



**Linn-Mar High School
Student and Parent
Announcements and Updates
February 23, 2021**



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

<i>Week #23...Mid-Term is Approaching...</i>		
Monday,	February 22	*3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule – Group ‘B’ On-Site
	2:00 p.m.	*Colton Center Jazz Corridor Jazz Performance (Colton Center)
	6:30 p.m.	LMHS Parent Advisory via Teams
	7:00 p.m.	V Boys Basketball Substate vs. CR Prairie (LM Main Gym)
Tuesday,	February 23	3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule - Group ‘A’ On-Site
	7:30 a.m.	10 th Grade Student Advisory via Teams
	4:15 p.m.	LMHS Esports Overwatch State Semi-final vs. Newman Catholic (Mason City)
Wednesday,	February 24	3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group ‘B’ On-Site
Thursday,	February 25	3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group ‘A’ On-Site
	4:30 p.m.	*LMHS Parent Conferences via Online
Friday,	February 26	3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule – Group ‘B’ On-Site
		Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 3rd Quarter
		Deadline to Drop Classes for 3rd Quarter
	7:45 p.m.	V Boys Basketball @ Johnston
Saturday,	February 27	
	10:00 a.m.	*Speech Individual District Contest @ LMHS

Notes for the Week

- 2/22 Colton Center Jazz dismissed at 1:45 p.m. Will go back to class at 2:45 p.m.
- 2/25 LMHS Parent Conferences: Remaining open conference times are now available.
- 2/27 Speech: For LMHS students only with judges.

Future

- 3/1 9th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)
- 3/16 Spring Break begins
- 3/20 Spring Break ends

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

Current Numbers as of February 19:

Total Students: 2115 (does NOT include the COMPASS Center nor Early Graduates)

Onsite Everyday (778), Hybrid (799), Online-Only (533), No Response (5)

12 th Grade: Onsite Everyday (145), Hybrid (197), Online-Only (136),	Hybrid 'A' (99)	'B' (98)
11 th Grade: Onsite Everyday (190), Hybrid (178), Online-Only (140),	Hybrid 'A' (105)	'B' (73)
10 th Grade: Onsite Everyday (224), Hybrid (196), Online-Only (135),	Hybrid 'A' (101)	'B' (95)
9 th Grade: Onsite Everyday (219), Hybrid (228), Online-Only (122),	Hybrid 'A' (107)	'B' (121)
(778)	(412)	(387)

Maximum Onsite Group 'A' Day = 778+412 = **1190**

Maximum Onsite Group 'B' Day = 778+387 = **1165**

There are more students in classrooms now. We are currently working to make needed adjustments for classrooms which may need to either be moved or bring in barriers to help in mitigation efforts due to higher numbers of students in classrooms. We are working to maintain socially distanced classrooms (6' between each student) as much as possible.

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. 9th
- 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. While we have more vehicles parking in the campus lots at this time, plenty of spaces remain available in our lots during the day.
- We will NOT distinguish if a student is in class in-person or in class and fully participating online the remainder of 3rd Quarter.** A student in person or online and fully participating will be counted as attending. Please note this and discuss with your student as we have been working to this point to notify parents if your student was participating online when we expected the student to be in person.

Hybrid Schedule for 3rd Quarter

Use this link for 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.**

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 Class of 2021 Clothing Sale Sponsored by LMHS Student Council

Student Council has created LMHS Senior Class of 2021 clothing. The link for the sale is below and will close on March 14th. There is an option for students to have orders sent to their house or the school where student council will distribute them. Check out the LMHS Class of 2021 Clothing:

<https://class21.ltmorder.com/sale>

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.

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>

College and Career Center Information

Scholarship Searches on Naviance:

Students looking for scholarships beyond the ones offered through the Linn-Mar Foundation are encouraged to find out what scholarships your college of choice may have as well as use Naviance for more national searches. Log into Naviance, go to 'Scholarships and Money' and then 'National Scholarship Search'. Please see your counselor if you are having difficulty locating this site.

Marion Community Promise Pursuit Grants:

"Check this out! **Marion Community Promise** offers **Pursuit Grants** to support student efforts to become trained and future ready. They want to help you pursue a career here at home. They know reading through applications can be overwhelming and confusing. Watch this brief video and sign up for a 15-minute learning session between March 1st-3rd with Emily, she'll be able to help you understand if this could work for you!" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoeE9SUnX9A&t=4s>

LMHS Advanced Placement (AP) Updated Exam Schedule and Payment Information for 2021:

Here is information that is being shared with students in all AP courses. Please note the College Board has rescheduled exams in Biology, AP Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government, Environmental Science, Music Theory, Physics 2, Psychology, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, and World History-Modern.

