# New Year's Edition December 2019/January 2020

The Linn-Mar High School

# LION UPDATE



## ACCESSING UNIFIED CLASSROOM AND POWERSCHOOL

12/2	Week 16 Schedule Regular Schedule			
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12/4	Regular Schedule			
12/5	Regular Schedule			
12/6	Regular Schedule			
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12/9 12/10	Regular Schedule Regular Schedule			
12/10	Regular Schedule			
12/12	Study Table Red Schedule			
12/13	Regular Schedule			
Week 18 Schedule				
12/16	Regular Schedule			
12/17 12/18	Regular Schedule			
12/18	Regular Schedule Regular Schedule			
12/20	Regular Schedule			
December 23-27				
	Holiday Break			
	No Classes			
	Week 19 Schedule Holiday Break—No Classes			
12/30	Holiday Break—No Classes			
12/31	Holiday Break—No Classes Holiday Break—No Classes			
1/1/20 1/2	Regular Schedule			
1/3	Regular Schedule			
4.15	Week 20 Schedule			
1/6	Regular Schedule			
1/7 1/8	Regular Schedule Semester Exam Schedule			
1/9	Semester Exam Schedule			
1/10	Semester Exam Schedule			
	Week 21 Schedule			
1/13	No Classes-Teacher Work Day			
1/14	Regular Schedule			
1/15	Regular Schedule			
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1/20	Week 22 Schedule Prof. Devel. Day—No Classes			
1/21	Regular Schedule			
1/22	Regular Schedule			
1/23	Homeroom Schedule			
1/24	Regular Schedule			
1/27	Week 23 Schedule			
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Regular Schedule

We apologize that this process has not been easy to navigate and has caused frustration in trying to access Unified Classroom. Our goal at this time is to ensure all parents/guardians are able to successfully access Unified Classroom, which will allow for you to then have access to PowerSchool and PowerSchool Learning.

In an effort to help parents be better able to access Unified Classroom, PowerSchool, and PowerSchool Learning, we have sent a communication to the parent email account with video directions and your student's Access ID and Access Password.

If you need assistance with passwords or if you are having technical difficulties with the account, please contact the HS Main Office (447-3040), the 9th/10th Grades Office (447-3043), or the 11th/12th Grades Office (447-3070).

For mobile devices, the PowerSchool app can be connected with the District code LWKS. The mobile app is a quick view of attendance, assignments and grades only. Do not use the mobile app when trying to set up or access your Unified Classroom account.

The video below gives instructions on how to create the PowerSchool ID. Creating Unified Classroom Parent Account (4:26) https://youtu.be/vJTJd-j0RWc

You may also find step-by-step directions at <a href="https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/">https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/</a> powerschool-unified-classroom/.

Other videos show how to maneuver within the program.

Navigating through Unified Classroom as a Parent (8:21)

https://youtu.be/awxXIy5puIo

**Setting up Notifications for UC and PSL (2:45)** 

https://youtu.be/Tn6C0dZr4Sw

**Messaging Teachers in Unified Classroom (1:29)** 

https://youtu.be/1LlTlC9E08g

## **SEMESTER EXAMS ON JANUARY 8-10, 2020**

Semester exams will mark the end of 1st Semester and 2nd Quarter on January 8, 9 and 10. The exam schedule as well as the weather contingencies schedule will be posted on the LMHS webpage in December. All classes will meet during the assigned exam periods. Only students with pre-approval of a building administrator will be allowed to change a scheduled exam time. The exam schedule is also listed on page 2 of this *Lion Update*. Specified study areas will be available during exam days, and students only have to be in the building during exam periods. Students will not be allowed to enter a classroom after the period bell, so please plan accordingly and be on time for all exams.

#### SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE January 8, 9 and 10, 2020

#### Wednesday, January 8

8:30 -	10:00	Period 1 (Block 1)
10:15-	11:45	Period 2

Lunch Break

12:15- 1:45 Period 3 (Block 2)

2:00 - 3:30 Period 4

#### Thursday, January 9

8:30 -	10:00	Period 5 (Block 3)
10:15-	11:45	Period 6

#### Friday, January 10

8:30 - 10:00 Period 7 (Block 4) 10:15- 11:45 Period 8

#### All students are required to be on time for all tests.

Students who are late for the start of any given tests are required to make other arrangements with their respective teachers. Students are not required to be in attendance when not scheduled for an exam.

