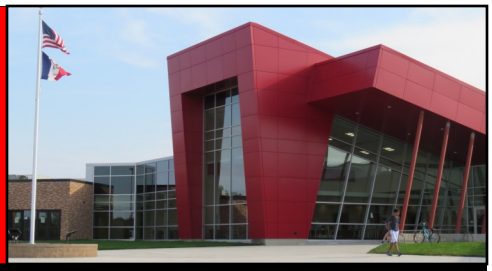
Fall Edition

October/November 2018

The Linn-Mar High School

LION UPDATE



PARENT CONFERENCES WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Parent Conferences for 1st Semester will be held on Thursday, November 15, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Online sign-up for the Parent Conferences will begin on Thursday, November 1, at:

https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high_school/.

The link for Parent Conference sign-up is also on the LMHS webpage. Call 447-3040 for assistance if needed. Parent conferences are ten minutes in length. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this time to meet with teachers on November 15.

CLASS OF 2022
8/23/18, 9th Grade First Day of School

Interested in ordering your own copy of the 2018 Linn-Mar 9th Grade Photo?
The photo is available online at www.ElitePhoto2.com, 2018-Linn-Mar Freshman Photo.
It is enhanced with commemorative titling, and shipping is direct to customer.

Seventh Week Schedule		Tenth Week Schedule		Week 13 Schedule	
10/1	Regular Schedule	10/22	Regular Schedule	11/12	Regular Schedule
10/2	Regular Schedule	10/23	Regular Schedule	11/13	Regular Schedule
10/3	Regular Schedule	10/24	Regular Schedule	11/14	Regular Schedule
10/4	Regular Schedule	10/25	Regular Schedule	11/15	Regular Schedule
10/5	Regular Schedule	10/26	No Classes-Teacher Workday	11/16	Regular Schedule
Eighth Week Schedule		**Week 11 Schedule**		**Week 14 Schedule**	
10/8	Regular Schedule	10/29	No Classes-Prof. Devel. Day	11/19	Regular Schedule
10/9	Regular Schedule	10/30	Regular Schedule	11/20	Regular Schedule
10/10	Regular Schedule	10/31	Regular Schedule	11/21	No Classes-Holiday Break
10/11	Regular Schedule	11/1	Homeroom Schedule	11/22	No Classes-Thanksgiving
10/12	Regular Schedule	11/2	Regular Schedule	11/23	No Classes-Holiday Break
Ninth Week Schedule		**Week 12 Schedule**		**Week 15 Schedule**	
10/15	Regular Schedule	11/5	Regular Schedule	11/26	Regular Schedule
10/16	Regular Schedule	11/6	Regular Schedule	11/27	Regular Schedule
10/17	Regular Schedule	11/7	Regular Schedule	11/28	Regular Schedule
10/18	Regular Schedule	11/8	Regular Schedule	11/29	Regular Schedule
10/19	Regular Schedule	11/9	Regular Schedule	11/30	Regular Schedule

PICTURE MAKEUP/RETAKE REMINDER

School Picture Retakes/Makeups will happen on **Friday, October 5,** beginning at 7:30 a.m. on the Auditorium stage.

School pictures are required for student ID's.

Option to purchase:

https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Lifetouch-Photography-Information.pdf

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Seven LMHS students have been named as Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Senior semifinalists are Gloria Chang, Akash Gururaja, Benjamin Hinz, Samyukta Karthik, Noah Keller, Ashley Kendrick, and Delanie Williams. Students qualify as semifinalists based on PSAT results from the fall of 2017. These students scored in the top 1% of the 1.5 million students who took the PSAT. All seven students are now eligible to become National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Congratulations to Gloria, Akash, Benjamin, Samyukta, Noah, Ashley, and Delanie!

Three LMHS students have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. LMHS seniors named Commended Students are Lincoln Currie, Katelyn Greiner, and Sushanth Rao. Seniors in the top 5% of performers in the 2017 PSAT are named Commended Students. Congratulations Lincoln, Katelyn, and Sushanth!

PSAT INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS

The PSAT National Merit Scholarship Competition exam will be given on Wednesday, October 10. Every year, National Merit Scholarships are available for students based on performance on the PSAT. The assessment serves as both a practice for students planning to take the SAT, as well as the qualifier for the prestigious National Merit Scholarships. Cost for the exam is $15, and can be paid in the Cashier's Office. Sign-up is in the 11th/12th Grade Office. For information and questions regarding the PSAT, please contact the 11th/12th Grade Office (447-3070). The National Merit Scholarship Competition is open to all interested Juniors. 9th and 10th Grade Students interested in taking the PSAT may also do so. (The National Merit Scholarship Competition is only for current 11th grade students). Please see your counselor, Mr. Kennedy, 11th-12th Grades School Counselor, or Mrs. Hajek, TAG teacher, for information regarding the PSAT exam.

ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

10/6	SAT
10/10	PSAT
10/12	Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Sem.
10/25	End of 1st Quarter Classes
10/27	ACT @ Marion HS
10/30	First Day of 2nd Quarter Classes
11/1	Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Qtr.
11/2	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Semester Classes
11/3	SAT
11/15	Parent Conferences
11/16	Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Qtr.
11/30	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Quarter Classes

LMHS ACT CODE

162763

LMHS and LRC Fire, Tornado and Serious Threat Drills

Two fire drills and two tornado/severe weather event drills were held during the first three weeks of school. Fire drills were held on August 28 (10:15 a.m.) and September 12 (2:00 p.m.). Exit from the building averaged two minutes, while roll was taken at the evacuation locations just over four minutes. Two other fire alarms have occurred in September due to a faulty smoke detector and steam from the kitchen dishwasher.

Tornado/severe weather event drills were held on August 31(10:15 a.m.) and September 5 (2:00 p.m.). The average time to get everyone into shelter areas was just over three minutes. Two tornado/severe weather event drills and two fire alarms will also be held during 2nd Semester.

A Serious Threat-Intruder Evacuation drill was held on Wednesday, September 19, at 10:05 a.m. with assistance from the Marion Police. A scenario of a potential active shooter in a specific area of LMHS was used during the drill. The purpose of the drill was to remind students that should a serious threat be present within the building to flee (RUN) the building and go to either of two evacuation areas (Indian Creek C.C. or the ESCO building).

During the drill, students exited the building and proceeded to Armstrong Field and the grassy area at the corner of Tower Terrace and 10th St. where they were organized for transport to the district reunification site (district Transportation adjacent to Hwy. 13).

Ten classrooms were made to be in HIDE mode, during the drill, and preparing to FIGHT should a perpetrator penetrate the blockade created within the classroom doors.

Our goal is to ensure that all 2600 (students, staff, visitors) people in LMHS and the LRC are safe at all times. Providing information and performing 'drills' as required and necessary are part of the process for ensuring the safety of all within the building at all times. LMHS and the LRC jointly participate in all safety drills during the school year.

'Live' A-L-I-C-E Training Event To Be Held on October 13

LMHS will hold a 'Live' training in cooperation with the Marion Police on Saturday, October 13. The training is voluntary for all LMHS students. During the training, students will receive an introduction to the A-L-I-C-E program and participate in three intensive active-shooter scenarios. The Marion Police, led by district School Resource Officer Tom Daubs, along with LMHS A-L-I-C-E trainer Chris Robertson lead the A-L-I-C-E training. Students interested in participating in the A-L-I-C-E training on October 13, may sign up in either the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, or the Main Office.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER
(Located in South Commons)

College Application Assistance (for seniors & parents):
Oct 4, Thursday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in CCC
Oct 15, Monday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in CCC
Oct 30, Tuesday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. in CCC

FAFSA Completion Night (for seniors & parents):
Oct 18, Thursday, 4:00-7:30 p.m. in CCC

October Early Sessions (8:00-8:25 a.m. in CCC)
Week of October 1 – College Application Essays
October 24– RAI Discussion
October 31– NCAA Discussion

October 10 - PSAT

October 17—UNI Visit

October 19—Physical Therapy Career speaker 1:55-2:40

November Early Sessions (8:00-8:25 a.m. in CCC)
November 7th – Scholarship Searches

November 8 – Mt. Mercy/Coe Visit

ZAPS ACT PREP WORKSHOP

Marion High School will be hosting a ZAPS ACT Prep workshop on Saturday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sign-up for the workshop and information may be found at ZAPS.com.

HOMEROOM SESSION ON NOVEMBER 1

A Homeroom session will take place on Thursday, November 1, at 10:00 a.m. LMHS will operate with a HOMEROOM Schedule on this day.

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

11th Grade students will be taking the Iowa Youth Survey.

