



October/November 2019

The Linn-Mar High School

# LION UPDATE



## Access to PowerSchool Learning and PowerSchool Through Unified Classroom

Linn-Mar has opened Unified Classroom for parent log in and account creation. This will allow parents to have access to PowerSchool and PowerSchool Learning. To access, go to <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/powerschool-unified-classroom>.

When following those instructions, the FIRST link at the top of the page is for those who ALREADY have created a Unified Classroom account.

The SECOND link at the bottom of the page, after all the directions, is for those CREATING a new account for Unified Classroom. Read the directions before clicking on this link. Read the directions before clicking on this link.

Unified Classroom will allow parents to see the Class Pages (PowerSchool Learning) for the courses your students are enrolled in AND your student's grade progress.



### 8/23/19, 9th Grade First Day of School

*Interested in ordering your own copy of the 2019 Linn-Mar 9th Grade Photo? The photo is available online at [www.ElitePhoto2.com](http://www.ElitePhoto2.com), 2019 Linn-Mar 9th Grade Photo. It is enhanced with commemorative titling, and shipping is direct to customer.*

<u>Week 6 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 9 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 12 Schedule</u>	
9/30	Regular Schedule	10/21	Regular Schedule	11/11	Regular 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	<b>Study Table Red Schedule</b>	10/24	Regular Schedule	11/14	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule
10/4	Regular Schedule	10/25	Regular Schedule	11/15	Regular Schedule
<u>Week 7 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 10 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 13 Schedule</u>	
10/7	No Classes-Prof. Devel. Day	10/28	No Classes-Teacher Workday	11/18	Regular Schedule
10/8	Regular Schedule	10/29	Regular Schedule	11/19	Regular Schedule
10/9	Regular Schedule	10/30	Regular Schedule	11/20	Regular Schedule
10/10	Regular Schedule	10/31	Homeroom Schedule	11/21	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule
10/11	Homecoming Pep Rally Schedule	11/1	Regular Schedule	11/22	<b>Study Table Red Schedule</b>
<u>Week 8 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 11 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 15 Schedule</u>	
10/14	Regular Schedule	11/4	No Classes-Prof. Devel. Day	11/25	Regular Schedule
10/15	Regular Schedule	11/5	Regular Schedule	11/26	Regular Schedule
10/16	Regular Schedule	11/6	Regular Schedule	11/27	No Classes-Holiday Break
10/17	<b>Study Table Red Schedule</b>	11/7	Two-Hour Early Release Schedule	11/28	No Classes-Thanksgiving
10/18	Regular Schedule	11/8	<b>Study Table Red Schedule</b>	11/29	No Classes-Holiday Break

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## **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

Five LMHS students have been named as Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Senior semifinalists are Sean Carroll, Maneesh John, Calvin Kanz, Megan Norris, and Savannah Zhou. Students qualify as semifinalists based on PSAT results from the fall of 2018. These students scored in the top 1% of the 1.5 million students who took the PSAT. All five students are now eligible to become National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

**Congratulations to Sean, Maneesh, Calvin, Megan and Savannah!**



Five LMHS students have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. LMHS seniors named Commended Students are Arnav Bhushan, Elise Cagnard, Anna Kelly, Sadie Staker, and Jackson Tupper. Seniors in the top 5% of performers in the 2018 PSAT are named Commended Students.

**Congratulations to Arnav, Elise, Anna, Sadie, and Jackson!**



## **PSAT INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS**

The PSAT National Merit Scholarship Competition exam will be given on Wednesday, October 16. 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.

### **PICTURE MAKEUP/RETAKE REMINDER**

School Picture Retakes/Makeups will happen on **Friday, October 4**, beginning at 7:30 a.m. on the Auditorium stage.

[Click here](#) for an option to purchase.

### **Parent Conference Sign-up for November 21**

Sign-up for Parent Conferences on Thurs, Nov. 21 will begin on Nov. 14. Parent Conferences will be held from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Nov. 21 is a Two-Hour Early Dismissal day. To access the Parent Conference sign-up on or after Nov. 14 go to:

[Parent Conference Sign-Up Link](#)

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## **\*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 **AND** 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*).