All teachers will be giving some kind of assessment during the testing dates.

The Learning Center will be open to students seeking academic support and a quiet study environment. The Upper Commons/ Library, South Commons, West-Theater Commons, and the Study Commons at the Main Office will also be available for studying during exam times. The Pride Rock Commons will be closed during semester exam times.

A supervised cafeteria/commons will be available for students who are unable to leave campus during testing times only.

Busses will run at the regular times on January 8, and at 12:00 p.m. on January 10 and 11.

A weather-related contingency schedule has also been posted on the LMHS webpage. All teachers are to inform students of the contingency plan should all weather contingencies on the weather-related contingency schedule be exhausted and an exam time is cancelled due to extreme weather.

Lunch will be available for students between 11:15 and 12:15 on January 8, and a 'grab and go' lunch will be available between 11:15 and 12:00 on January 9 and 10.

#### ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

12/6 Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Quarter Classes

12/7 SAT

12/14 ACT @ LMHS

12/23-27 Winter Break

1/2/20 Classes Resume

1/8 Semester Exams

1/9 Semester Exams

1/10 Semester Exams

1/14 First Day of 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter

1/16 Deadline to Add Classes for 3rd Quarter

1/21 Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Semester





The LMHS Drama Department Recently Presented Disney's Lion King Jr

#### COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

The College/Career Center is being staffed by an AmeriCorps volunteer this schoolyear. Morgan Meese is currently a senior at Coe College and has been working in the College/Career Center since the end of September. Students are welcome to make an appointment or drop in to the College/Career Center to meet with Morgan about college planning steps including college application assistance, ACT prep, scholarships, financial aid information, college search, and college admission follow-up. Morgan's position is made possible by a partnership between LMHS and Iowa College Aid's Course to College program.



#### TIME RELEASE

Juniors and Seniors may be granted Time Release during unscheduled time if:

- 1. A parent permission form is on file in the 11th-12th Grades Office
- 2. All grades in the previous grading period were passing
- 3. In good standing with the Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy

Parents may revoke or reinstate Time Release (if eligible) at any time. Students with no Time Release are assigned to a specific seat in the Learning Center.

Grades 9 and 10 do NOT have Time Release privileges and must report to The Learning Center for all unscheduled periods.

11th and 12th grade students with Time Release, who are receiving a failing grade after the sixth week of a quarter, will have Time Release revoked for the remaining three weeks of the quarter. This is to provide supervised academic study time and academic support, and should help students to successfully complete the course(s).

### **HOMEROOM SESSION ON JAN 23**

A Homeroom session will take place on Thursday, January 23, at 10:05 a.m. LMHS will use the Study Table Schedule on this day.

**12th Grade** students will report directly to the Auditorium for a class meeting.

**11th Grade** students will report to Homeroom classrooms for Course Registration Information.

**10th Grade** students will report to Homeroom classrooms for Course Registration Information.

**9th Grade** students will report to Homeroom classrooms for Course Registration Information.

Homeroom is required of all students, and attendance will be taken at each session.

#### EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS

Any seniors planning to graduate at the end of 1st Semester are required by Board Policy to have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by December 2, 2019. Students wishing to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter must have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by March 2, 2020. Students should see their counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.

# ZAPS ACT PREP WORKSHOP

Xavier High School will be hosting a ZAPS ACT Prep workshop on Saturday, February 29, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sign-up for the workshop and information may be found at ZAPS.com.

#### \*ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM SIGN-UP CHANGES THIS SCHOOL YEAR\*

The College Board has made changes for AP Exam sign-up for this school year. Total cost for each exam is still \$85.00.

Change #1: AP Exam sign-up cost is now \$40.00.

