



**Linn-Mar High School  
Student and Parent  
Announcements and Updates  
October 27, 2020**



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

*Week #7...Last Week in October...*

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>October 26</b>	<b>LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)</b>
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>October 27</b>	<b>LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)</b>
	7:30 a.m.	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (via Teams)
	7:00 p.m.	V Volleyball Regionals @ Dubuque Hempstead
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>October 28</b>	<b>LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>October 29</b>	<b>LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	*Orchestra Virtual Concert Recording
<b>Friday, October 30</b>		<b>LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)</b>
		Deadline to Drop Classes for 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
	8:05 a.m.	Classified Staff Advisory (via Teams)
	10:30 a.m.	*V Girls Cross Country State Meet @ Fort Dodge
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 31</b>	

**\*Notes on the Calendar**

- 10/29 Orchestra Virtual Concert: The concert ensembles will be recording selections at this time. A link for the concert will be sent when completed at a later date. Parents/Spectators will NOT be allowed in the building during the sessions.
- 10/30 V Girls Cross Country departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

**Future**

- 10/30 Deadline to Drop Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester.
- 11/2 LMHS Parent Advisory (6:30 p.m., via Teams or Zoom)
- 11/3 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (via Teams 7:30 a.m.)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Group ‘A’ Pictures (Food Court, 12:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Online-only Pictures (Food Court, 4:00-5:00 p.m.)
- 11/4 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Group ‘B’ Pictures (Food Court, 12:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 11/5 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Group ‘A’ Pictures (Food Court, 12:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Online-only Pictures (Food Court, 4:00-5:00 p.m.)
- 11/6 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Group ‘B’ Pictures (Food Court, 12:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 11/10 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (via Teams 7:30 a.m.)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Group ‘B’ Pictures (Food Court, 12:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Online-only Pictures (Food Court, 4:00-5:00 p.m.)
- 11/11 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Group ‘A’ Pictures (Food Court, 12:00-4:00 p.m.)
- 11/12 Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 11/13 Teacher Collaboration Day – No Classes
- 11/16 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

**COVID-19 Related:**

*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](#)

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>

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

***Link to the LMHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule:*** [LMHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule: 2020-21](#)

***Link to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule Group Day and RTI Periods Calendar:***

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

***Specific Course Updates:***

**Current update of Temporary, Online Classes and date on-site resumes:**

### **Now through November 3:**

English II (Sleeper) 1<sup>st</sup> Block  
English I (Sleeper) 3<sup>rd</sup> Block  
English I (Sleeper) 4<sup>th</sup> Block

### **Now through October 29:**

Pre-Calculus (Johnson) 2<sup>nd</sup> Period  
Math & Society (Johnson) 3<sup>rd</sup> Period  
AP Calculus BC (Johnson) 4<sup>th</sup> Period  
Pre-Calculus (Johnson) 5<sup>th</sup> Period  
Pre-Calculus (Johnson) 6<sup>th</sup> Period  
Pre-Calculus (Johnson) 7<sup>th</sup> Period

Students with non-class campus release may be online for any day a teacher must teach online.

***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](mailto: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>

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

### **Hybrid Schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

The School Board determined on Monday night that LMHS will continue with the Hybrid model through 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. You can use this link to the draft of the LMHS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule:

[Linn-Mar High School Hybrid Daily Schedule for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020-21](#)

A few adjustments have been made to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule. First, each period has been increased to 33 minutes, with blocks becoming 71 minutes. Second, the school day has been split into two sessions each followed by an RTI session. The morning session includes the first four periods/two blocks followed by a 30 minute RTI session. The afternoon session includes the last four periods/two blocks also followed by a 30 minute RTI session. The individual time provided by the RTI time has been lessened by one hour with the half hour after morning classes and again after the afternoon classes. Third, 'priority' designation has been made for Monday-Thursday RTI sessions, however, RTI is can be used for any class each day. If a teacher makes an RTI request on a day that class has 'priority' a student will report to that class for RTI. Also, if a teacher makes an RTI request on a non-'priority' day and the 'priority' class does not request a student, then the student will report to the requesting teacher. Fourth, we will open the building from 8:05-8:15 a.m. for a before school RTI and Quiet Study session each day. Students wanting to study individually in the commons areas may do so during this time. RTI is also available with all teachers in classrooms during this time. The building will then open for all classes at 8:35 a.m.

