



# The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

Late Winter/  
Early Spring  
Edition

February/March 2016

## Post-Secondary Planning Now Through Family Connection

### Week 23 Schedule

- 2/1 Regular Schedule
- 2/2 Regular Schedule
- 2/3 Regular Schedule
- 2/4 Regular Schedule
- 2/5 Regular Schedule

### Week 24 Schedule

- 2/8 Regular Schedule
- 2/9 Regular Schedule
- 2/10 Regular Schedule
- 2/11 Regular Schedule
- 2/12 Regular Schedule

### Week 25 Schedule

- 2/15 Regular Schedule
- 2/16 Regular Schedule
- 2/17 Regular Schedule
- 2/18 Regular Schedule
- 2/19 Regular Schedule

### Week 26 Schedule

- 2/22 No Classes—Professional Development
- 2/23 Regular Schedule
- 2/24 Regular Schedule
- 2/25 Regular Schedule
- 2/26 Regular Schedule

### Week 27 Schedule

- 2/29 Regular Schedule
- 3/1 Regular Schedule
- 3/2 Regular Schedule
- 3/3 Regular Schedule
- 3/4 Regular Schedule

### Week 28 Schedule

- 3/7 Regular Schedule
- 3/8 Regular Schedule
- 3/9 Regular Schedule
- 3/10 Regular Schedule
- 3/11 Regular Schedule

**Spring Break March 14-18**

### Week 29 Schedule

- 3/21 Regular Schedule
- 3/22 Regular Schedule
- 3/23 Regular Schedule
- 3/24 Regular Schedule
- 3/25 Regular Schedule

### Week 30 Schedule

- 3/28 Regular Schedule
- 3/29 Regular Schedule
- 3/30 Regular Schedule
- 3/31 Regular Schedule
- 4/1 No Classes—Teacher Workday

***We Are  
Linn-Mar!***

This school year marks the first time LMHS has used Family Connection from Naviance to help communicate and organize post-secondary planning. Among the primary resources provided by this tool are multiple interest inventories, job shadow opportunities and requests, college searches, application submission, transcript requests, and career searches and matches.

Family Connection began through the College and Career Center, and is used as a communication tool between students, parents, and counselors regarding post-secondary planning. As of this date, more than 250,000 emails have been sent on post-secondary planning reminders and information from the College and Career Center. The tool is also available for 8th grade students to use in High School Prep classes.

For information or help regarding Family Connection, please contact your student's counselor at LMHS.

### **ZAPS ACT PREP WORKSHOP**

Linn-Mar High School will be hosting a ZAPS ACT Prep workshop on Saturday, March 5, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Sign-up for the workshop and information may be found at ZAPS.com.**

### **PARENT CONFERENCES ON FEBRUARY 25**

2nd Semester Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 25, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Sign-up for Parent Conferences will began on Monday, February 1, online at:

[https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high\\_school/conferences.php?where\\_from=student&language=english](https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high_school/conferences.php?where_from=student&language=english)

or by phone at 447-3040. The link for Parent Conference sign-up is also on the LMHS webpage. Parent conferences are ten minutes in length. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this time to meet with teachers on February 25.

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER**

The following events are scheduled in the College and Career Center during February and March:

- February
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: PSAT Results Discussion 8 a.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Coffee with the Counselor (12<sup>th</sup> gr Parent Discussion) 8:00 a.m. Paying for College/FAFSA
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Career Speaker— Engineer 10:10-10:55

- March
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Career Speaker— Business/Sales 1:55-2:40
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Summer Opportunities discussion 8 a.m.

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

**2016-17 PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

The 2016-17 LMHS Program of Studies is now available online. The document can be found at the LMHS webpage. Hard copies may be accessed in the grade level offices and Media Center. Course Registration for the 2016-17 school year began on January 21, 2016. Online registration for 8th grade students begins on February 1. All course registration is online using PowerSchool and ends on February 12, at 4:00 p.m. for grades 8th-11th.

**GRADE TRANSCRIPTS**

Unofficial student transcripts are mailed at the end of 1st and 2nd semesters. If you would like a copy of an official, signed transcript, contact the Registrar in the 11th-12th Grades Office (447-3045) to make the request. Unofficial transcripts are available any time on PowerSchool.

Students must now send transcripts to prospective colleges or institutions 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 11th-12th Grades Office.