As in past years, students will pay this amount for each exam at the Cashier's Office <u>AND</u> place exam orders in the TAG Office (J202). The balance of \$45.00 will be due at the time the exam is taken in May. (Checks payable to *Linn-Mar Community Schools*).

<u>Change #2</u>: Exams will now be ordered during two registration windows. This will affect when students sign-up for AP exams. AP Exam Registration Window #1: (Has already passed).

AP Exam Registration Window #2: February 24<sup>th</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup> for all students:

- A. Taking an AP class that starts after November 15, 2019 (during 3rd Quarter).
- B. A student who missed Registration Window #1 for AP classes that began prior to November 15, may still sign up for the AP exam. However, they will pay an additional \$40.00 at the time they take the exam. This will make the total cost of the exam \$125.00.

#### PARENT ACCESS TO CrisisGo APP

Parents wishing to access CrisisGo may now do so. Access will allow parents to see any 'Alert' communication which may be sent to LMHS staff and students during a crisis or crisis drill. To sign-up, follow these steps:

1. Download the CrisisGo App.

Search for CrisisGo in iTunes/App Store or Google Play/Android Store.

2. Set Up Your Account.

Open the app and select "Sign Up for Free!", Enter an account name of your choice, Enter your first and last name, Enter your chosen password and verify that password.

3. Subscribe to Message Group(s).

Tap the "+" icon in the upper right corner, Select "Subscribe", Enter group ID# (Linn-Mar High School ID# 520317).

4. Update Account.

Tap the "More" tab on bottom right corner, Select "My Account", Verify email, phone # and zip code.

#### LMHS NOTIFICATIONS VIA BUILDING WEBPAGE, TWITTER and FACEBOOK

Linn-Mar High School updates and information may be found on the LMHS building webpage (linnmar.k12.ia.us.), Twitter @LinnMarHSIowa, and also Facebook. We encourage students, parents and others with interest in LMHS to follow on the LMHS webpage, Twitter and Facebook.

#### MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

<u>Prescription medication</u> must be supplied to the school in the labeled prescription container. The medication permission form signed by parent/legal guardian must be on file.

Non-prescription medication High school students may have non-prescription medications with authorization from parent/legal guardian. The standard pill form dose of acetaminophen and ibuprofen will be provided by Linn-Mar Health Services. All other over the counter medications must be supplied by parent/guardian to the school in the original container and labeled with the student's name. All medication must be kept in health office. Students are not allowed to carry any medications at school.

# **HS Immunization Requirements**

All students enrolling in 9th and 10th grade must meet the following guideline PRIOR to the first day of school:

1 dose of meningococcal vaccine

1 dose of Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diptheria, and Pertussis). All students enrolling in 12th grade must meet the following guideline PRIOR to the first day of school:

2 doses of meningococcal vaccines; with 1 dose received when student is 16 years of age or older.

Per Iowa Immunization Law, your student may not be able to attend school until proof of vaccination is provided to the Linn-Mar health office.

#### STUDENT TUTORING REQUESTS

Request forms for receiving a student peer or adult tutor may be found in the 9th-10th Grades Office, the 11th-12th Grades Office, or online. As many requests as possible are matched with a tutor. Tutoring takes place in forty-five minute sessions between 7:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. in The Learning Center The Upper Commons/Library, or in the Main Office.

#### PEER TUTORS and ADULT TUTORS

Applications to be a Student Peer Tutor (either volunteer or for credit) may be picked up in the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, or online. A brief orientation meeting is required of all tutors prior to a tutoring assignment. See your counselor for questions.

Adult Tutors sign up with Community Services as a LM Volunteer. Applications are available at the LRC, LMHS or online. Contact Karla Terry, Community Services Coordinator, for questions.





