



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



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

Week #26...Three Weeks Remain in 3rd Quarter...

Monday,	March 22	3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule – Group ‘A’ On-Site
Tuesday,	March 23	3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule - Group ‘B’ On-Site
	3:30 p.m.	*Science Olympiad Competition (LMHS)
	4:00 p.m.	*JV Boys Track and Field @ Iowa City High
	4:15 p.m.	Esports Mario Kart Team match vs. TBD
Wednesday,	March 24	3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group ‘A’ On-Site
	3:30 p.m.	*Science Olympiad Competition (LMHS)
Thursday,	March 25	3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group ‘B’ On-Site
	3:30 p.m.	*Science Olympiad Competition (LMHS)
	4:15 p.m.	Esports Rocket Team match vs. TBD
	5:10 p.m.	V Boys Soccer Jamboree vs. Xavier @ Kingston Stadium
	TBD	*JV V Boys Track and Field @ Clear Creek-Amana (Tiffin)
Friday, March 26		3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule – Group ‘A’ On-Site
	8:15 a.m.	Classified Staff Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
	4:30 p.m.	Pom Tryouts (LRC Gym)
Saturday,	March 27	
		All Day Science Olympiad Competition @ Cedar Falls (UNI)

Notes for the Week

- 3/23 JV Boys Track and Field dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
Science Olympiad Teams dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
- 3/24 Science Olympiad Teams dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
- 3/25 Science Olympiad Teams dismissed at 3:00 p.m.
V Boys Soccer dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

Future

- April 5 ISASP (1:00 p.m.)
- April 6 ISASP (9:00 a.m.)
- April 8 Last Day of 3rd Quarter
- April 9 Teacher Workday – No Classes (Faculty Meeting at 11:00 a.m.)
- April 12 First day of 4th Quarter

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](#)

Confirmed COVID-19 cases for LMHS students (September – **March 21**): 136

3rd Quarter

Iowa State-wide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP):

On Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6, LMHS Grades 9, 10, and 11, will be taking the Iowa State-wide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). The exams will be taken in the afternoon of April 5 and the morning of April 6. Grades 9, 10, and 11, will each take the Math, Reading and Literacy-Writing Exams. Grade 10 will also take the Science Exam. These exams are required by the State of Iowa. **Students will need their school-issued computers for all exams.** Students with accommodations for the exams will have a separate schedule that will be sent separately to each student taking exams with accommodations. Please note that when exam times have ended on April 5, students are done for the day. **Grade 12 will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. on April 5 until 1:00 p.m. on April 6.**

More Specific Information will be sent to Students and Parents in the weeks prior to the exams on April 5 and April 6. Both April 5 and April 6 will be Group 'A' days. **Group 'B' students will also be onsite for ISASP exams.** Parents of Online-Only students have been sent a questionnaire regarding whether their students will take the exams on campus as scheduled on April 5-6 or on campus on April 9 (teacher workday-no classes). We will provide information regarding any potential bussing changes for these days as well.

Online-Only Student Computer Updates Required Prior to ISASP:

Online-Only Students will need to do updates on your school-issued computer prior to taking the ISASP. You can either come to exams at least 45 minutes early to ensure updates are completed before the exam before your exams OR stop on campus to log on before April 5 or April 9, whichever date you will begin the ISASP, to have the updates completed.

Information Regarding 3rd Quarter:

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. 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 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.

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>

4th Quarter

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.

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 know 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).

We will provide more information in the next week regarding the process for those planning to return to in-person school in either the Hybrid or Everyday format for 4th Quarter.

LMHS Class of 2021 Planning

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 will be held on **Saturday, May 15.**

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

ICR Future Virtual Career and College Fair:

The ICR Future Virtual Career & College Fair is **Sunday, March 28th from 1-3 PM.** Students can register to attend at www.ICANsucceed.org/icrfuture-Student. Once registered students will receive all the event updates and reminders. Visit www.ICANsucceed.org/icrfuture for all the event details and updates of exhibitors.

LMHS Hosting Virtual College Visits and Presentations in April:

LMHS School Counselors will be hosting area colleges for virtual college visits and college presentations in April. These visits will include the University of Iowa, UNI, Wartburg College, Kirkwood Community College, and Mt. Mercy University. Watch our website or follow us on Instagram (@LinnMarHSCounseling) for more information, a schedule of events, and links to virtual sessions. <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career/collegecareer-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:*

2021-2022 LMHS Pom Tryouts:

Information on practice and tryout dates for 2021-2022 LMHS Poms may be found at <https://www.linnmarpoms.com/>. A Zoom meeting will be held on March 8. Clinics will be held on March 22, 23 and 25. Final tryout will be on March 26 at 4:00 p.m.

2021-2022 LMHS Cheer Tryouts:

Information on practice and tryout dates for 2021-22 LMHS Cheer may be found at <https://www.lmcheer.com/>. Practices will be held on March 8 (7-8:00 p.m.), March 29 (6-8:00 p.m.), March 30 (6-8:00 p.m.), and March 31 (4-6:00 p.m.). Tryouts for Competition Cheer are on March 27. Tryouts for Cheer are on April 1.

C. *Fine Arts:*

Jazz Band All-State Recognition:

Congratulations to LMHS Jazz for having three members named to the 2021 4A All-State Jazz Band! Two members were also selected as alternates to the All-State Jazz Band! Congratulations to our Jazz Band All-Staters:

Cavan O'Hara (Alto Sax), **Moosa Hamad** (Trumpet), **Arjun Palaniappan** (Drum Set), **Evan Shanley** (Bari Sax) alternate, and **Nick Reuben** (Trumpet) alternate!

LM Drama Presents #2020 on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Theatre:

LM Drama will present an original production entitled #2020 on Thursday, April 1, in the Little Theatre. Admission is \$5, masks will be required at all times, and social distancing will be in place for seating. This production was written entirely by LMHS students and faculty.

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:*

Esports Spring Season Kicks off this Week:

LMHS has three Esports teams competing in leagues this spring. The **Varsity Rainbow 6** Team defeated Williamsburg 2-0 on Monday night. Varsity Rainbow 6 will compete each Monday afternoon. The **Mario Kart** team competes on Tuesday afternoons, and the **Rocket League** competes on Thursday afternoons after school. 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).

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 March 5 – March 11 = 96.9 %.

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