**Change #2:** Exams will now be ordered during two registration windows. This will affect when students sign-up for AP exams. **AP Exam Registration Window #1:** *October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>* for all students...

- A. Taking an AP class that started between August 23rd through November 15, 2019 (during 1st or 2nd Quarter).
- B. Not taking an AP class but taking the AP exam (EXAM ONLY).
- C. Student is homeschooled.

**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).

Note: We understand some students have not started studying/thinking about signing up for an exam in May and these deadlines are set by the College Board. A student may register for a particular exam at the later registration window, 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.

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER**

The following colleges will be visiting the CCC in Oct-Nov: (Keep checking for additional visits)

- 10/2** Univ of Rochester, St. Ambrose Univ, Iowa State Univ, Iowa Central CC
- 10/10** Buena Vista Univ
- 10/14** Hamline Univ
- 10/22** Iowa Western CC
- 10/23** St. Mary's College, Knox College, Wartburg College
- 10/24** Mt Mercy Univ
- 10/25** Earlham College
- 10/29** Northwestern Univ, Drake Univ, St. Louis Univ, Coe College
- 11/7** Rockford Univ

Please check out the LMHS College/Career Center link at: [LMHS Counseling/Career](#)

*"I did not realize how much information is available on Naviance. I'm using it now, but I wish I would have used it when I started high school." - a LMHS Senior in September 2019.*

### **ZAPS ACT PREP WORKSHOP**

Marion High School will be hosting a ZAPS ACT Prep workshop on Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sign-up for the workshop and information may be found at [ZAPS.com](#).

**LMHS ACT CODE**

**162763**

### **ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES**

10/5	SAT
10/16	PSAT
10/18	Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Sem.
10/25	End of 1st Quarter Classes
10/26	ACT @ Marion HS
10/29	First Day of 2nd Quarter Classes
10/31	Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Qtr.
11/1	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Semester Classes
11/2	SAT
11/15	Parent Conferences
11/22	Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Qtr.
12/1	SAT
12/6	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Quarter Classes

### **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.

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## **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. 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 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 29 (2:00 p.m.) and September 20 (10:15 a.m.). Exit from the building averaged 2-1/2 minutes, while roll was taken at the evacuation locations just over 5 minutes.

Tornado/severe weather event drills were held on September 3(10:15 a.m.) and September 13 (2:00 p.m.). The average time to get everyone into shelter areas was 3 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 Tuesday, September 17, at 10:15 a.m. 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).

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.

## **REMINDER OF EARLY RELEASE DATES IN NOVEMBER**

Three Two-Hour Early Release Dates are scheduled for November. These early release dates will be used to increase professional development and Professional Learning Community (PLC) time for LMHS subject area departments. One early release date will be used for parent conferences. The following dates will be Two-Hour Early Release dates using a Two-Hour Early Release Schedule:

Thursday, November 7:	PLC and Professional Learning
Thursday, November 14:	PLC and Professional Learning
Thursday, November 21:	Parent Conferences (2:00-6:00 p.m.)



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LMHS Class of 2020 on August 27, 2019

During the 2011-12 school year, the district's fourth graders from all seven elementary schools were gathered together for a very special event at the new Linn-Mar stadium. The photo coincided with a new initiative by the Linn-Mar Community School District to have both academic goals and physical renovations completed by the time the Class of 2020 entered high school. The district reached those goals and decided it might be fun to reunite the class, now Linn-Mar High School seniors, for another photo.

*Anyone interested in ordering a copy of the 2020 Class Photo may do so at [www.ElitePhoto2.com](http://www.ElitePhoto2.com), 2020 Photo. It is enhanced with commemorative titling, and shipping is direct to customer.*



LMHS Class of 2020 on May 22, 2012

## HOMEROOM SESSION ON OCTOBER 31

A Homeroom session will take place on Thursday, October 31, 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 report to Homeroom classrooms for Post-Secondary Planning

**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 #1.

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

**Lions Perform Well in MVC Golf Divisional Led By Junior Dillon Burr**



### 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. Students may have non-prescription medications with authorization from a parent/legal guardian. Students are not to carry any medication at school. Contact the Health Office at 447-3080 for questions.

