



The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

FALL
EDITION

October/November 2016

End of 1st Quarter on October 20

Week 7 Schedule

10/3 Regular Schedule
10/4 Regular Schedule
10/5 Regular Schedule
10/6 Regular Schedule
10/7 Regular Schedule

Week 8 Schedule

10/10 Regular Schedule
10/11 Regular Schedule
10/12 Regular Schedule
10/13 Regular Schedule
10/14 Regular Schedule

Week 9 Schedule

10/17 Regular Schedule
10/18 Regular Schedule
10/19 Regular Schedule
10/20 Regular Schedule
10/21 Teacher Workday-No Classes

Week 10 Schedule

10/24 Prof. Devel. Day –No Classes
10/25 Regular Schedule
10/26 Regular Schedule
10/27 Homeroom Schedule
10/28 Regular Schedule

Week 11 Schedule

10/31 Regular Schedule
11/1 Regular Schedule
11/2 Regular Schedule
11/3 Regular Schedule
11/4 Regular Schedule

Week 12 Schedule

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

Week 13 Schedule

11/14 Regular Schedule
11/15 Regular Schedule
11/16 Regular Schedule
11/17 Regular Schedule
11/18 Regular Schedule

Week 14 Schedule

11/21 Regular Schedule
11/22 Regular Schedule
11/23-25 Thanksgiving Break-No Classes

Week 15 Schedule

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

New Commons Spaces at LMHS

Pride Rock Commons



South Commons



The last day of 1st Quarter is Thursday, October 20. This is a regular schedule day. Classes will not be in session on Friday, October 21, (Teacher Workday), or Monday, October 24, (Staff Development day). 2nd Quarter classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25. Hard copies of 2nd Quarter schedules will not be distributed to students. If a student needs a copy of their 2nd Quarter schedule, they should stop by either the 9th-10th Grades Office or 11th-12th Grades Office. The last day of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester is January 12, 2017. Semester Exams will be held on January 10, 11 and 12.

Student final grades will be available via PowerSchool. Grade transcripts are no longer mailed at the completion of a term unless requested by a student's parent.

Students needing to discuss or change 2nd Semester schedules should make an appointment with their school counselor prior to the

Parent Conferences Will Be November 17

Parent Conferences for 1st Semester will be held on Thursday, November 17, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Sign-up for Parent Conferences will begin on Monday, October 31, either online at:

https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high_schoolconferences.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 November 17.

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NATIONAL MERIT COMPETITION HONOREES

Eight LMHS students have been named as Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Senior semifinalists are Nathan Bellows, Jennifer Jenks, Nolan Jessen, Cameron Kraklio, Jacob Lam, Alan Liang, Finlan Rhodes, and Kyle Tupper. Students qualify as semifinalists based on PSAT results from the fall of 2015. These students scored in the top 1% of the 1.5 million students who took the PSAT. All eight students are now eligible to become National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Congratulations to Nathan, Jennifer, Nolan, Cameron, Jacob, Alan, Finlan, and Kyle!

Ten LMHS students have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. LMHS seniors named Commended Students are Marion Cagnard, Donald Fejfar, Nick House, Ji Yeon In, Sarah Jones, Jackson Kane, Tracy Lansing, Scott Laubengayer, Benjamin Steinbach and Jordan Turner. Seniors in the top 5% of performers in the 2015 PSAT are named Commended Students. Congratulations Marion, Donald, Nick, Ji Yeon, Sarah, Jackson, Tracy, Scott, Benjamin, and Jordan!

PSAT INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS

The PSAT National Merit Scholarship Competition exam will be given on Wednesday, October 19. 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.

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 30, 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 28, 2017. Students should see their school counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.

ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

10/14	Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Semester
10/19	PSAT
10/21	Last day of 1st Quarter
10/25	1st day of 2nd Quarter
10/27	Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Quarter
10/28	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Semester
11/18	Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Quarter

**Linn-Mar ACT Code is
162763**

RENOVATION UPDATE

A major portion of the LMHS renovation project is close to completion with the remainder of the project scheduled to be done this January. Currently, fourteen classrooms, four auxiliary rooms, and two sets of restrooms are being renovated on both floors of the south side of the building. These classrooms are being completed in three six week phases with the first phase completed in September, and the second phase to be completed in early November with phase three completion at the end of December. Renovation of two Business Education classrooms has also been completed for use in late September.

One classroom is also being renovated near door #16 beside the area being developed into the Presentation/Lecture Hall. When completed, the Presentation/Lecture Hall will have approximately 125 permanent seats with additional floor seating available for a room capacity of about 150. The area to the north of the Presentation/Lecture Hall is being renovated for the district Print Shop/Copy Center. The renovated classroom, Presentation/Lecture Hall, and district Print Shop/Copy Center, are scheduled for completion in late December.

The former weight room is currently being renovated into three classrooms and one set of restrooms. The classrooms are scheduled for completion at the end of first quarter, while the restrooms are scheduled for completion in mid-November. The flooring, ceiling/lighting, and stairway will also be completed during school breaks in November and December.

