girls Soccer @ Bettendorf HS
- 8:30 p.m. V Girls Soccer vs. Pleasant Valley @ Bettendorf HS

Saturday, April 17

- 8:00 a.m. **ACT at LMHS**
- 9:00 a.m. V Boys Tennis @ Muscatine Tourney
- 10:00 a.m. V Girls/Boys Track and Field Clark Weaver Relays (LM Stadium)
- 12:30 p.m. V Girls Soccer @ Bettendorf

Notes for the Week

HOSA (Future Health Care Professionals) Club members will be competing in skills events this week.

- 4/12 JV2 Boys Soccer dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
- JV1 Girls Tennis dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
- 4/13 V Girls Golf dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
- V Boys Tennis dismissed at 2:25 p.m.
- V/JV2 Girls Soccer dismissed at 2:35 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
- JV/V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 2:10 p.m.

4/14 JV2 Boys Soccer dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
4/15 V Girls Tennis dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
JV/V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
JV/V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
4/16 JV2 Boys Soccer dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
JV2 Girls Tennis dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

Future

April 20 11th Grade Student Advisory (7:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
April 23 Spring Fire Drill #2 (3:25 p.m.)
April 27 10th Grade Student Advisory (7:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
May 4 9th Grade Student Advisory (7:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)
May 10 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)

COVID-19 Related:

Student Assistance Counselors Available to All Students including Online-Only Students: Student Assistance Counselors are also available to provide support to online-only students via virtual meetings or phone calls. 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 (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 when at school or online.

Link to District COVID-Related Numbers: (from the Superintendent's Office) [Dashboard link](#)

REPORTING OF COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESS, POSSIBLE EXPOSURE OR AN EXPOSURE:

Should you ever have questions regarding what to do if any of the following occur, do not hesitate to contact our LMHS Health Office (447-3080) or Principal Jeff Gustason (447-3041).

Use the following link for steps to follow if your student is not feeling well and has symptoms of COVID-19, has close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19:

[Reporting of COVID-Related Illness or Possible Exposure.docx](#)

3rd Quarter

Grades for 3rd Quarter Classes:

Grades for 3rd Quarter classes will be due for teachers on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. Grades will be finalized approximately two weeks following. In most instances, the grades you see on PowerSchool starting on April 14, will be the final 3rd Quarter grade.

4th Quarter

Parking Permit 'Freeze' through Next Week:

At this time, we are instituting a parking permit 'Freeze' for any new parking permit requests through next week. With the increase in students coming in 4th Quarter, we want to ensure that we have enough parking spaces throughout the day. We do know that the Far North Lot and the Northeast Stadium Lot (north of the Aquatic Center) still have parking spaces available at all times each day. We also know these are not the most desirable spaces as they are farthest from the school. After April 19, we may restart issuing new parking passes.

Food Court will return to 11th and 12th Grades Students Only during Lunch for 4th Quarter:

Starting on April 12, the Food Court will return to 11th and 12th Grades Students only during lunch. (The Food Court has been reserved for 11th and 12th Grades Students during past years). Seating will still be limited to what is in the Food Court and distancing will remain in place in both the Food Court and South Commons/Cafeteria at all times including lunch.

Unless requested, students will maintain their current designation as either Online-Only, Hybrid, or Every Day for 4th Quarter.

Process for Opting to Come to School Every Day for the Start of 4th Quarter and at Any Time During 4th Quarter:

Students wishing to start Every Day attendance for 4th Quarter may do so by having parents contact either the 9th-10th Grades Office (447-4043, 447-3050), 11th-12th Grades Office (447-3070, 447-3046), or the Main Office (447-3040) between now and the end of the day on April 9. At any time during 4th Quarter that a student wishes to start attending Every Day, they may do so by having parents let the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, or the Main Office know by 1:00 p.m. the day prior to returning Every Day so that teachers can be made aware and will be expecting your student.

The process for students wishing to go to Online-Only has not changed. Parents will need to notify Associate Superintendent Nathan Wear (Nathan.wear@linnmar.k12.ia.us) for any student to change to Online-Only.

The 1st Day of 4th Quarter, Monday, April 12, will be a Hybrid 'B' day.

LMHS 4th Quarter Hybrid Schedule:

The current LMHS 3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule will be maintained during 4th Quarter. Starting April 12, we will simply refer to this as the LMHS 4th Quarter Hybrid Schedule.