Study Table/Quiet Study will continue during the Lunch Hour for students who choose not or are not able to leave the building.

For most students during online class days, the amount of max. screen time during 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter classes (minus RTI) will be between 4-4.5 hours. Currently, for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, most students have a max. screen time during classes (minus RTI) of 3.5-4 hours depending upon their class schedule. We do understand that students are doing a lot of

Parents wishing to make a change from Online-Only to Hybrid model for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter must do so by Friday, November 6. Parents can make this change by using this district office link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfKD4eYpzfZp5X1N0UVdL-uLSOOrkNRqiy6ZfDF4EBVlsWqzg/viewform>

Parents of Online-Only Students not wishing to make a change do not need to do anything and your student will remain Online-Only for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Parents who wish to change from Hybrid to Online-Only may do so by using this link:

<https://forms.gle/szpjnm3c5fvFgW1Z8>

### **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams (Signup and Payment):**

Registration Window #1 is now open for Advance Placement Exam Registration. **Students taking AP classes that began at the start of the school year and “Exam Only” students need to order their exams by Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.** Examples of Exam Only students are Online APEX AP classes (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester), Physics C and self-study (including students retaking exams for a better score).

The **total cost of an AP exam is \$86** this year. **\$40 is due now to order your exam.** The remaining \$46 will be due on exam day. Payments can be made online at the **Linn-Mar Online Payment Portal** or in person to **Mrs. Dayton in the Linn-Mar High School Cashier’s Office.**

The ordering process has changed from previous years. Paper order forms will not be utilized. **To complete your AP exam order**, login to your class section on the **myap.collegeboard.org** site, using the **section code provided by your teacher**, and **change your Exam Registration choice from “Undecided” to “Yes”.**

**The AP Exam Registration Window #1 closes on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.** All payments must be turned in by the deadline to have an exam ordered for you.

Here is the information that was presented by AP teachers regarding registration for AP Exams. Use this link:

[Slides for Registering and Making Payment for Advanced Placement Exams \(First Registration Window\)](#)

[Here](#) (link) is the short (5 minute) video presentation for how to register and pay for your exams.

## **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.** It is possible this exam will be taken at the Doubletree Conference Center in downtown Cedar Rapids. Once transportation is arranged and details are finalized we will let everyone know. The exam will begin at 9:30 a.m. if held at the Doubletree Conference Center. This location can hold a large number of our students while also maintaining social distancing.

**Sign-up for 11<sup>th</sup> and interested 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students will start on November 2 and continue through December 4. Sign-up is in the Cashier’s Office and cost to the student, payable at sign-up, to take the exam is \$17.**

Only 11<sup>th</sup> 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.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career>.

### **LMHS Class of 2021 Planning:**

#### **Class of 2021 Diploma Name List Review:**

The LMHS Class of 2021 Diploma Name List is available on the link below. Please review the name listing for yourself or for your daughter or son. If a change is needed to the spelling or any other change is needed, please contact [hheater@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:hheater@linnmar.k12.ia.us) with the correction. Diplomas will be ordered in early January. We need any changes prior to the start of winter break (December 18). Thank you for your help ensuring the name printed on the diploma is correct.

[Linn-Mar High School Class of 2021 Diploma Name List \(October 2020\).xlsx](#)

#### **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:**

**Good Luck to the Varsity Volleyball Team in 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Regional play tonight @ Dubuque Hempstead!**  
**Good Luck to the Varsity Girls Cross Country Team at the State Meet this Friday morning!**

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> Grade student wishing to participate in the ceremony should contact David Brown at [dbrown@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:dbrown@linnmar.k12.ia.us) to sign up and receive more information on the event.

