



Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates February 2, 2021



ANY NEW INFORMATION IS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW. ANY EXTRA EMPHASIS IS HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN.

Week #20...2nd Semester 3rd Quarter is Here...

Tuesday,	February 2	<p>3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule - Group 'B' On-Site 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter Begins 6:00 p.m. 10th/V Boys Basketball vs. Cedar Falls (Home) 6:30 p.m. V Girls Basketball @ Cedar Falls</p>
Wednesday,	February 3	<p>3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule - Group 'A' On-Site 7:30 a.m. National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony (South Commons)</p>
Thursday,	February 4	<p>3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule - Group 'B' On-Site Deadline to Add Classes for 3rd Quarter 6:00 p.m. 10th Boys Basketball @ CR Jefferson 6:15 p.m. JV/V Wrestling @ CR Washington 7:00 p.m. 9th Boys (Black) Basketball vs. CR Kennedy (Green) (LM Main Gym) 9th Boys (Red) Basketball vs. CR Kennedy (Gold) (LM Aux Gym)</p>
Friday,	February 5	<p>3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule - Group 'A' On-Site 4:45 p.m. JV2 Girls Basketball @ CR Kennedy 6:00 p.m. V Girls/Boys Basketball vs. CR Jefferson (LM Main Gym) (RED OUT)</p>
Saturday,	February 6	<p>All Day JV Poms @ Kirkwood C.C. Competition Esports Overwatch Invitational Tournament 8:00 a.m. ACT @ Marion High School 9:00 a.m. 9th Boys (White) Basketball (LM Main Gym and Auxiliary Gym) 9:30 a.m. JV Wrestling MVC Tourney @ Iowa City Liberty 12:00 p.m. V Boys Swimming District Meet @ Dubuque Hempstead 1:00 p.m. JV2/V Girls Basketball @ Pleasant Valley (Bettendorf) 3:00 p.m. Concert Orchestra @ Paramount Theater (CR) 4:15 p.m. Philharmonic @ Paramount Theater (CR) 5:30 p.m. Sinfonietta @ Paramount Theater (CR) 6:45 p.m. Symphony Orchestra @ Paramount Theater (CR)</p>

Future

- 2/8 2021-22 Online Course Registration opens
2nd Block/4th Period Extended to 11:45 a.m. for Grades 9, 10 and 11
- 2/12 2021-22 Online Course Registration closes
- 2/16 12th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)
- 2/18 11th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)
- 2/22 LMHS Parent Advisory via Teams (6:30 p.m.)
- 2/23 10th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)
- 3/1 9th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)

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.

Online-Only Students as of 2-2-21: 9th= 150, 10th=150, 11th=150, 12th=137 Total = 587 Students

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](#)

2nd Quarter

Online-Only Student Course Material Dropoff:

Online-only students for 2nd Quarter should return course materials to the 11th-12th Grades Office. We do need to quarantine all materials for four days prior to redistribution.

3rd Quarter

The LMHS Parent Survey emailed last week is still open through today (February 2). As of this afternoon, we have had 947 responses to the survey. Thank you to everyone for completing the survey.

Planning Regarding Legislative Action for Onsite School Attendance:

The Governor has signed the bill requiring schools offer the option of on-site everyday for students. **A short survey was sent to all LMHS parents** to determine current preferences specifically related to the Hybrid model. This two-question survey is active through Tuesday, February 2. A determination will then be made whether to offer Online-Only, Hybrid, and On-Site Everyday or Online-Only and On-Site Everyday. **Later this week, parents will be asked to choose which of the determined options they will select for their student(s).** Starting on Monday, February 15, the new law requires all schools to allow students to choose on-site attendance every day for classes. From February 2 – February 12, LMHS will be using the current Hybrid Schedule (with Online-Only) with Group 'B' students reporting on Tuesday, February 2.

Planning is underway for how to maintain social distancing within the building given a higher number of students. Once these plans are final we will let everyone know. A few determinations have been made for all of 3rd Quarter at this time:

- The current daily schedule (used for 2nd Quarter) will be used for all of 3rd Quarter (with a high likelihood of 4th Quarter as well).** This maintains the two RTI sessions (11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.).
- Campus Release (with parent approval) will continue during 3rd Quarter (with a high likelihood of 4th Quarter as well)** 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 this time.** While students may have to walk from further distances within the lot, maintaining campus release is expected to help allow campus parking for all students at this time. We will make changes to this if we find we have more vehicles to park than actual parking spaces.

