



The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

WINTER
EDITION

December 2016/January 2017

Grade Transcripts Will Be Mailed Only By Request

December-January Calendar

Week 15 Schedule

11/28 Regular Schedule
11/29 Regular Schedule
11/30 Regular Schedule
12/1 Regular Schedule
12/2 Regular Schedule

Week 16 Schedule

12/5 Regular Schedule
12/6 Regular Schedule
12/7 Regular Schedule
12/8 Regular Schedule
12/9 Regular Schedule

Week 17 Schedule

12/12 Regular Schedule
12/13 Regular Schedule
12/14 Regular Schedule
12/15 Regular Schedule
12/16 Regular Schedule

Week 18 Schedule

12/19 Regular Schedule
12/20 Regular Schedule
12/21 Regular Schedule
12/22 Regular Schedule
12/23 No Classes/Holiday Break

12/26-1/2/17 No Classes/Holiday Break

Week 19 Schedule

1/2/17 No Classes/Holiday Break
1/3 Regular Schedule
1/4 Regular Schedule
1/5 Regular Schedule
1/6 Regular Schedule

Week 20 Schedule

1/9 Regular Schedule
1/10 Semester Exam Schedule
1/11 Semester Exam Schedule
1/12 Semester Exam Schedule
1/13 No Classes/Teacher Workday

Week 21 Schedule

1/16 No Classes/Professional Development
1/17 Regular Schedule
1/18 Regular Schedule
1/19 Regular Schedule
1/20 Regular Schedule

Week 22 Schedule

1/23 Regular Schedule
1/24 Regular Schedule
1/25 Regular Schedule
1/26 Homeroom Schedule
1/27 Regular Schedule

Week 23 Schedule

1/30 Regular Schedule
1/31 Regular Schedule
2/1 Regular Schedule
2/2 Regular Schedule
2/3 Regular Schedule

Transcripts will no longer be mailed at the end of each semester. If you would like a copy of an official, signed transcript, contact the 9th-10th Grades Office (447-3043) or the 11th-12th Grades Office (447-3070) to make the request. Unofficial transcripts are also available at any time via PowerSchool.

Students can send transcripts to prospective colleges or other post-secondary institutions at any time using Family Connection. Students needing help in setting up their Family Connection accounts should see their counselor or stop by either the 9th-10th Grades Office or the 11th-12th Grades Office.

**LMHS Renovation
'Open House'
on January 22, 2017**
A community 'open house' for people to see the LMHS renovation project will be held on Sunday, January 22, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The entire building will be open for self-guided tours. Door #3 (north entrance), Door #10 (Main Gym entrance) and Door #13 (south entrance) will be open for building entry.
An official ribbon-cutting will also be held before school on Monday, January 30, at 7:45 a.m. in the Pride Rock Commons.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

The following events are scheduled in the College and Career Center during December and January:

Lunch & Learn Sessions:

November 28: Choosing the 'Right Fit' College (Dr. Shepherd, A&B lunches)

November 29: Choosing the 'Right Fit' College (Dr. Shepherd, C&D lunches)

December 12-15: Scholarship Searches

December 21: Military Academy admission

January 23-27: Choosing a College

During Early Session:

November 30: Attending College Out of State

December 7: Scholarship Searches

December 12: PSAT Scores (Students will retrieve scores and counselors will assist them with navigating the website.)

10th Grade Parent Night:

The College and Career Center will be host to 10th Grade Parent Night on **Monday, January 16**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** Information regarding college and career planning and searches will be provided at this meeting. All 10th Grade parents are welcome to attend this event.

All students are welcome to visit the College and Career Center (CCC) during school hours.

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LMHS SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

January 10, 11 and 12, 2017

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 - 10:00 Period 5 (Block 3)

10:15- 11:45 Period 6

Thursday, January 12

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, Study Commons at the Main Office, and the Pride Rock Commons will also be available for studying during 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 10, and at 12:00 p.m. on January 11 and 12.

A weather-related contingency schedule has also been posted on the LMHS webpage.

ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

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

12/10 ACT @ LMHS

12/23 Winter Break begins

1/3 Classes resume

1/10-12 Semester Exams

1/13 Teacher Workday-No Classes

1/16 Professional Development Day-No Classes

1/17 1st day of 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter

1/19 Deadline to Add Classes for 3rd Quarter

1/23 Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Semester

Job Shadow Sign-up for 2nd Semester

Applications for second semester Job Shadows must be completed by Thursday, January 5. Students can sign up for job shadows starting November 28 using the portal at www.workplacelearning.org. See your counselor if you are having difficulty signing up for a job shadow.

More than 150 job shadow experiences took place during this fall semester. Keep taking advantage of these opportunities. For questions about a job shadow or the application process, please contact your student's counselor.

Linn-Mar ACT Code is

162763

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COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18

Students will begin the process of selecting courses for the 2017-18 school year in late January–early February. All course selections made during the registration process are made via PowerSchool. Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will receive course registration materials during Homeroom on Thursday, January 26. **Online registration for these grade-levels will take place from Thursday, January 26, through Friday, February 10.** 8th grade students will receive course registration materials at Oak Ridge or Excelsior Middle Schools. ***Students not currently enrolled at Linn-Mar should contact the Linn-Mar High School Main Office (447-3040) in order to meet with a counselor and get registered for courses.*** Once online registration is completed, the master schedule of courses is developed for the 2017-18 school year. This schedule is primarily based upon student course requests during registration. Every effort is made to fulfill student course requests. It is anticipated that student schedules will be distributed to current grades 9, 10 and 11 in early May. Schedule changes can be made with school counselors during the remainder of May.

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 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the LMHS Auditorium. The meeting will conclude about 7:45 p.m. **(Please note the change of date from earlier calendars).** Information presented at the meeting will include making appropriate course selections, scheduling, and the four year planning process. Teachers from each department will also be available for questions prior to the meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the LMHS Learning Center/Media Center. **8th Grade online course registration will begin on Monday, January 30, and end on Friday, February 10.** 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 2017-18 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, and Learning Center. Please see your counselor for any questions you may have about online registration of courses.

3rd QUARTER HOMEROOM SESSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 10:00 A.M.

12th Grade: Students report to the Auditorium for a class meeting with Mr. Hutcheson. Second semester and graduation information will be discussed during this session

11th and 10th Grades: Students report to Homeroom classrooms to receive 2017-18 course registration information, and also to receive information from the Student Assistance program.

9th Grade: Students report to Homeroom classrooms to receive 2017-18 course registration information, and also to participate in 9th Grade Adjustment session #2, with a focus on handling stress.

LMHS will use a Homeroom schedule on January 26. Homeroom is required of all students, and attendance is taken .

Students absent from school on this day should contact their counselor to receive course registration materials or graduation information, depending upon the student’s current grade level.

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HIGH RELIABILITY SCHOOLS (HRS) 1ST QUARTER SURVEY DATA

As part of the High Reliability Schools (HRS) process, Linn-Mar High School continually evaluates indicators to help ensure and maintain a safe and collaborative culture in our building. One key indicator is whether or not students, staff, and parents perceive LMHS as being a safe building. Each quarter, a short survey is given to students, staff, and parents to help monitor areas to be addressed regarding safety and security within the building. Student surveys will be reissued in January as there was an issue with students receiving the surveys via email. The following are the results to the October survey:

	<i>(‘5’ + ‘4’ = Strongly Agree + Agree) (‘3’ in parentheses)</i>			
	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Parents</u>		
		<i>Fall 2015</i>		<i>Fall 2015</i>
LMHS has a safe and orderly environment.	84.3 % (13.5 %)	85 % (14 %)	77.2 % (15.2 %)	67.8 % (24.7 %)
Fire Evacuation procedures known and practiced.	96.6 % (2.2 %)	94.6 % (5.4 %)	89.5 % (9.1 %)	75.3 % (19.7 %)
Tornado/Severe Weather procedures known/practiced.	95.5 % (4.5 %)	93.5 % (4.3 %)	83.8 % (12.7 %)	75.2 % (20.7 %)
Secure Building during school day.	80.9 % (14.6 %)	56.6 % (31.5 %)	76.1 % (13.7 %)	60 % (26.1 %)
Procedures in place to prevent unsafe situations.	79.8 % (12.4 %)	70.7 % (25 %)	71.3 % (16 %)	54.9 % (30.5 %)
Responds quickly to unsafe situations.	83.2 % (9 %)	80.6 % (16.1 %)	70.4 % (17.6 %)	63.3 % (26.4 %)

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/Media 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. We work to have tutors for all core academic areas during each period of the day.