Seniors must request that final transcripts be sent following graduation to their chosen colleges or post-secondary institutions. Seniors must make the request for a final transcript to be sent on Family Connection and with the Registrar in the 11th-12th Grades Office.

**NO HOMEROOM  
IN FEBRUARY-MARCH**

There are no Homeroom sessions for the remainder of 3rd Quarter. Homeroom classrooms will be used during Iowa Assessments in April. One more Homeroom date is scheduled for this year on Thursday, April 7, prior to taking the Iowa Assessment and NWEA.

**ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES**

- 2/6 ACT @ LMHS
- 2/8 8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night
- 2/12 Deadline to Drop Classes for 3rd Quarter
- 2/25 LMHS Parent Conference (4:00-7:30 p.m.)
- 2/26 Deadline to Declare Credit-Fail for 3rd Qtr Classes
- 3/12 SAT
- 3/14-18 Spring Break
- 3/21 Classes Resume
- 3/25 Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Semester Classes
- 3/31 End of 3rd Quarter

**EARLY GRADUATION  
REQUESTS**

Any seniors planning to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter are required by Board Policy to have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by February 26, 2016. Students should see their school counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the forms required prior to School Board approval.

**Linn-Mar ACT Code is****162763**

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# ***LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE LIONS***

## ***LMHS Renovation Update***

The renovation project at LMHS continues. Hallway floor and ceiling tiles are currently being replaced. Work has started on the new Wrestling Room and Weight Room.

The new Family and Consumer Science labs and a computer lab were opened in December. Progress on the North and South additions continues, with completion for both areas scheduled for July 31, 2016. South addition construction is ahead of schedule at this time. The North addition includes the orchestra room, eleven classrooms, 9th-10th Grades office, and student areas. The South addition includes a large student area, College and Career Center, School Store, 11th-12th Grades office, and Athletic office.

Renovation of eighteen classrooms is scheduled to begin this summer. Renovation of the Media Center/Learning Center, presentation/lecture hall will begin this summer and fall. The entire project is scheduled for completion in December of 2016.

## ***BUILDING ENTRANCE FOR EVENTS SCHEDULED IN THE MAIN OR AUXILIARY GYMS***

Events occurring this winter and spring in either the Main or Auxiliary Gyms will continue to use Door #14 for entry. Door #14 is located on the south side of the building, and there are two large banners that read, 'Gymnasium Entrance'. Use of this door allows for better access from the South Parking Lot. Hall signage has been posted to help visitors find the gyms. We thank everyone for your patience during the renovation at LMHS.

### ***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:

Mandy Barker, Student Assistance Counselor  
(Mental Health 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

*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.*

# LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE LIONS

## 8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night on Monday, February 8

8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night will be held on Monday, February 8. 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 Media Center/Learning Center, parents and students may meet with teachers to discuss course choices. Three drop-in sessions will also be held at 5:45, 6:15, and 6:45 p.m. These drop-in sessions will be ten minutes and focused on the following topics: 1) Grading/Assessment and Academic Planning; 2) RTI/Academic Support/The Learning Center Concept; 3) Family Connection/RAI/College and Career Center.

## DR. EDDIE MOORE BRINGS MESSAGE OF DIVERSITY PREPAREDNESS TO LMHS

Recently, LMHS staff and students worked with Dr. Eddie Moore on preparing for teaching and succeeding in a diverse world. On January 18, Dr. Eddie Moore presented a message to LMHS staff about being prepared to work with an increasingly diverse student population. Dr. Moore stated, "The best friend of hate is silence. When you know something is wrong, say something." He cautioned that educators need to prepare students and ourselves with the skills to interact with all components of a diverse student population.

On January 19, Dr. Moore met with all grade levels with a message to students that they must develop the skills necessary to live and work in a diverse environment. Dr. Moore asked students to look beyond the narrow lens of our environments to see that there is more than one way for individuals to view the world and people around them. A group of students also met with Dr. Moore during a luncheon.

## 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 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 any questions concerning the Learning Center or supports offered 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 Testing Rooms

## WEATHER ALERTS

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

- District website banner ([www.linmar.k12.ia.us](http://www.linmar.k12.ia.us))
- District Facebook page as status update
- District Twitter for emergency notifications
- 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.*

## LMHS BUILDING ACCESS DURING SUMMER 2016

Even though summer is months away, planning for building access is taking place. Due to continuing renovation, most camps and summer events will be held at other district locations. Building offices will be open with access at door #1.