



Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates September 22, 2020



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

Week #2...In 2020, Last full week in September...

Tuesday,	September 22	<p>LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. *V Boys Golf @ Cedar Falls (Beaver Hills G.C.)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. JV/V Volleyball @ Dubuque Wahlert</p> <p>6:00 p.m. JV/V Girls Diving and Swimming vs. CR Washington (LM Aquatic Ctr.)</p>
Wednesday,	September 23	<p>LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)</p> <p>3:15 p.m. *9th Boys Golf @ Gardner G.C.</p>
Thursday,	September 24	<p>LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)</p> <p>1:50 p.m. *FIRE DRILL</p> <p>3:15 p.m. *JV Boys Golf @ Hunter's Ridge G.C.</p> <p>7:15 p.m. 9th Football vs. CR Prairie (LM Stadium)</p>
Friday,	September 25	<p>LMHS Hybrid 1st Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)</p>
Saturday,	September 26	<p>8:00 a.m. 9th-10th/JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Oak Ridge M.S.</p> <p>9th Volleyball Tourney @ CR Jefferson</p> <p>10th Volleyball Tourney @ Iowa City West</p> <p>V Girls Diving (LM Aquatic Center)</p> <p>V Volleyball Tourney @ Cedar Falls</p> <p>V Girls Swimming (LM Aquatic Center)</p> <p>10th/V Football @ CR Prairie</p>

*Notes on the Calendar

9/24 **FIRE DRILL #2:** All 6th Period/3rd Block classes will complete the Fire Drill, then dismiss class.
JV Boys Golf dismissed **at 12:55 p.m.**

Future

- 9/29 TORNADO DRILL (Info. only, no moving to locations) with Group 'B' 1:50 p.m.
- 10/6 TORNADO DRILL (Info. only, no moving to locations) with Group 'A' 1:50 p.m.
- 10/8 LMHS Parent Conferences (more information in next week – all will be online at this time)
- 10/9 Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Quarter (*refer to Student Handbook p. 14 – 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*).
- 10/10 ACT @ LMHS
- 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.

2020-21 LMHS Student Handbook:

[2020-21 LMHS Student Handbook \(September 2020\)](#)

Above is the link is for the 2020-21 LMHS Student Handbook (September 2020). Please note that page 13 has expectations for 'online-learning' for this year.

COVID-19 Related:

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

[Dashboard link](#)

Non-Class Campus Release:

One additional precaution we are implementing at this time in an effort to minimize the number of students within the building at any one time is to allow, with parent permission only, all students 9th-12th to go home during any non-class time (e.g. Learning Center, Lunch, Study Table). The intention of doing this is so students would just be on campus for their classes during the pandemic. The form for granting parental permission for non-class campus release during the LMHS 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule is attached today. This form must be signed by both parent and student (unless student is 18 years of age) before a student may leave using non-class campus release. **Again, this is for all grade levels (9th-12th) ONLY while the LMHS 1st Quarter Hybrid Schedule is being used. Non-Class Campus Release will no longer exist when we return to the Regular Daily Schedule.**

REPORTING OF COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESS, POSSIBLE EXPOSURE OR AN EXPOSURE

The following is to help parents and students understand what is needed for communication from parents if your student has COVID-related symptoms, has 'close contact' (within 6' of individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes) with someone who has symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19, or themselves tests positive for COVID-19. We have tried to state the steps to be taken by parents as simply as possible. If you are interested, a link to the district flowchart for student COVID-related symptoms is at the end of this section. 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. The School Nurse and Principal will work with family and Linn County Public Health (LCPH) to determine if there is a school exposure.
2. If no symptoms, continue as normal with social distancing and face masks.
3. If a positive case is confirmed the 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 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). They will work with LCPH to determine length of self-quarantine.
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.

How will this be communicated?

1. We will be working with district officials to communicate with any individuals determined to have ‘close contact’ via phone and email with a follow-up letter.

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](#)

Specific Course Updates:

We do have a few courses that will be meeting online-only for a few teachers. These teachers will continue to teach the courses but will be doing so online. Students with non-class campus release permission may choose to take these courses online each day rather than on-site every other day. We will have an adult in the classroom to help supervise students who will be in the classroom during class. Current update of Temporary, Online Classes and date on-site resumes:

Classes now meeting ‘online-only’ through September 23: (teacher on-site will resume on September 24)

Block 1	Earth Science	in room KL104
Block 2	Earth Science	in room KL104
Block 4	Gen. Biology	in room KL104

Classes now meeting ‘online-only’ until through September 23: (teacher on-site will resume on September 24)

Period 2	Algebra IIA	(Pomeroy)
Period 3	Geometry	(Pomeroy)
Period 4	Geometry	(Pomeroy)
Period 5	Algebra IIA	(Pomeroy)
Period 6	Algebra IIA	(Pomeroy)
Period 8	Algebra IIA	(Pomeroy)

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 class a teacher must teach online.**

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’.

Tell me more about the RTI sessions on the schedule each day: This time is available with Teachers. Please use it

The RTI schedule is in place to add specific times for teachers to meet and work with students for many different reasons (e.g. need/want extra help, not currently passing course, have incomplete work for any reason, enrichment/extension). Periods 1-4/Blocks 1-2 will run for two days so that both Group A and Group B can be on-site if desired during the afternoon RTI sessions. Periods 5-8/Blocks 3-4 will run for the next two days so that both Group A and Group B can be on-site during the afternoon RTI sessions.

- * Students requested to attend an RTI session may attend either on-site or online at the teacher's discretion.
- * RTI is an extension of a particular period/block. Expect classes to vary for when RTI sessions are requested.
- * If a student is requested to attend an RTI session but does not attend either on-site or online, then the student will be counted as ABSENT for the class session.
- * Students who are not requested to attend an RTI session are not required to attend the session.
- * Students who do not have non-class campus release will report to the scheduled classroom for RTI each day.

6. College and Career Center Information

PSAT Date Has Been Changed for LMHS:

We are changing the date of the PSAT administered for Linn-Mar High School student to Tuesday, January 26, 2021

This change is being offered by the College Board due to the global pandemic. We believe this will be most advantageous to our students so that they can have the best opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships and Recognition. Sign-up information for 11th and interested 10th and 9th Grade students will start in November. Only 11th Grade students are eligible for National Merit Scholarships and Recognition.

Job Shadows:

Job Shadow applications have opened. 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. 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>.

7. 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!

8. 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:**

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

D. **Fine Arts:**

The Marching Lions will not have a competition show this fall but is performing at varsity football games.

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](#)

9. Other Information

Group 'A' Fire Drill on September 21:

We did have a Fire Drill with Group 'A' at 1:50 p.m. on September 21. With only Group 'A' it was the quickest Fire Drill in the past 22 years. The building was exited in less than one minute with all evacuation locations reporting within in approximately three minutes. Group 'B' will also have a Fire Drill on Thursday, September 24, at 1:50 p.m.

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 Teams or 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, September 25. As soon as we have information regarding parent access for Schoology, the new student learning system, we will get this to parents.**

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.