Online-Only Student Course Material Pick-Up:

3rd Quarter Online-Only students may pick up course materials (as ready) in the 11th-12th Grades Office:

The week of February 2, from 9:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Hybrid Schedule for 3rd Quarter

You can use this link to view the LMHS 3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule:

[Linn-Mar High School Hybrid Daily Schedule for 3rd 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.

Campus Release Reminders for 2nd Semester/3rd 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.**

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Sign-Up:

Updated information has now been posted regarding the second AP Exam sign-up window. Information will be posted in each AP class Schoology site. Students can also use this [Link](#) to access information on how to sign up for the AP Exam.

When you login to the payment portal you will now have 3 choices for payment instead of 2:

[AP Exam Final Payment](#) [AP Exam2](#) [AP Test Late SignUp](#)

For any classes that started 1st quarter there is now a late fee of \$40 to take the test. (for a total of \$80) Those are the tests listed **AP Test Late Signup**. Those tests are: Biology, Calc AB, Calc BC, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, Language: French, Macroeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics C Electricity and Mag., Physics C Mechanics, Statistics.

The classes that started 2nd quarter and after have no late fee and are under **AP Exam2**. The cost is \$40. Those are: US Government and Politics, Chemistry, Comparative Government, Environmental Science, World History Modern, Physics 2, Psychology.

The **AP Final Payment** is \$46. If you choose one of the other two options and make the final payment, your payment will be complete. If you only choose **AP Exam2** or **AP Test Late Signup** you will have to pay the \$46 later online or on the test day in order to take the test.

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

Congratulations to 1st Semester/2nd Quarter Early Graduates:

Blake Bendixen, Aaron Berta, Lucretia Davis, Amara Isaac, Hayley Lederle, Chase Luedeman, Elena Milde, James Sheets, and Austin Verge!

LMHS Class of 2021 Senior Recognition Night is scheduled for **Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium.

The LMHS Senior Prom (w/approved guests) for the Class of 2021 is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15.**

LMHS Class of 2021 last day of school is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 26, with Graduation rehearsal (required) at 1:00 p.m.** in the LM Main Gym.

Commencement for the **LMHS Class of 2021** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in downtown Cedar Rapids.

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>

2021-22 Course Registration

Course Registration Process for 2021-22 will take place February 8 - 12:

The online course registration process for the 2021-22 school year will take place in 3rd Quarter from **February 8 -12**. The 2021-22 LMHS Program of Studies will be available on the school website in mid-January. **Information for 2021-22 course registration** will be **discussed** during the **specific grade-level meetings in January** and also sent to **student email accounts** for all 9th, 10th and 11th grades.

2nd Block/4th Period will be extended until 11:45 a.m. for 9th, 10th and 11th Grades on Monday, February 8:

On the first day of Course Registration, all classes will be extended until 11:45 a.m. for 9th, 10th, and 11th Grades (12th Grade students will be dismissed at 11:27 a.m. – regular dismissal time) so that students begin the online course registration process. 9th, 10th, and 11th Grades students will be dismissed at 11:45 for RTI or Campus Release. Students without Campus Release will remain in 2nd Block/4th Period.

All Registration Information for 2021-22 for current 9th, 10th, and 11th grades can be found at:

[2021-2022 Course Registration Information for current LMHS 9th, 10th, and 11th Grades students](#)

A video for course registration from school counseling can be viewed at: [9th-11th Course Registration for 2021-22](#)

Four Zoom sessions are available for Students and Parents to learn more about the Venture Program for 2021-22. These meetings will be run by Mark Hutcheson, Director of High School Teaching and Learning, during RTI sessions and in the late afternoon on February 4.

