



Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates October 13, 2020



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

Week #5...Mid-Term...

Tuesday,	October 13 5:00 p.m.	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI) V Volleyball MVC Tourney @ LMHS (LM Main Gym)
Wednesday,	October 14	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)
Thursday,	October 15 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI) *9 th -10 th /JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Cedar Falls (Birdsall Park) *V Girls Diving @ Waterloo (Central Intermediate) JV Volleyball Tourney @ LMHS (LM Main Gym)
Friday,	October 16	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI) Deadline to Drop Classes for 1 st Quarter *V Football vs. TBD @ TBD
Saturday,	October 17 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	ACT @ LMHS 9 th Volleyball CRANDIC @ CR Prairie V Girls Swimming @ LM Aquatic Center

*Notes on the Calendar

- 10/12 JV Volleyball dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
- 10/15 9th-10th/JV/V Girls Cross Country dismissed at 11:55 a.m.
- 9th -10th/JV/V Boys Cross Country dismissed at 1:25 p.m.
- V Girls Diving dismissed at 1:10 p.m.
- 10/16 V Football received a bye and will play on 10/23 @ Waukee.**

Future

- 10/20 12th Grade Student Advisory (via Teams at 7:30 a.m.).
- 10/24 ACT @ Marion HS
- 10/25 ACT @ CR Prairie
- 10/27 9th Grade Student Advisory (via Teams at 7:30 a.m.).
- 10/30 Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Semester.
- 11/2 LMHS Parent Advisory Meeting (6:30 p.m., online)
- 11/3 11th Grade Student Advisory (via Teams at 7:30 a.m.)
- 11/10 10th Grade Student Advisory (via Teams at 7:30 a.m.)
- 11/12 Last Day of 1st Quarter
- 11/13 Teacher Collaboration Day (No Classes)
- 11/16 1st Day of 2nd Quarter
- 11/25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes)

COVID-19 Related:

Link to District COVID-Related Numbers: (from the Superintendent's Office)

[**Dashboard link**](#)

USE OF GAITERS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED BEGINNING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19:

“Upon careful review, the District is updating our face covering guidance to align with that of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Currently, the CDC does not recommend the use of gaiters or face shields. Evaluation of these face coverings is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time.

If staff or students are currently utilizing gaiters, please discontinue using them as soon as possible as they will no longer be considered an acceptable face covering starting Monday, October 19, 2020. If staff or students need an additional face mask, please contact your building's main office to inquire if there are extras on hand.

Please click on the link below to be directed to the CDC site for more information as well as how to select, wear and clean your face covering.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

“Face coverings with vents in them will no longer be acceptable either in district buildings or on campus.”

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).

What if my student is not feeling well and has symptoms of COVID-19?

1. My student has the following symptoms: Chills, Fever, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Sore Throat, Muscle Pain, Cough, New Loss of Taste **and/or Smell**, Nausea, Diarrhea, **Runny Nose, Congestion, Vomiting, or Fatigue.**
2. **KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME.**
3. Call your healthcare provider for guidance.
4. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us or abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us).

What is the protocol if my student is exposed to someone with symptoms who is waiting for test results?

1. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us or abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us) to report a possible exposure.
2. If no symptoms, continue as normal with social distancing and face masks.

What if my student lives with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and cannot avoid close contact?

1. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us or abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us).
2. **Self-quarantine at home.**

What if my student has tested positive for COVID-19?

1. **Call the Health Office (447-3080) or the Main Office (447-3041)** to report your student has tested positive for COVID-19.
2. Your student will self-isolate for 10 days from the positive result or when symptoms first started, are fever free without medication for 24 hours, and no longer have symptoms.
3. School Nurse and Principal will:
 - a. Notify Linn County Public Health (LCPH).
 - b. Identify close contacts and quarantine exposed students and staff.
 - c. Notify appropriate individuals without identifying the COVID-19 case.
 - d. LCPH will: Recommend quarantine for 14 days for all household contacts from the last time with individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and work with school to determine which students and staff should be quarantined.

What happens if my student is in the same class with a student or staff member who is waiting for test results or tests positive for COVID-19?

1. The School Nurse and Principal will work with LCPH to determine if ‘close contact’ has occurred with any students or staff.
2. If no ‘close contact’ is determined to have occurred, then your student will be able to continue attending school.
3. If ‘close contact’ is determined to have occurred (**within 6’ of individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes**) your student will need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last contact with the person who has COVID-19.

What is ‘Close Contact’ and how can I limit this? This is being **within 6’ of an individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes.** If you work to have no ‘direct’ contact nor ‘close’ contact with individuals and wear a face mask then you are greatly minimizing your chances of transmission.

The link to the flowchart to be used by all buildings is included here for those interested:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RCsd8XbQNC0WEOfcWUGlrBfCyMMOcvKw/view>

1st Quarter

[Link to the LMHS 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule:](#)

[LMHS 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule: 2020-21](#)

[Link to 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule Group Day and RTI Periods Calendar:](#)

[Group and RTI Periods Calendar for the Remainder of 1st Quarter \(2020-21\)](#)

[Specific Course Updates:](#)

[Current update of Temporary, Online Classes and date on-site resumes:](#)

There are NO class sections meeting temporarily online-only at this time.