### C. *Fine Arts:*

#### **Congratulations to the 22 members of LMHS Orchestra who were selected for the Iowa All-State Orchestra!**

**Katie Bellows-Violin (4<sup>th</sup> Year)**, Helena Abodeely-Violin (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Stacy Westman-Violin (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Sam Greiner-Bass (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Tejas Gururaja-Violin (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Moosa Hamad-Viola (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Michael Lemos-Violin (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Celia Phillips-Cello (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Lily Stevens-Violin (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Anna Scott-Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Avery Crow-Viola (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Bella Littler-Cello (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Ella McCabe-Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Janet Weng-Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Rishi Ajoykumar-Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Ella Gerber-Bass (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Nathan Groezinger-Viola (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Shreya Kulkarni-Viola (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Alex Resendiz-Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Emily Greiner-Bass (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Ava Macek-Viola (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Melissa Wang-Violin (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Alternate - Sarah Liang-Violin, Alternate – Anna Ahlers-Cello.

#### **Congratulations to the 10 members of LMHS Band who were selected for the Iowa All-State Band!**

Subhika Rao-Flute (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Madeline Nuss-Clarinet (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Lucas Sennett-Tuba (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Lea Banks-Clarinet (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Jared Stumpf-Horn (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Graedyn Morrissey-Bassoon (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Kayla Affolter-Clarinet (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Kaiya Taylor-Clarinet (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Nick Reuben-Trumpet (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Makoto Carolin-Horn (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Braeden Dupress-Trombone (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Abbey Vezina-Alto Saxophone, Alternate, James Qualben-Trumpet, Alternate, Arjun Palaniappan-Percussion, Alternate.

#### **Congratulations to the 15 members of LMHS Chorus who were selected for the Iowa All-State Chorus!**

Ella Crumley-Soprano (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Casey Walker-Bass (3<sup>rd</sup> Year), Caleb Brock-Bass (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Eve Christiansen-Soprano (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Sophie Good-Soprano (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Avery Hand-Alto (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Whitney Jensen-Alto (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Steven Madasu-Bass (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Alex Slingluff-Bass (2<sup>nd</sup> Year), Melia Bohn-Alto (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Emily Brennom-Alto (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Makenna Budke-Alto (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Kate Flugstad-Alto (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Sabyr Jones-Soprano (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Jack Noehren-Bass (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Haylee Geiger-Soprano, Alternate, Saylor Botsford-Alto, Alternate.

### D. *Clubs/Organizations:*

#### **From Student Council:**

**It's Socktober!** The Wildcat Closet at Linn-Mar is in need of new socks. **Student Council is holding a sock drive from October 26th-30th. They are accepting monetary donations and 'new' sock donations at Pride Rock and the South Commons from 8:20-8:50 AM Monday-Friday.** If a student would like to bring in a money donation after 8:50, they are able to bring it to the 9/10 or 11/12 office. Thank you for your support of this great cause Linn-Mar!

Next **Thursday (October 29) and Friday (October 30) Costume Days!** Student Council has received permission to have Costume Days on October 29 and October 30. **All school rules still apply regarding facemasks and appropriateness (including props)** but enjoy the opportunity to dress up in costume for school these days.

#### **Online-Only Student 2019-20 Yearbook Pickup:**

Starting on Monday, online-only students who ordered a 2019-20 LMHS Yearbook may pick them up in the College and Career Center during office hours when students are in the building (8:25-4:00 p.m.). In the College and Career Center, there will be a white binder with instructions on how to sign out their yearbook. Any questions can be emailed to me at [kinguyen@student.linnmar.org](mailto:kinguyen@student.linnmar.org).

## **Other Information**

Attendance **last** Week: (Friday through Thursday) **98 %**

**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/>

#### **9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades Student Pictures in November:**

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

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

Tuesday, November 10      11<sup>th</sup> Grade Group 'B' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.) 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 'online-only' (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.)  
Wednesday, November 11      11<sup>th</sup> Grade Group 'A' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

**Picture Ordering Information:** Those also interested in ordering your student's school picture may do so online:

1. Visit [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)
2. Enter the LMHS Picture Days ID [EVT SX C27N](#)
3. Order your preferred package so you do not need to bring anything on LMHS Picture Days. We also have picture order forms in the grade-level offices and Main Office if you prefer instead of the online process.

**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.

**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/>

An on-site shopping day at the Roar Store is also planned for November 7. See flyer at this link: <https://fb.me/e/6M92DVboR>

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, October 30**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.