



Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates January 26, 2021



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

Week #19...The Conclusion of 1st Semester/2nd Quarter...

Wednesday,	January 27	<i>Finals Week Schedule – Group ‘A’ On-Site</i>
	9:00 a.m.	1 st Period/1 st Block Final Exam
	10:15 a.m.	2 nd Period Final Exam
	11:30 a.m.	3 rd Period/2 nd Block Final Exam
	1:00 p.m.	4 th Period Final Exam
	6:30 p.m.	JV Pom Preview Show (LM Main Gym)
Thursday,	January 28	<i>Finals Week Schedule – Group ‘B’ On-Site</i>
	9:00 a.m.	5 th Period/3 rd Block Final Exam
	10:15 a.m.	6 th Period Final Exam
	11:30 a.m.	7 th Period/4 th Block Final Exam
	1:00 p.m.	8 th Period Final Exam
	7:00 p.m.	9 th Boys (Red) Basketball vs. Iowa City Liberty (LM Main Gym)
		9 th Boys (Black) Basketball vs. Iowa City Liberty (Auxiliary Gym)
Friday,	January 29	<i>Finals Week Schedule – Group ‘A’ On-Site</i>
	9:00 a.m.	5 th Period/3 rd Block Final Exam
	10:15 a.m.	6 th Period Final Exam
	11:30 a.m.	7 th Period/4 th Block Final Exam
	1:00 p.m.	8 th Period Final Exam
	5:00 p.m.	JV2 Girls Basketball @ Iowa City Liberty
	6:00 p.m.	V Girls/Boys Basketball @ CR Washington
Saturday,	January 30	
	All Day	JV Poms @ Johnston
	9:00 a.m.	10 th Boys Basketball vs. CR Washington (LM Main Gym)
		9 th Boys (White) Basketball Tourney @ Solon
	12:00 p.m.	JV Boys Swimming Metro Meet @ (LM Aquatic Center)

Future

2/1	Teacher Collaboration Day – No Classes
2/2	2 nd Semester/3 rd Quarter begins
2/3	GRADES DUE at 4:30 p.m.
2/8	2021-22 Online Course Registration opens
	2 nd Block/4 th Period Extended to 11:45 a.m. for Grades 9, 10 and 11
2/12	2021-22 Online Course Registration closes
2/16	12 th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)
2/18	11 th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)
2/22	LMHS Parent Advisory via Teams (6:30 p.m.)
2/23	10 th Grade Student Advisory via Teams (7:30 a.m.)
3/1	9 th 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.

As of 1-25-21, we have 643 students taking online-only (9th = 161; 10th = 168; 11th = 164; 12th = 150).

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 next week:

Online-only students for 2nd Quarter should return course materials next week at the times listed below. We do need to quarantine all materials for four days prior to redistribution. Please plan to return the course materials as soon as you have completed using them for your courses.

Wednesday, January 27: 11th-12th Grades Office (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Thursday, January 28: 11th-12th Grades Office (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Friday, January 29: 11th-12th Grades Office (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Semester Finals Week Schedule:

The link to the Semester Finals Week Schedule for January 25-29, is below. The purpose of the finals week schedule is to provide the opportunity for students and staff to successfully complete coursework, especially during our current circumstance with both hybrid and online-only learning taking place in all courses. We will go through the schedule for the week during the specific grade-level meetings and evening parent meetings being held the next two weeks. We do know that the PSAT is on January 26 and will work with teachers to prepare for this conflict on the morning of January 26.

[LMHS 1st Semester Finals Week Schedule \(January 25-29, 2021\)](#)

3rd Quarter

LMHS **will** begin 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter **on Tuesday, February 2,** using the current Hybrid Schedule.

Planning Regarding Possible Legislative Action for Onsite School Attendance:

If the current proposed bill is adopted in the State Legislature and signed by the Governor, what would this mean for LMHS? As currently written, the bill, if approved, would require schools provide students and parents with an everyday onsite attendance option. The major impact will potentially be on social distancing within classrooms and in hallways during passing time depending upon how many requests for fully onsite we would have at LMHS. This is currently our primary focus at LMHS as we plan for how to maximize social distancing within classrooms and commons/cafeteria areas with more students in the building. We have been looking to allow students on opposite Hybrid days into classrooms up to the 'Covid-Capacity' for each classroom. The current bill would require the availability of everyday onsite instruction for all students no matter 'Covid-Capacities'. Our goal has been to require mask wearing and to require social distancing in classrooms and in commons areas and the cafeterias. Mask wearing and campus release (to allow students to only be on campus when they have class) will continue if we are required to make adjustments. Exactly how we will maintain social distancing is the major question of focus. We will keep everyone updated on our planning should it be determined at the state or board level to bring all students back prior to a vaccination plan being implemented for staff. The 'Online-Only' option will remain no matter the outcome of the current bill.