#### **Congratulations All-State Band 2019!**

Front Row: Madison Kuhlman (Clarinet), Anna Kelly (Trumpet), Aleah Dupree (Horn), Subhika Rao (Flute)

Middle Row: Hanna Langley (Flute), Lea Banks (Clarinet), Patricia Redington (Clarinet), Madeline Nuss (Clarinet), Jaslyn Riherd (E-flat Clarinet), Octavia Barbulescu (Flute)

**Back Row:** Lucas Sennett (Tuba), Nancy Herschberger (Bassoon), Jared Stumpf (Horn)



#### Congratulations All-State Orchestra 2019!

Front Row: Sadie Staker (Cello), Savannah Zhou (Viola), Kara Lindsay (Violin), Elizabeth Low (Violin), Katie Bellows (Violin)

Middle Row: Celia Phillips (Cello), Sarah Liang (Violin), Helena Abodeely (Violin), Stacy Westman (Violin), Lily Stevens (Violin)

Back Row: Allie Schumacher (Viola), Braeden Green (Violin), Michael Lemos

(Violin), Nick Reuben (Cello)



#### Congratulations All-State Choir 2019!

Back row: Dolan Pazour (Tenor), Zackary Anderson (Bass), Steven Madasu (Bass), Caleb Brock (Bass), Isaac Langley (Tenor)

**3rd Row:** Ryan Rosenberg (Tenor), Casey Walker (Bass), Avery Hand (Alto), Olivia Holm (Alto), Sophie Good (Soprano), Megan Renz (Soprano), Alex Slingluff (Bass)

**2nd Row:** Emma Fauchier (Soprano), Haylee Geiger (Soprano), Casey Mich (Alto), Ella Crumley (Soprano)

Front Row: Josie Brendes (Alto), Grace Kiboko (Alto), LeRoy Wilson (Tenor) Not Pictured: Matthew Tofanelli (Tenor)



# FINE ARTS TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices for Linn-Mar High School Fine Arts Events in December and January:

Holiday Concerts: One ticket for all four concerts

(December 9, 10, 12, 16)

Adults \$3.00 Students/Seniors (55+) \$2.00

#### **Colton Center Jazz/Chamber I Concert:**

(December 12, 6:00 p.m.)

Adults \$3.00 Students/Seniors (55+) \$2.00

#### Show Choir 'Get In The Spirit" Concerts

(December 19 - 5:30 and 8:00 p.m.) All Tickets \$10.00

**Show Choir Supernova** (January 18)

Ticket information online at <a href="http://www.linnmarsupernova.org/">http://www.linnmarsupernova.org/</a>

Winter Play: Wit (January 9-10, 7:00 p.m.)

All seats \$5.00

**Night of Speech**: (January 21)

This event has Free admission.

**Java 'n Jazz**: (January 25, 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.)
All seats \$5.00

**Speech Large Group Contest:** (January 25)

Location: Monticello

Suggested Donation \$3.00



#### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Linn-Mar High School students, parents, and spectators are all expected to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship at athletic events. Chanting or taunting opponents, doing anything to incite opponents, or that does not display appropriate sportsmanship, is unacceptable at a high school athletic contest. Your efforts toward sportsmanship are greatly appreciated.

DO YOUR PART TO SUPPORT LINN-MAR TEAMS LOUDLY, ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AND WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF SPORTSMANSHIP!

Congratulations to Jenna Carney, Reese Miller & Megan Norris for qualifying for the State Diving Meet! Megan finished with 6th place at state, and Reese & Jenna finished 16-17th for the Lions!



Freshman Hayley
Kimmel
Recently Broke
Two MVC
Meet Records
Congrats Hayley!





LM Boys & Girls XC Teams Headed to State

#### WINTER ATHLETICS TICKET PRICES

Varsity Basketball (Boys BB—Soph/V, Girls BB—JV/V)

\$5 Adults

\$4 Students/Seniors

9th Gr Boys BB, 9th/10th Gr Girls BB

\$3 Adults

\$2 Students/Seniors

Wrestling \$5 Adults

\$4 Students/Seniors

**Boys Swimming** \$5 Adults

\$4 Students/Seniors

**Bowling** No Charge



LMHS Lions are Back in the Iowa High School Football Playoffs

#### **MVC ATHLETICS WEBSITE**

All Linn-Mar High School athletics schedules are on the MVC Athletics website. Anyone may sign-up to receive text and email notifications regarding game changes, postponements or cancellations. This will be the primary site for athletic notices used by the Linn-Mar High School Athletics Department.