### 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](http://linnmar.k12.ia.us)), Twitter [@LinnMarHSIowa](https://twitter.com/LinnMarHSIowa), and also Facebook. We encourage students, parents and others with interest in LMHS to follow on the LMHS webpage, Twitter and Facebook.

### Two Hour Early Release Schedule (November 7, 14, 21)

Early-Bird Classes	7:15 - 8:00
Early Session	8:00 - 8:25
1 <sup>st</sup> Period/Block 1	8:30 - 9:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:05 - 9:35
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period/Block 2	9:40 - 10:10
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:15 - 10:45
5 <sup>th</sup> Period/Block 3	10:50 - 11:20
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:25 - 11:55
7 <sup>th</sup> Period/Block 4	12:00 - 12:30
8 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:00 - 1:30

#### Adjusted Lunch Schedule

Lunch 41: 11:55 - 12:20	Class 12:25 - 1:30
Lunch 42: 12:30 - 12:55	
Lunch 43: 1:05 - 1:30	Class 12:00 - 1:05



Current Store Hours for theROARstore: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

<http://ROARstore.weebly.com>

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## **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!***

### **HOMECOMING 2019**

*Homecoming 2019 is the week of October 7.  
Home varsity events during the week include:*

**Monday, October 7:**

V Boys Golf District Meet @ Hunter's Ridge G.C. (10:00 a.m.)

**Tuesday, October 8:**

V Volleyball vs. CR Kennedy (LM Main Gym, 7:00 p.m.)

V Girls Swimming-Diving vs. CR Washington (LM Aquatic Center, 6:00 p.m.)

Wind Ensemble/Wind Symphony Concert (LMHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.)

**Thursday, October 10:**

Parade (5:15 p.m.), Coronation/Powder Puff Game (LM Stadium, 6:00 p.m.)

**Friday, October 11:**

Pep Rally (LMHS Main Gym, 2:55 p.m.)

Varsity Football vs. Muscatine (LM Stadium, 7:15 p.m.)

**Saturday, October 12:**

Dance (8:00-10:30 p.m., LMHS Main Gym)

***DO YOUR PART TO MAKE FOR A SAFE, SMART,  
AND ENTHUSIASTIC HOMECOMING WEEK!***

### **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 (at Kingston):**

Adults	\$7.00
Students	\$3.00

(October 12 —LM performance time TBD)

**Jazz-A-Thon**

Free

(November 8 from 4:30-9:00 p.m.  
in the Lower Commons)

**Thespian Dessert Theatre**

All seats	\$10.00
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(October 18 and 19 at 7:00 p.m.)

**Children's Theater *The Lion King***

Adults	\$5.00
Ages 3-18	\$3.00

Ages 2 and under	Free
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(November 15 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.)

November 16 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.)

### **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](http://www.mississippivalleyiowa.org)

Contact the Athletic Office :

<b>David Brown (AD):</b>	<b>447-3061</b>
<b>Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD):</b>	<b>447-3086</b>
<b>Melaine Kelley (Secretary):</b>	<b>447-3060</b>



LMHS seniors Kara Lindsay, Kit Iyer, Allie Schumacher and junior Alex Drahos joined professional musicians on stage at the Paramount Theatre on Thursday, September 26, for the touring show Beatles vs. Stones-A Musical Showdown.

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## 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
Abbie Parker (Dean)	447-3022
Greg Hall (A-G)	447-3074
Pete Martin (H-N)	447-3072
Sheryl Cline (O-Z)	447-3175
11th-12th Grades Office:	447-3070
ATTENDANCE (11/12)	447-3046
Joe Nietert (AP)	447-3042
Chris Robertson (Dean)	447-3051
David Kennedy (A-G)	447-3104
Jennifer Thurston (H-N)	447-3098
Elizabeth Kreher (O-Z)	447-3071
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.*

# LMHS

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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.