Thursday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m.:

<https://linnmar-k12-ia-us.zoom.us/j/87491314863?pwd=THI4WkhYVEFBUFFrajNERHNLtjUvZz09>

Thursday, February 4 at 3:30 p.m.:

<https://linnmar-k12-ia-us.zoom.us/j/85803973791?pwd=c1ZmbzBoYVVqdkaTUg3SXR2WDMlQT09>

Thursday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m.:

<https://linnmar-k12-ia-us.zoom.us/j/86580698091?pwd=L0daQ0RiRm40SHpBOWZlYjVjUDR5Zz09>

Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.:

<https://linnmar-k12-ia-us.zoom.us/j/83986353477?pwd=RjRPNFZVanVmK1dlWnNUcURqOmtVUT09>

Linn-Mar High School 2021-2022 Program of Studies:

Here is the link to the LMHS 2021-22 Program of Studies:

[Linn-Mar High School 2021-2022 Program of Studies](#)

College and Career Center Information

National Merit Scholarship Opportunity via Alternative:

With the cancellation of the PSAT due to weather on January 26, LMHS Juniors who still wish to try for National Merit Scholarships may do so following the following three steps:

- 1) Visit <https://forms.nationalmerit.org/alternateentry> immediately to complete the Alternate Entry Form. You cannot be considered in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program unless you **complete this online form no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021.**
- 2) **Register for and take an official administration of the SAT given by June 2021.**
- 3) **Request the College Board SAT Program send an official report of your SAT scores to NMSC (code 0085).** *The SAT Program will not report your scores to NMSC unless you request it.* You cannot use a photocopy of the score report sent to you or to your high school as a substitute for the official report.

Please see your school counselor should you have additional questions regarding the alternative pathway.

LMHS Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Schedule for May 2021:

The AP Exam Schedule for LMHS students in May 2021 can be found at the following link:

[LMHS Advanced Placement \(AP\) Exam Schedule for May 2021](#)

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:***

Beginning Tuesday, January 12th, 2021, all participants will receive an allotment of wristbands that they can hand out to their family and friends for attending the contest. These allotments will be based on the number of seats available in each venue divided by the total number of participants. Based on the size, some of our facilities may require us to have further restrictions (basketball in smaller gyms, swimming, bowling). These parameters will be communicated directly to those families involved. Two spectators per participant for the visiting teams will be allowed. When our fans attend away games there will be two spectators per participant allowed.

National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony on February 3 (tomorrow):

Congratulations to the following LMHS Seniors who will be signing a national letter of intent in the South Commons at 7:30 a.m. on February 3: **Abby Thoms (Rowing) University of Iowa**

Allison Feigenbaum (Volleyball) Wartburg College

Dylan Page (Baseball & Football) Rose Hulman Institute of Technology

Kaitlyn Brunson (Basketball & Soccer) St. Ambrose College

Carson Recker (Baseball) Loras College

Kane Deutmeyer (Baseball) Coe College

Leah Ahlers (Soccer) Western Illinois University

Use this link to watch specific LMHS Winter Athletic Events Live:

[Linn-Mar Winter Athletic Events on You Tube](#)

C. Fine Arts:

Orchestra Concerts at the Paramount Theater on February 6:

3:00 p.m. Concert Orchestra

4:15 p.m. Philharmonic

5:30 p.m. Sinfonietta

6:45 p.m. Symphony Orchestra

D. Clubs/Organizations:

LMHS Esports Overwatch Team:

The undefeated Overwatch Team received a bye in the first round of playoffs. They are expected to play again in February. Watch the matches live on the Linn-Mar Esports twitter feed: <https://www.twitch.tv/lmhseports> Go Lions! See Mr. Johnson (bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us) if you have questions or interest in the team.

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

Driver Education at Kirkwood Community College:

Communication from Kirkwood C.C. is that information regarding Driver Education is currently “up in the air” and they won’t know anything 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.

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/>

Attendance from January 22 – January 28 = 98.6 %.

As of Today (February 2), Bailey and Wrigley are back on duty as therapy dogs in the building. (Their first day of work since March 13, 2020). One LMHS student who received a smooch on her facemask from Wrigley exclaimed, “Thank you, Wrigley. I really needed that.”

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, February 5, 2021**. Announcements and Updates for LMHS Students and Parents will continue to be sent on Tuesday and Friday of each week from now through at least the end of **3rd Quarter**.