[Linn-Mar High School Hybrid Daily Schedule for 3rd and 4th Quarter 2020-21](#)

A reminder to students that RTI2 and RTI3 can be mandated by teacher request. If you are requested to RTI2 or RTI3 you are expected to attend the session for that given day. Students may also choose to attend any RTI session on any day.

Changes in CDC Guidance in Classroom Settings:

Many of you are aware that the CDC has adjusted guidance for schools concerning distancing within the classroom setting. The new guidance **allows for 3' between student seating in a classroom** (this has been 6'). At this time, our intention will be to make adjustments within classrooms as needed, from 6' to 3', starting in 4th Quarter (April 12). (We will maintain the maximum distance within the classroom unless student numbers dictate a need to lower the distance to no less than 3'). This is *only in the classroom setting* and **all other precautions will remain in place, including mask wearing at all times and social distancing in all other areas of the school building** (e.g. commons areas, cafeteria).

Information Regarding 4th Quarter:

- The current daily schedule (used for 2nd and 3rd Quarter) will be used for all of 4th Quarter.** This maintains the two RTI sessions (11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.).
- Campus Release (with parent approval) will continue during 4th Quarter** so that students only have to be on campus during class time. We anticipate this also helping minimize the number of students during lunch hour which makes social distancing easier to maintain.
- Current Parking will remain the same at the start of 4th Quarter. We will monitor parking closely. Should numbers of students coming Every Day increase dramatically, we may implement more restrictions.**

Campus Release Reminders for 2nd Semester/3rd and 4th Quarter:

- 9th-10th Grade students with campus release may leave the building during periods/blocks with no scheduled class (schedule says "Campus Release"), RTI (if not requested), and during lunch.
- 9th-10th Grade students who choose to stay during your Campus Release period must report to the Learning Center (cannot be in the commons areas). 9th-10th Grade students who are not requested by a teacher yet choose to stay for RTI (always encouraged) must report to your 2nd block/4th period class for the morning RTI session and to your 4th block/8th period class for the afternoon RTI session.
- 9th-10th Grade students choose to stay for lunch may only go to assigned lunch period. Students must then report to the 2nd block/4th period classroom or to the Learning Center opposite their lunch period.

Parent Access to Schoology: Parents were sent student specific information for how to access Schoology. If you are having issues accessing Schoology, please contact Zachery.mixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us

If you are having difficulty with your school-issued computer: Use this link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dGwFUHz1jVnEPgBpjTcQhR719wvoAmn4y6GmmU1eDzA/edit?usp=sharing>

LMHS Class of 2021 Planning

LMHS Senior Clothing Pick Up:

Members of the LMHS Class of 2021 who ordered Senior clothing from the recent LMHS Student Council Senior Clothing Sale may pick up their orders on **April 12 or April 13** in front of the 11th-12th Grades Office.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Engineering Honor Cords for Graduation:

Have you taken and passed three or more Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses? You might qualify for an engineering honor cord to wear at Graduation. See Mr. Patterson in room D131 or email him at cpatterson@linnmar.k12.ia.us for more information. Hurry, **the deadline to order is April 16th**.

LM Foundation Instagram Page for Class of 2021: (from Shelley Woods, Executive Director, Linn-Mar School Foundation)

Hello everyone! We now have a great volunteer who is going to run the Instagram page and provide Linn-Mar senior recognition with individual posts. Meet Ellie B. a 2020 Linn-Mar grad who is currently a Kirkwood student and is excited to help us.

- Go follow [linnmarseniors](#) on instagram and encourage others in your circle to do so as well. Ask your child to follow and tell their friends too.
- Have your child DM a photo and their future plans to the [linnmarseniors](#) Instagram page. Preferable a senior picture or a picture of just themselves. If the picture is not acceptable it will not be posted. Any comments not deemed positive on

posts will be removed. There is no particular order as to when they will be posted. She is a student herself and a volunteer.

3. Follow along and give a like to each senior as they get posted!

LMHS Class of 2021 Senior Recognition Night is scheduled for **Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium. We will be making some adjustments to Senior Recognition Night. Seniors receiving awards from presenters will receive an invitation and receive the award(s) during the Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 10. The College-University Scholarship recognition portion of Senior Recognition will be provided in an online format as was done last year. Seniors earning silver volunteer CORDS to wear during Commencement will receive these at Rehearsal on May 26.