Online-Only Student Course Material Pick-Up:

3rd Quarter Online-Only students may pick up course materials (as ready) beginning on **Wednesday, January 27.** Course materials will be picked up in the 11th-12th Grades Office:

Wednesday, January 27: 11th-12th Grades Office (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Thursday, January 28: 11th-12th Grades Office (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Friday, January 29: 11th-12th Grades Office (2:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

Monday, February 1: 11th-12th Grades Office (8:00 – 3:30 p.m.)

and remainder of the week of February 2, from 2:00 – 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.

February 2 will be a Group 'B' Hybrid Day:

The first day of 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter is Tuesday, February 2. This will be a Group 'B' Hybrid Day. Group 'A' Hybrid students will be on-site on Wednesday, February 3.

Finding Classrooms for 'new' Hybrid students on February 1:

Students who are moving from 'online-only' to Hybrid have the opportunity to find classrooms on **Monday, February 1, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Please come to **Door #3** and the School Ambassadors will be on hand to help students navigate the building.

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.

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.

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>

Job Shadow Application Portal is Open:

WLC's job shadow application portal will open for a second time this school year!

- Application portal open **January 4th-29th**.
- Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to apply
- 1 day, 2-4 hour experience
- Virtual and in-person group job shadow experiences available
- Learn more about WLC job shadows [here](#)

Check out the exciting group job shadow virtual and in-person job shadow opportunities at [Workplace Learning Connection's](#) website.

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:

Any College Bound athlete wishing to take part in the National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony at 7:30 am on February 3, should stop by or contact the Athletic Office to sign up and get information.

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

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

C. *Fine Arts:*

Large Group State Speech Qualifiers:

Congratulations to the following LMHS students for qualifying for State Large Group Speech following virtual qualifying at district large group contest this past Saturday:

Reader's Theatre-#Viral

Samuel Alexman, Parker Miller, Addison Sleezer, Adelynn Heitzman, Amelia Robinson, Isabella Albright, Skyla Meyer, and Selena Killham.

TV News-KZOO

Alec Helmle, Arianna Elmer, Ian McKinney, Isabel Sherman, Isabella Albright, Jacqueline Anderson, and Sam Vint.

Radio-KSPN

Addison Sleezer, Colin Gillund, Evan Thomasson, Lia Scharnau, and Peter Kamp.

Radio-KBOM

Alec Helmle, Arianna Elmer, Ian McKinney, Isabel Sherman, Jacqueline Anderson, and Sam Vint.

Short Film-Typing...

Colin Gillund, Maddie Nuss, Maya Neymeyer, Peter Kamp, and Shourya Singh.

Musical Theatre-Something are Meant to Be

Lia Scharnau, Maddie Nuss.

Musical Theatre-Honey, Honey

Kyra Clay, Melia Bohn, and Saby Jones.

Ensemble Acting-Rumors of Polar Bears

Adelynn Heitzman, Nathaniel Harriss, and Maya Neymeyer.

Orchestra Concerts at 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 on February 2. Watch the matches live on the Linn-Mar Esports twitter feed: <https://www.twitch.tv/lmhsesports> 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).

E. Prom Planning Update:

The decision has been made for LMHS to have a Senior Prom (w/approved guests) for the Class of 2021 on Saturday, May 15. The reasons for this: a) we want to ensure the Class of 2021 is the focus and can have a Prom, b) without knowing what conditions will be like in May, we need to plan for not being able to have a larger number, thus, the focus on a Senior Prom but also allowing approved guests, c) We want to make the decision now so people know rather than put off the decision until later and then need to make the same decision. We are also planning to have a Senior Prom for the Class of 2022 on May 14 of 2022. As our classes continue to grow, we plan to maintain the Senior Prom with approved guests in the future.

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.intouchreceipting.com/>

Attendance from January 15 – January 21 = 97.6 %.

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, January 29, 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 2nd Quarter.