The former location of the 9th-10th Grades Office is being renovated as the new Health/Nurse's Office. Completion of this center is scheduled for late October. Another portion of this area is already being used as the new location for the Student Assistance Counselors Office. The staff room will be moved into the area currently serving as our Health/Nurse's Office.

The stair into the Lower Commons/Cafeteria area is scheduled for renovation during Winter break. Other items, such as bench seating throughout the building, signage, and a lot of touchup will continue to take place through the end of the project.

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.

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
(Dropout 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

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.

EMERGENCY DRILLS AND PREPARATION

Two fire drills and two tornado/severe weather event drills were held during the first two weeks of school. Fire drills were held on August 24 (10:15 a.m.) and August 30 (2:00 p.m.). Exit from the building averaged just over two minutes, while roll was taken at the evacuation locations within five minutes. We have also had four renovation related unplanned fire alarms during August-September.

Tornado/severe weather event drills were held on August 25 (2:00 p.m.) and August 29 (10:15 a.m.). The average time to get everyone into shelter areas was three and a half minutes. Two tornado/severe weather event drills and two fire alarms will also be held during 2nd Semester.

Students were also provided information and direction on September 2 (9:50 a.m.) regarding an Immediate Threat/Intruder/Lockdown. Students were instructed that should they ever be told that there is a serious threat or intruder in the building that they are to flee to the nearest exit and go to either the ESCO Electric Building (using Barrington Blvd.) or the Indian Creek Country Club (on Indian Creek Road). Staff also discussed with students what to do to protect themselves if they cannot flee the building because the threat prevents them from doing so. Students were also informed that only law enforcement would be entering the building should a lockdown take place because of something happening either outside of the building on campus or in close proximity to the campus. The district will also have two informational ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) sessions during 2nd Semester. These sessions will be informational only, and students will not be actively participating in simulations.

Our goal is to ensure that all 2300 (students, staff, visitors) people in LMHS 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. The LRC classes and Aquatic Center classes also participate in all safety drills during the school year.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

The College and Career Center is now housed in its new, permanent location adjacent to the South Commons. It is staffed by school counselors and the records secretary before and during the school day. Visiting colleges and career speakers will be available in the center, as well as planning resources and information. Informational meetings will be available to students and parents during the year.

REACH BOOKLET

The Student Activities “REACH” booklet is now available on the LMHS web page. The booklet provides a listing of all student activities at Linn-Mar High School, including clubs, organizations, fine arts and athletics.

HOMEROOM SESSIONS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

One Homeroom session is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m.

- Seniors will have a class meeting in the Auditorium.
- Juniors will be taking the Iowa Youth Survey.
- Sophomores will have a class meeting in the Main Gym with a presentation from Josten’s.
- Freshmen will be in Homeroom classrooms having a High School Adjustment session with the topic of adjusting to high school and group building.

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

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 Media 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).

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
- Early Session Learning Center
- Academic Assistance Counseling
- Three Classroom Computer Labs
- Writing Center
- Student Testing Rooms

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Office:	447-3040
Jeff Gustason (Principal)	447-3041
9th-10th Grades Office:	447-3043
ATTENDANCE (9/10)	447-3050
Kim Buelt (Assoc. Prin.)	447-3044
Joe Nietert (Asst. Prin.)	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
Mark Hutcheson (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
Athletics Office:	447-3060
David Brown (AD)	447-3061
Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD)	447-3086
Nurse's Office:	447-3080
Nancy Kleitsch (Nurse)	447-3081
Student Assistance Counselors:	
Kevin McCauley	447-3047
Lisa Mooney	447-3129
Janessa Walters	892-4884
Academic Assistance Counselor:	
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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

Contact the Athletic Office :

David Brown (AD): 447-3061
Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD): 447-3086
Peg Hansen (Secretary): 447-3060

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 2016-17 school year may be purchased in the Athletic Office for \$45. Adult 10 event punch tickets are available for \$40 through the Athletic Office.

LMHS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Communication notifications for the district can be signed up for in the following ways:

- Txtwire: Click on LM Emergency Notifications at the bottom of the LM webpage to register
- Facebook: visit FB and like Linn-Mar Community Schools

Delays and cancellations are also shared via LM website and red "alert" scrolling banner on website.

TV Stations: KCRG, KFXA, KGAN, KWVL

Radio Stations: KCKK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, WMT

Reminder: To receive district notifications, you must sign up for them! Just click on the appropriate icon at the bottom of the LM webpage to register. It is recommended that you sign up for district and school notifications.

Weather-related information will be sent out as a district notification. In the event of an emergency, the text notification may be sent to the entire school district (if appropriate) or it may only be sent to an individual school.

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Linn-Mar is now offering opportunities for local businesses to advertise in the LMHS Gym, Stadium and Aquatic Center on our video boards.

Your advertising dollar will help support our athletics programs and we can help set up your advertisement for you before the Winter Sports Seasons begin!

For more information on how you can promote your business to the thousands of people we host on a weekly basis at LMHS, you can contact Mike Winker at mwinker@varsitygrp.com or call (319) 361-5994.

We Are Linn-Mar!