



**Linn-Mar High School
Student and Parent
Announcements and Updates
March 30, 2021**



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

Week #27...April is Here...

Tuesday,	March 30	3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule - Group 'A' On-Site
	Each Class	*Tornado Drill – Review of Evacuation Location & Expectations in Each Class.
		* Iowa High School Voter Registration Day in Iowa
	4:15 p.m.	Esports Mario Kart Team match vs. TBD
	4:30 p.m.	*JV/V Girls Track and Field @ Iowa City West
		*JV Boys Track and Field @ Iowa City High
Wednesday,	March 31	3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group 'B' On-Site
Thursday,	April 1	3rd Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group 'A' On-Site
	2:00 p.m.	*State FBLA Virtual Conference (LRC Board Room)
	4:00 p.m.	Cheer Tryouts (LRC Gym)
		*JV/V Girls Track and Field @ North Scott (Eldridge)
	4:15 p.m.	Esports Rocket League match vs. TBD
	4:30 p.m.	*JV/V Boys Track and Field @ CR (Kingston Stadium)
	7:00 p.m.	LM Drama #2020 (Little Theatre)
Friday,	April 2	3rd Quarter Hybrid Schedule – Group 'B' On-Site
	Each Class	Tornado Drill – Review of Evacuation Location & Expectations in Each Class.
	2:00 p.m.	*State FBLA Virtual Conference (LRC Board Room)
Saturday,	April 3	
	9:00 a.m.	V Girls Soccer Scrimmage vs. Center Point-Urbana (LM Stadium)
	10:00 a.m.	V Boys Soccer @ Ankeny High School
	2:00 p.m.	V Boys Soccer @ Johnston High School

Notes for the Week

3/29 JV1/V Girls Soccer dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
 3/30 **TORNADO DRILL – We will not be going to the evacuation sites for a drill during the pandemic.**
We will go to the evacuation sites for an actual Tornado Warning.

Iowa High School Voter Registration Day in Iowa: All 17 and 18-year-old students in Iowa are eligible to register to vote. Use this link to register to vote on this day if you have not registered:

[Iowa Secretary of State's voter registration webpage](#)

JV/V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
 JV/V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
 4/1 FBLA Students dismissed at 1:50 p.m.
 JV/V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 1:00 p.m.
 JV/V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 2:40 p.m.
 4/2 FBLA Students dismissed at 1:50 p.m.

Future

April 5 ISASP (1:00 p.m.) (Regular Schedule 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.)
 April 6 ISASP (9:00 a.m.) (Regular Schedule 1:00 – 4:00 p.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](#)

3rd Quarter

Iowa State-wide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP): This coming Monday and Tuesday.

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. PLEASE MAKE YOUR COMPUTER IS FULLY CHARGED PRIOR TO TAKING THE ISASP EACH DAY.** 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.**

Both April 5 and April 6 will be Group 'A' days. This is because the morning of April 5 and the afternoon of April 6 will comprise one school day of classes. **Group 'B' students will also be onsite for ISASP exams.** Online-Only students have been assigned testing seats based on parent request for either April 5-6 or April 9.

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.

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

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.

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

LMHS Class of 2021 Planning

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.
- 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.

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

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:*

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

C. *Fine Arts:*

Individual Speech All-State Recognition:

Congratulations to LMHS Speech for having all 16 events at State Individual Speech Contest receive Division I ratings! Also, Congratulations to the five Speech members who were named All-State this week: **Eve Christianson** (Storytelling), **Madeline Nuss** (Acting and in Solo Musical Theater), **Lia Scharnau** (Poetry), **Isabel Sherman** (Solo Musical Theater), **Nicholas Weaver** (Prose and in Expository Address)!

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 Rainbow 6** will compete each Monday afternoon. **The Mario Kart** team competes on Tuesday afternoon. And, **Rocket League** competes on Thursday afternoons. 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).

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 be directed to the Continuing Ed Dept at KCC: 319-398-1022.

Attendance from March 12 – March 25 = 95.4 %.

The next ***LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication*** will be sent on **Friday, April 1, 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.