LMHS Senior Prom on May 15:

The LMHS Senior Prom (w/approved guests) for the Class of 2021 will be held on **Saturday, May 15, from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. in the LMHS Main Gym.** The Grand March will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be livestreamed this year. **Tickets for Prom will go on sale in the South Commons, May 11 – May 13, from 8:15 – 8:55 a.m. All students must be in ‘good standing’ in order to purchase Prom tickets.** ‘Good Standing’ means all fines must be paid, all time is made up, and any other school obligations are taken care of prior to purchasing a Prom ticket.

A Note from the Post Prom Committee:

The **2021 Linn-Mar Post Prom** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 11:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.** at the **ImOn Ice Arena** in Cedar Rapids. Post Prom is organized and run by parent volunteers, with acknowledgment and support of the Linn-Mar Administration. All Linn-Mar seniors are invited to attend, regardless of whether they attend Prom. Prom guests registered through the school can attend with seniors. The event is designed to provide a safe space for students to enjoy Prom night and includes raffles, games, prizes, food, and skating. Students must arrive by 12:30 a.m. and student IDs are required. Generous community and parent support and donations make this event a success by allowing us to provide food, entertainment, and prizes, which keep the students entertained and in the building. **Please watch for more information about how parents can support the 2021 Post Prom.**

LMHS Class of 2021 last day of school will be held **Wednesday, May 26, with Graduation rehearsal (required) at 1:00 p.m.** in the LM Main Gym. A ‘Service Morning’ is being planned for those interested Seniors on May 26.

Commencement for the **LMHS Class of 2021** will be held **Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in downtown Cedar Rapids. We plan to have ticket information available by the start of 4th Quarter.

Please contact the 11th-12th Grades Office if you still need to order a cap, gown, tassel or victory stole.

<https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/home>

College and Career Center Information

College and Career Month at LMHS

Here is a link to information on College Visits and Presentations scheduled in April: [LMHS College and Career Month](#)

AP Exam Conflict Due to Athletic Conflict Information:

If your student will have a sporting conflict or have 2 exams on the same time, they can email AP Coordinator, Elyssa McDowell at elyssa.mcdowell@linnmar.k12.ia.us and she will be able to move the student to a later testing date.

College Admission Visits:

All admissions counselors will be scheduling virtual visits at Linn-Mar this year. Appointments will be made from noon-1:00 or 2:00-4:00. To find a current listing of college admission visits and the virtual meeting link go to:

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

Student Activities

- A. Here is the link for the REACH booklet, which is the listing of all current LMHS activities:

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

- B. *Athletics:*

All Spring Sports have Started. Spectator seating will vary by both sport and competition location.

- C. *Fine Arts:*

LMTV Broadcast from Wednesday-Thursday:

Here is the link for today's LMTV broadcast for Wednesday-Thursday: <https://youtu.be/Wov6ooIOc0E>

May Concerts Scheduled for Lowe Park:

The LMHS Music Department has planned spring concerts for May in the Lowe Park Klopfenstein Amphitheater. Concert Bands will be performing on Tuesday, May 25. Orchestras will be performing on Thursday, May 20. Choirs will be performing on Tuesday, May 18. More details will be released as the concert dates approach.

D. Clubs/Organizations:

Robotics Competes at State Qualifier Competition:

Congratulations to LMHS Robotics and our LMHS Dark Matter and LMHS A League of Their Own teams competing at the State Super Qualifier Meet at Dewitt on Saturday! **LMHS A League of Their Own qualified for State Competition at the meet!**

Science Olympiad Teams Compete at State:

Congratulations to the LMHS Science Olympiad Teams who competed at State contest. The LMHS Kinetic Klaws placed 5th in the state and the LMHS Potential Paws placed 11th in the state! Place-winners in specific areas for the Kinetic Klaws, Nicole Deety and Olyvia Hanken-Arlen placed 1st in Gravity Car; Olyvia Hanken-Arlen and Willie Zheng placed 2nd in Disease Detectives; Cheryl Reuben and Elizabeth Low placed 3rd in Chem. Lab; and, Shourya Singh and Sharini Rao placed 3rd in Ping Pong Parachute! Place-winners in specific areas for the Potential Paws, Zachary Anderson and Cavan O'Hara placed 1st in Sounds of Music; Ashna Karia and Clair Taylor placed 3rd in Protein Modeling; and, Ashna Karia placed 3rd in Designer Genes!