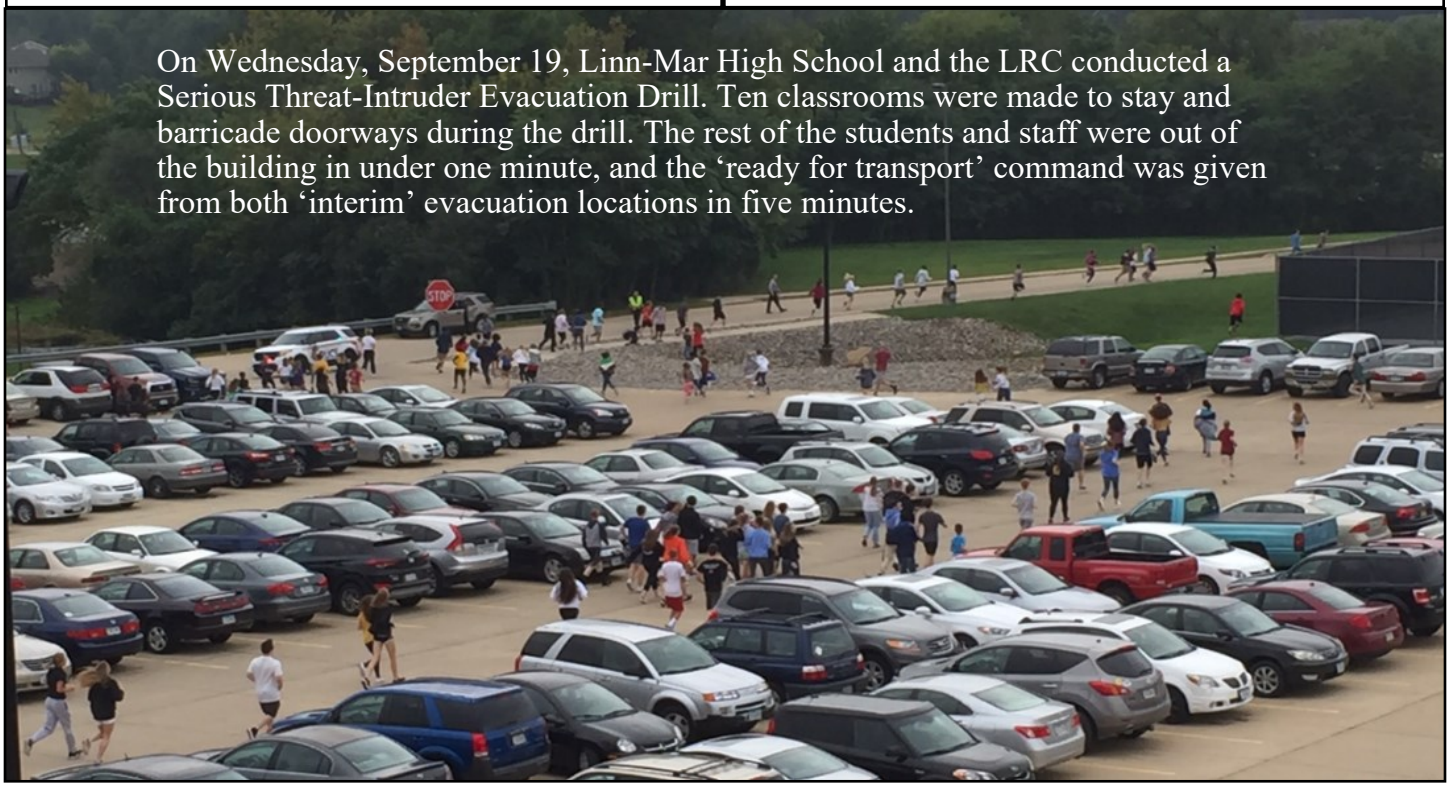
10th Grade students will report to the Main Gym for a class ring presentation by Jostens.

9th Grade students will report to Homeroom classrooms for High School Adjustment Session #2.

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 1, 2018. Students wishing to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter must have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by March 1, 2019. Students should see their counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.



On Wednesday, September 19, Linn-Mar High School and the LRC conducted a Serious Threat-Intruder Evacuation Drill. Ten classrooms were made to stay and barricade doorways during the drill. The rest of the students and staff were out of the building in under one minute, and the 'ready for transport' command was given from both 'interim' evacuation locations in five minutes.

POWERSCHOOL AND POWERSCHOOL LEARNING

The student information system, PowerSchool, requires passcodes for both student and parent. Parents with more than one student in school will use the same passcode for each student. The information viewed on PowerSchool is the same for both student and parent. Please feel free to contact the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, or Main Office for assistance with PowerSchool. If you have questions regarding student academic scores, please contact your student's teacher for clarification. If a question or issue remains following the teacher contact, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office, 9th-10th Grades Office, or the 11th-12th Grades Office for assistance.

Classes are also reporting on student progress toward specific priority standards. This progress is also found on PowerSchool. Both traditional course grading and student progress toward the specific standards are kept for all LMHS courses and are available on PowerSchool. For questions regarding finding this information, feel free to contact the 9th-10th Grades Office (447-3043), 11th-12th Grades Office (447-3070), Main Office (447-3040), or your student's counselor.

Beginning in 2018-19, LMHS will also be implementing PowerSchool Learning to complement PowerSchool. PowerSchool Learning is a system designed to help organize learning resources and activities for each course at LMHS. Teachers have been exposed to PowerSchool Learning, but will just begin to utilize and test the instructional capabilities of the system this fall.

LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center is a program for all Linn-Mar students and serves as an extension of the classroom. The Learning Center is led by the Academic Intervention Teacher (Becky Cortez) in cooperation with teachers and counselors. The Learning Center gives students the opportunity to work on core instruction, and provides enrichment opportunities or time for individual study and group collaboration.

All 9th and 10th grade students are assigned to the Learning Center during non-class periods.

Listed below are some of the supports offered within the Learning Center. If you have questions concerning the Learning Center or supports offered within please contact your student's school counselor for further information or visit the Learning Center link in the LMHS website.

- Guided Studies Lab
- Achievement Studies Lab
- Tutoring Lab
- Afterschool Guided Study Program
- Writing Center-The Riff Room
- Math Academic Intervention Classroom (Algebra, Geometry)

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.

LM Volleyball Beat Liberty 3-0 on Sept 18

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).*

MEDICATION

Students who must take prescribed medication at school must have written authorization on file in the Health Office. Non-prescribed medication will be given with physician and parent approval only. Students are not to carry any medication at any time without a note of approval from the school nurse. Contact the Health Office at 447-3080 for questions.

LUNCH MONEY

Lunch money may be deposited into accounts each day in the Cashier's Office any time from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For the deposit to be applied to the current day's lunch account, the deposit must be made by 10:15 a.m. Money may also be deposited online using a link on the district website.

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.

BUILDING CLOSES AT 3:45 P.M. EACH DAY

This is a reminder that the Linn-Mar High School building officially closes each day at 3:45 p.m. Students with activities beginning after 3:45 p.m. must leave and return when the activity is scheduled. General student supervision is not present after 3:45 p.m. each day.

Thank you for your cooperation and planning for student pick-up by 3:45 p.m.

LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE LIONS

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!

FALL ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices for Linn-Mar High School varsity fall athletics:

Football

Adults	$6.00
Students	$5.00

Volleyball/Girls Swimming

Adults	$5.00
Students	$4.00

9th Grade Games

Adults	$3.00
Students	$2.00

Student Activity Tickets for the 2018-19 school year may be purchased at the Cashier's office for $50.

Adult 10 event punch tickets are available for $40 at the Cashier's office by Door #13.

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

FINE ARTS TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices for Linn-Mar High School Fine Arts Events in October and November:

All Concerts:

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

State Marching Festival:

Adults	$7.00
Students	$3.00

(October 6—LM performance time TBD)

WDM Valley Marching Festival

Adults	$10.00
Students	$5.00
Ages 4 and under	Free

(October 6—LM performance at 6:45)

Jazz-A-Thon Free
(November 2 from 4:30-9:00 p.m. in the Lower Commons)

Thespian Dessert Theatre *Death by Chocolate*
All seats $10.00
(October 4 and 5 at 7:00 p.m.)

Fall Play *Rabbit Hole*
All seats $5.00
(November 29 and 30 at 7:00 p.m.)

Children's Theater *Mary Poppins* $3.00
Ages 2 and under Free
(November 9-7:00 p.m. and November 10—11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.)

Follow LMHS Sports with the rSchool App! Get the most current schedules for your teams by downloading the rSchool App on your phone.

WE ARE LINN-MAR

LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE LIONS

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Office:	447-3040
Jeff Gustason (Principal)	447-3041
9th-10th Grades Office:	447-3043
ATTENDANCE (9/10)	447-3050
Kim Buelt (AP)	447-3044
Phillip Eastman (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

Todd Goodell, 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.

LMHS

Student Resources Available through Community Promise

The local and regional business community's number one challenge is finding qualified and skilled talent. In 2017, Linn-Mar partnered with Marion Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) and the Marion Independent School District to design an initiative called Community Promise. Community Promise connects students with real jobs by capitalizing on exposure and experiences that lead to an authentic career. Have you ever heard of a CAD Technician? How about an IT Analyst? Each are high demand opportunities identified for students in our community. In fact, there are currently more than 70 unique job profiles posted to a job profile database at CommunityPromise.org. These are real jobs in our community where top talent is always being pursued.

Students and parents can learn more by visiting **CommunityPromise.org**. Here you will find several resources to learn about our business partners and unique careers that you might not even know exist in our community. You'll also find tools that illustrate career training and education opportunities, wages and benefits, and future employment trends within various careers. Check it out and tell us how we can help you take the next step.

Visit **CommunityPromise.org** today and signup to receive program newsletters. Find your future career now!

Community PROMISE Powered by MEDCO

ALO (Accountability, Leadership, and Opportunity) recently visited the University of Dubuque