Link for the AP Schedule as of February 22, 2021: [AP Exam Schedule \(Updated as of February 22, 2021\)](#)

Link for In-Touch Payment Instructions: [AP Exam In-Touch Payment Instructions](#)

Link for 2nd AP Exam Ordering Window Slides: [AP Ordering Window Slides](#)

AP Digital Exams offered in Some Courses:

AP digital exams are being offered at a test site and also at home in Biology, Comparative Government, Environmental Science, Psychology, U.S. Government and Politics, and World History-Modern. If your student is interested in taking their AP digital exam at home they will need to fill out this [google form](#). A document will be sent to the email address that was received on the google form. This document will need to be printed, signed by a parent, and turned into the AP teacher by March 12th, 2021. Hard copies of the parent forms are available in the TAG office from 7:30 am-12:30pm M-F. Full payment for an exam must also be made prior to the student taking their digital exam. ***When considering taking a digital exam at home please take into account the reliability of your internet connection. A poor connection may result in not being able to take or submit an exam.***

AP Exam Conflict Due to Athletic Conflict Information:

If your student will have a sporting conflict or have 2 exams at 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:*

LMHS Wrestling Place 7th at the State Wrestling Meet:

Congratulations to LMHS Wrestlers for placing 7th at the traditional State Wrestling Meet! Tate Naaktgeboren (160 lbs.) was State Champion in his weight class! Bryce Parke (132 lbs.) finished 3rd in his weight class! Kane Naaktgeboren (120 lbs.), Abass Kemokai (152 lbs), and Luke Gaffney (220 lbs.) each place 5th in their weight classes! Congratulations, Lions!

LMHS Boys Basketball Advances in Sub-State:

Good Luck to the LMHS Boys Basketball team as they travel to Johnston on Friday night for a Sub-State game at 7:45 p.m.! The Lions defeated CR Prairie on Monday night to advance to the next round. Good Luck, Lions!

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

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

C. *Fine Arts:*

LMHS Speech has Two Large Group Events Named All-State:

Congratulations to the LMHS Speech Team for having two events named Large Group All-State!

TV News Broadcasting: Isabella Albright, Jacqueline Anderson, Arianna Elmer, Alec Helmle, Ian McKinney, Maya Neymeyer, Isabel Sherman, and Sam Vint have been named All-State!

Short Film: Colin Gilund, Maddie Nuss, Maya Neymeyer, Peter Kamp, and Shourya Singh have been named All-State!

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:*

LMHS Esports Overwatch Team Advances to Semi-Final Round in State Playoffs:

Congratulations to the LMHS Esports Overwatch Team for Advancing to the State Playoff Semi-Finals! The team will compete against Newman Catholic (Mason City) on **Today at 4:15 p.m.** Our team is: **Jacob Yearous (Captain), Reece Howell, Richard Phan, Jack Larson, Jacob Kluetz and Caiden Abbott.** Watch the match live on the Linn-Mar Esports twitter feed: <https://www.twitch.tv/lmhsesports> Good Luck Lions Overwatch Team! See Mr. Johnson (bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us) if you have questions or interest in joining the team.

LMTV Continues to Broadcast Every Two Days:

A big 'thank you' to our LMTV crew for their work in providing announcement broadcasts every two days! The LMTV crew this year is **Ian McKinney, Jacqueline Anderson, Mason Miller, Sam Vint, Arianna Elmer, Peter Kamp, Colin Gillund, Leah Santana, Lia Scharnau, Isabel Sherman, Kinsey Widdel, Alec Helmle, and Addie Sleezer!**

A special LMHS salute to LMTV's Ian McKinney who has gone above and beyond to keep LMTV on the air through the pandemic by writing and coordinating the broadcasts from our remote "bureaus" throughout the district as well as working with his younger brother Leo as they assemble the weekly LMTV broadcast for Excelsior. Ian has also coordinated the broadcasts of LMHS sports this past summer, fall, and during our winter season! LMHS salutes and thanks Ian McKinney for all of his leadership to keep LMTV and LMHS athletics 'on the air' during the pandemic!

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

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](#)

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 February 12 – February 18 = 97.5 %.

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, February 26, 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.