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Competes at State:

Congratulations to LMHS FBLA for placing 2nd at the Virtual State Leadership Conference! Place-winners in specific areas: 1st Place at State – LMHS FBLA in Chapter Length of Service; Tanvi Garg in Cyber Security; LMHS FBLA in Financial Leadership; Amulya Gopalam and Shreya Kulkarni in Graphic Design; Keerthana Balakrishnan in Introduction to FBLA; Rishitha Gadde in Introduction to Information Technology; Shanmuhk Boggaruapu, Sudeep Gadde, Tanvi Garg, Roshan Gokul and Madison Scott in Parliamentary Procedure; 2nd Place at State – Ayush Kalia in Business Communication; Keerthana Balakrishnan in Graphic Design; Madison Scott in Impromptu Speaking; Anjali Addagarla and Ranvitha Muramreddy in International Business; Shanmuhk Boggarapu, Aadarsh Kumar, and Yuxuan Qian in Management Decision-Making; 3rd Place at State – Tanvi Gopalam in Introduction to Financial Math; Aasmitha Kavula and Alexandra Tran in Website Design; 4th Place at State – Roshan Gokul in Supply Chain Management; Roshan Gokul in Who's Who in FBLA; LMHS FBLA in Largest Local Chapter PD Membership; LMHS FBLA in Local Chapter Annual Business Report; Arjun Palaniappan in Economics; Rishitha Gadde and Tanvi Gopalam for Introduction to Business Presentation; 5th Place at State – Arjun Palaniappan in Banking and Financial Systems; Nikhil Anand in Business Calculations; Ranvitha Muramreddy in Marketing; Yuxuan Qian in Sports and Entertainment Management; 6th Place at State – LMHS FBLA in Largest Chapter Membership; Nikhil Anand, Ayush Kalia, and Shery Kapoor in Management Decision-Making; 8th Place at State – Sudeep Gadde in Who's Who in FBLA; 9th Place at State – Amulya Gopalam in Personal Finance; 11th Place at State – Shreya Kulkarni in Health Care Administration; 15th Place at State – Riya Anand in Introduction to Business; 18th Place at State – Sudeep Gadde in Health Care Administration; Riya Anand in Personal Finance!

Esports Spring Season Has Started:

LMHS has three Esports teams (Rainbow 6, Mario Kart, Rocket League) competing in leagues this spring. All three compete after school at 4:15 p.m. Any interested students should see/contact the LMHS Esports coaches Brian Johnson (bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Luke Johnson (luke.johnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Chris Patterson (cpatterson@linnmar.k12.ia.us) and Zach Mixdorf (zachery.mixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us). For information about the club use this link: linnmaresports.com. To view matches as they occur use this link: www.twitch.tv/lmhsesports.

Dungeons and Dragons Club Continues to Meet Virtually each Wednesday afternoon:

Dungeons and Dragons Club meets virtually on Microsoft Teams every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. code onj7vta. If you have questions, please contact the club sponsor Mr. Griggs (tgriggs@linnmar.k12.ia.us).

Other Information

Summer Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities at Kirkwood for Grades 9, 10 and 11:

Kirkwood Community College has a limited number of concurrent enrollment course opportunities this summer for Grades 9, 10 and 11. Courses available for LMHS students are **HSC-168 Nurse Aide** and **SPC-101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication**. The courses are free, include college credit, and are limited to the number of sections being offered. Please know that any area high school students are eligible to sign up for these courses. Please see your school counselor with questions regarding these courses. The following link provides more information on these two courses:

[Summer Kirkwood Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities for LMHS Students](#)

Current 11th Grade Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement Prior to Senior Year:

Current LMHS 11th Grade students will be required to receive the Meningococcal Vaccination prior to the start of the 2021-22 School year. The following link includes the letter outlining this requirement:

[LMHS Class of 2022 Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement](#)

The Roar Store is Open for Online Ordering:

The new website for the Roar Store and online ordering can be found at <https://ia-linnmar-ss-lite.intouchrecepting.com/>

Driver Education at Kirkwood Community College:

Communication from Kirkwood C.C. is that information regarding Driver Education will not be specific until the end of March as to whether they will have Driver Education and what class sessions may look like. Any Kirkwood C.C. Driver's Ed inquiries should to be directed to the Continuing Ed Dept at KCC: 319-398-1022.

Attendance from April 2 – April 8 = 97.3 %.

The next ***LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication*** will be sent on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**. Announcements and Updates for LMHS Students and Parents will continue to be sent on Tuesday and Friday of each week from now through the end of 4th Quarter. For the 2021-2022 school year, we anticipate continuing the Updates but will send out on one day per week, possibly Thursday or Friday. We will continue the twice per week Updates for 4th Quarter this school year as we have the hybrid option and dual-platform instruction (in person and online) taking place in classes at this time.