#### www.mississippivalleyiowa.org

Contact the Athletic Office: David Brown (AD): 447-3061

Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD): 447-3086 Melaine Kelley (Secretary): 447-3060

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### Main Office: 447-3040 Jeff Gustason (Principal) 447-3041 9th-10th Grades Office: 447-3043 ATTENDANCE (9/10) 447-3050 447-3044 Kim Buelt (AP) Abbie Parker (Dean) 447-3022 Sheryl Cline (9-10) 447-3175 Greg Hall (9-10) 447-3074 Pete Martin (9-10) 447-3072 11th-12th Grades Office: 447-3070 ATTENDANCE (11/12) 447-3046 Joe Nietert (AP) 447-3042 Chris Robertson (Dean) 447-3051 David Kennedy (11-12) 447-3104 Elizabeth Kreher (11-12) 447-3071 Jennifer Thurston (11-12) 447-3098 Compass Center (LRC): 730-3620 Steve Goodall (AP) 730-3621 Athletics Office: 447-3060 David Brown (AD) 447-3061 Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD) 447-3086 Nurse's Office: 447-3080 N. Kleitsch/C. Martin 447-3081

# **STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

For any family, personal, social, academic, mental health, or other issues, please contact one of the student assistance counselors:

Janessa Walters Student Assistance Counselor (Prevention Specialist) 892-4884

Kevin McCauley, Student Assistance Counselor (Prevention Specialist) 447-3047

Lisa Mooney, Student Assistance Counselor, (Family Specialist) 447-3129

Tony Nicol, Academic Assistance Counselor 447-3073

Danielle Patterson, Academic Assistance Counselor 447-3059

A listing of faculty/staff on the LMHS Student Assistance Team is posted throughout the building. Students may contact any member of this team for assistance.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Prom will be **May 16, 2020**

Reminder—starting this year, 9th grade students are not allowed to attend Prom

# PLANNING FOR 2020-21 COURSE REGISTRATION

Current LMHS students in grades 9, 10 and 11, will receive online course registration information during Homeroom on Thursday, January 23. Students in the Classes of 2021, 2022 and 2023, may begin registering for courses online the morning of January 23.

Parents are encouraged to work closely with students during the course selection process. An 8th Grade Parent Course Registration Planning Night will be held on Monday, February 3, at Linn-Mar High School. Online course registration for the Class of 2024 will begin on Monday, January 27, and end on Friday, February 8. 9th-10th Grades counselors will be visiting and available at both middle schools prior to and during the online registration window for 8th Grade students.

The 2020-21 LMHS Program of Studies will be available on the LMHS webpage beginning the first week in January. Hard copies may be accessed in the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, Upper Commons/Library, Main Office and Learning Center. Please see your school counselor for any questions you may have about online registration of courses.

Current non-Linn-Mar students wanting to enroll for the 2020-21 school year should contact the Main Office (447-3040) for enrollment and the appropriate grade-level office (9th-10th Grades Office, 447-3043; 11th-12th Grades Office, 447-3070) to schedule an appointment with a school counselor regarding course sign-up.

District Parents.

Workplace Learning Connection (WLC) serves our district as the regional work-based learning intermediary providing a variety of high quality services and programs to our students in grades 6-12. Demand for HS academic internships is growing from our district and your help is needed. Please consider advocacy in your workplace to help develop an internship opportunity for our HS students and then host a student intern at your workplace. Details and high demand needs are linked below and the process to volunteer is easy. Thank you!

# PARENTS AS PARTNERS: **BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!**



There is a critical need in our region to support high quality internship opportunities as student demand for work-based learning is outpacing our current business support. Within the next 60 days, Workplace Learning Connection needs to develop **over 100 new internship opportunities** for students to meet current demand in the areas of:

- Engineering
- Research/Lab
- Information/Data Technology
- Healthcare
- Architecture

Help advocate with your company or organization to support student internships and our shared future workforce. Just connect below and Workplace Learning Connection will do the rest!

Be part of the solution, now is the time to get involved!