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.

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
(Drop Out Prevention) 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

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.

8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night On Monday, February 6

The 8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night meeting will be held on Monday, February 6. The meeting is open to all 8th Grade parents. Students are welcome to attend. **The main session will be held in the LMHS Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The session will take about forty-five minutes. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., parents and students may tour renovated classrooms and visit with teachers in the Design/Engineering/Materials, Agri-Aqua-Science, Art, and Family and Consumer Science departments. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Learning Center, parents and students may meet with teachers to discuss course choices. Informational Breakout sessions will also be held at 5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

LMHS Renovation Update

We anticipate that most of the work for the renovation project will be completed in January. Punch list items will be the last component of the project. Eight classrooms and three sets of restrooms are still being completed. All classrooms should be completed and ready for use by the end of December. The Athletic Training Room is currently being renovated with completion expected in early December. The door #9 stairwell will be renovated during Thanksgiving break, while the stairwell to the Lower Commons/Cafeteria will be renovated during December into early January. The Presentation/Lecture Hall will be completed sometime in January. Tile and stair replacement at the door #13 stairwell will also be completed during Winter break.

The LMHS renovation project has encompassed two and a half years. The following is a listing of major aspects of the project: Fifty-two classrooms were either constructed or renovated, Five student ‘commons’ areas were either renovated or constructed; two main entrances were constructed; the kitchen/cafeteria and serving area was renovated; the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, Athletic Office, and Health Office were all constructed or renovated; the Orchestra room was constructed; Wrestling room, Fitness Center, and Weight room were all constructed or renovated; significant technology upgrades were made; the Learning Center was renovated; hallways and restrooms were renovated throughout the building.

**SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK
DUE DECEMBER 9**

The deadline for senior photo submission is 12/9/16. All senior pictures must be submitted online to be included in the yearbook.

Log on to: images.jostens.com

Enter login ID: 406053627

Browse to select the photo you wish to upload, then click on “Select My Images”. Enter contact information, then click “Upload Chosen Image”.

WEATHER ALERTS

All delays, cancellations, and early dismissals will be communicated on:

- Txtwire: *Click on LM Emergency Notifications at the bottom of LM webpage to register.*
- Red “alert” scrolling banner on LM website
- District Twitter for emergency notifications
- District Facebook page as status update
- Local TV: KCRG, KGAN, KFXA, KWWL
- Radio: KCKK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, and WMT

If two-hour late start, then...all LMHS, COMPASS, and SUCCESS morning activities cancelled.

If cancellation, then...all LMHS, COMPASS, and SUCCESS activities cancelled pending ongoing weather conditions.

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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!***

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

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 November 18, 2016. Students wishing to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter must have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by February 24, 2017. Students should see their school counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.

LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center is a program for all Linn-Mar students and serves as an extension of the classroom. 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 any questions concerning the Learning Center or supports offered within please contact your student's counselor for further information or visit the Learning Center link in the LMHS website.

- Guided Studies
- Focus Lab
- Tutoring Lab
- Afterschool Guided Study Program
- Academic Assistance Counseling
- Three Classroom Computer Labs
- Writing Center

STUDENT ABSENCES

For any student absence, please contact the school by phone. Written notes are not accepted. Effort to contact parents will be made for students not in attendance and with no notification of the absence.

ATTENDANCE for grades 9/10

447-3050

**Assistant Principal:
Joe Nietert (447-3022)**

ATTENDANCE for grades 11/12

447-3046

**11th-12th Student Dean:
Chris Robertson (447-3051)**