



**Linn-Mar High School
Student and Parent
Announcements and Updates
October 6, 2020**



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

Week #4...Almost Mid-Term...

Tuesday,	October 6	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)
	Each Class	*TORNADO DRILL (Info. only, not moving to locations)
	5:30 p.m.	10 th /JV/V Volleyball vs. Cedar Falls (LM Main Gym)
	6:00 p.m.	JV/V Girls Swimming/Diving vs. Iowa City West (LM Aquatic Center)
Wednesday,	October 7	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)
Thursday,	October 8	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)
	4:10 p.m.	*JV/V Boys Cross Country @ CR Kennedy (Seminole Valley Park)
	4:30 p.m.	*LMHS PARENT CONFERENCES
	5:00 p.m.	*9 th Volleyball @ Iowa City West
	5:30 p.m.	10 th /JV/V Volleyball vs. Iowa City Liberty (LM Main Gym)
	6:30 p.m.	9 th Football vs. Cedar Falls (LM Stadium)
Friday,	October 9	LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)
	4:00 p.m.	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Quarter (refer to Student Handbook p. 14. <i>This is a return to our Credit/Fail policy PRIOR to 4th Quarter last year – all limitations are back in place this year for Credit/Fail</i>)
	All Day	*V Boys Golf State Meet @ Des Moines Golf and Country Club
	5:00 p.m.	*10 th /V Football @ Cedar Falls (UNI-Dome)
Saturday,	October 10	
	8:00 a.m.	ACT @ LMHS
	All Day	V Boys Golf State Meet @ Des Moines Golf and Country Club
	8:30 a.m.	9th-10th/JV/V Girls Cross Country @ Oak Ridge MS
		9 th Volleyball Tournament @ Tipton
		V Volleyball Tournament @ CR Jefferson
	9:00 a.m.	10 th Volleyball Tournament @ CR Kennedy

***Notes on the Calendar**

- 10/5 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
- 10/6 TORNADO DRILL: (Before each class period/block, please review Tornado Warning procedures).
- 10/8 9th Volleyball dismissed at **3:00 p.m.**
JV/V Cross Country dismissed at 2:00 p.m.
LMHS Parent Conferences (see below)
- 10/9 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.
10th Football dismissed at 2:40 p.m.

Future

- 10/16 Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Quarter.
- 10/17 ACT @ LMHS
- 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.

Link for the RTI Periods/Block Calendar: (This is also put beside the date on the above calendar each week).

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vUD7eNJK2E6SRgh0SYEt2nSkuHnNOS8o7C92x8QT-fM/edit?usp=sharing>

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).

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, Nausea, Diarrhea or Smell.
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](#)

1st Quarter Parent Conferences: October 8 (4:30-7:30 p.m.):

The priority for 1st Quarter Parent Conferences will be students who are giving indications of need either through performance, attendance, or other area of concern at the start of the school year. Teachers will be reaching out to parents beginning at the end of this week to schedule these conferences via Teams or by phone. After these conferences are scheduled any open conference spaces will be made available for parents.

Specific Course Updates:

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

We currently have no class sections meeting as temporary online-only.

It is now a certainty that we will have teachers needing to teach online for a day or multiple days throughout the term. We will work to notify everyone of such situations. **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.** In other words, if the teacher is teaching online, then students can be online for those days as well if they have a signed non-class campus release form signed.

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/1dGwFUHZ1jVnEPgBpiTcQhR719wvoAmn4y6GmmU1eDzA/edit?usp=sharing>

Calling in for Attendance During Hybrid Schedule (at least 1st Quarter):

Because we will have students on-site and online on different days as well as online-only students all in the same classes together, we want to make attendance guidelines as simple as possible.

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.

Job Shadows:

Students in grades 10-12 may do a job shadow this year. For more information on job shadows available in-person or virtually go to <https://www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/jobshadows>.

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:

In the next few weeks, we will use this category in the Updates for the 'LMHS Class of 2021' which will include information on verification of the name that will be printed on the diploma, Senior picture submission for the LMHS yearbook, ordering of Senior announcements, ordering of Cap/Gown/Tassel, as well as any other information pertaining to Senior planning. We expect information on all of the above list to be included in the Updates during the month of October.

Information from School, Student Assistance and Academic Assistance Counselors

The Linn-Mar High School Counseling website has changed. Check out <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/home> to see the new site!

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>

Please know that we have clubs that form each year that may not be stated in the REACH booklet. Any student(s) interested in forming a club at school during the 2020-21 school year should contact Mr. Goodall, associate principal, who oversees all Clubs and Organizations.

- B. For any spectator allowed event, facemasks will be required for entry and movement and during an event at all times.

- C. *Athletics:*

Congratulations to the Boys Golf Team for qualifying for the 4A Boys State Golf Tournament in Des Moines this weekend!

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.

- D. *Fine Arts:*

9th Grade Drama and Drama Tech:

Join 9th Grade Drama-behind the scenes or on the stage. Please fill out the information on this google form.

<https://tinyurl.com/LMDrama9>

- E. *Clubs/Organizations:*

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

- F. *Grade-Level Student Advisory Councils:*

Grade-level Student Advisory Councils will each be meeting **three times this school year** from **7:30-8:00 a.m.** starting in mid-October. **All meetings will be scheduled online in Teams at this time**, so both on-site and online only students may participate. Student Advisory meets directly with building administration **to provide input and feedback as well as receive insight and information regarding Linn-Mar High School**. The link for sign-up are included below and will also be available in the Main Office and specific Grade-Level Offices:

[9th Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

[10th Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

[11th Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

[12th Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

Other Information

Attendance **Last** Week: (Friday through Thursday) 97.3 %

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 9th Grade Group 'A' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.) 9th Grade 'online-only' (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, November 4 9th Grade Group 'B' (12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

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

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