[If a teacher informs a class section that they will be teaching online for a day or for a number of days, students with non-class campus release may be online for any day a teacher must teach online.](#)

[If you are having difficulty connecting a school-issued computer to your home wi-fi.](#) Here are a couple of things you can try:

1. *Restart the laptop.* This will remove the previous network settings that may be remembered and why they are having trouble connecting.
 - a. *Click on the start button on the bottom left hand corner of the screen and then select “power” and then select “restart”*
2. *Try to connect the device to another wi-fi* – a friend’s house, Starbucks, etc. If it connects you can assume the issue is with some security setting in your router. If it doesn’t, there may be a problem with your device. Schedule a time to bring the device to school to swap for another device.
3. *If still unsuccessful contact the Library staff* so that a Helpdesk ticket can be made. The district Helpdesk does not receive emails from outside LM email addresses (this prevents Spam from creating tickets).
 1. Currently we are aware of an issue with Century Link providers. It is blocking the school device from connecting to the home router because it wants to block the at home web filters required by the district to send devices home with students. We can usually assist with fixing this – sometimes students may need to bring the device into a district building so it is on the district network.
4. *If all else fails, and a hot spot is available, we will check out a hot spot* to the student and see if that connects for them.

[If you are having difficulty with your school-issued computer:](#) Use this link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dGwFUHz1jVnEPgBpjTcQhR719wvoAmn4y6GmmU1eDzA/edit?usp=sharing>

[Calling in for Attendance During Hybrid Schedule \(at least 1st Quarter\):](#)

Scenario - On-site day but will be in class online instead:

If your student is expected to be on-site, will not be coming to school on a particular day, but will be in all classes online, still call the appropriate grade level office (447-3050 for 9th/10th or 447-3046 for 11th/12th) to let us know this.

Scenario – Student will neither be online nor on-site:

If your student is not able to participate in class either online or on-site as scheduled, then your student will be counted as ABSENT (‘A’) for the class period. Please contact the appropriate grade-level office for such an absence so that the absence is ‘excused’. This is the only circumstance a call is necessary if your student is taking classes ‘online-only’.

College and Career Center Information

[PSAT Date for LMHS:](#)

The date of the PSAT administered for Linn-Mar High School students on **Tuesday, January 26, 2021**. This change is being offered by the College Board due to the global pandemic. Sign-up information for 11th and interested 10th and 9th Grade students will start in November. Cost to the student to take the exam is \$15. Only 11th Grade students are eligible for National Merit Scholarships and Recognition.

[College Admission Visits:](#)

All admissions counselors will be scheduling virtual visits at Linn-Mar this year due to the restrictions on outside visitors. Appointments will be made from noon-1:00 or 2:00-4:00. We have many virtual college visits scheduled at this time. To find a current listing of college admission visits and the virtual meeting link go to:

<https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.us/linn-mar-high-school/counseling/career>

LMHS Class of 2021 Planning:

Senior Pictures for 2020-21 Yearbook:

Senior Pictures Must be Submitted by December 11 to be in the 2020-21 LMHS Yearbook. Please click on the link below to view the senior picture guidelines, due date and submission instructions:

[Yearbook Senior Picture Due Date and Submission Instructions](#)

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:**

Masks must be worn at all times at any home and away competition this fall.

Congratulations to the Boys Golf Team for placing 6th at the 4A Boys State Golf Tournament in Des Moines! Dillon Burr placed 3rd as an individual!

National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony on November 11:

A National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, at 7:30 a.m. in the South Commons. Any 12th Grade student wishing to participate in the ceremony should contact David Brown at dbrown@linnmar.k12.ia.us to sign up and receive more information on the event.

C. **Fine Arts:**

Congratulations to The Marching Lions for their finale show on Monday and for a successful season especially considering the limitations due to COVID-19!

D. **Clubs/Organizations:**

LMHS Clubs and Organizations will continue to meet as is possible, including virtually.

Other Information

Attendance **last** Week: (Friday through Thursday) **97.5 %**

Breakfast/Lunch Information: For those wanting locations and times for food pick-up.

<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/news/usda-temporarily-provide-free-breakfast-lunch-lm-students/>

9th, 10th, and 11th Grades Student Pictures in November:

We have confirmed that LifeTouch will be taking 9th, 10th, and 11th Grades student pictures in November. At this time, pictures will be taken in the Food Court on the following days:

Tuesday, November 3	9 th Grade Group 'A' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	9 th Grade 'online-only' (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 4	9 th Grade Group 'B' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	
Thursday, November 5	10 th Grade Group 'A' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	10 th Grade 'online-only' (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.)
Friday, November 6	10 th Grade Group 'B' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	
Tuesday, November 10	11 th Grade Group 'B' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	11 th Grade 'online-only' (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 11	11 th Grade Group 'A' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)	

Retakes will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 and Wednesday, January 13. We will include more information for students about when to take pictures during these days in the coming weeks.

2020-21 LMHS Parent Advisory:

Any parents interest in being involved in LMHS Parent Advisory are encouraged to apply. The group meets twice (once per semester) during the school year and receives information and provides direct input and feedback to Principal Jeff Gustason, Associate Principal Kim Buelt, Associate Principal Joe Nietert, and Associate Principal Steve Goodall. School year meeting dates for 2020-21 will be **November 2, 2020**, and **February 22, 2021**, from **6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** At this time, Parent Advisory meetings will be held online **via Zoom**. Parents interested in LMHS Parent Advisory may submit an application online to bbenton@linnmar.k12.ia.us. The link to the application is below:

[LMHS Parent Advisory Application 2020-21](#)

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, October 16**. Announcements and Updates for LMHS Students and Parents will be sent on Tuesday and Friday of each week from now through at least the end of 1st Quarter.