



The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

**MID-YEAR
EDITION**

December 2017/January 2018

Course Registration For 2018-19 Begins in January

SEMESTER EXAMS ON JANUARY 10-12, 2018

Semester exams will mark the end of 1st Semester and 2nd Quarter on January 10, 11 and 12. The exam schedule as well as the weather contingency schedule will be posted on the LMHS webpage. All classes will meet during the assigned exam periods. Only students with pre-approval of a building administrator will be allowed to change a scheduled exam time. The exam schedule is also listed on page 2 of the *Lion Update*. Specified study areas will be available during exam days, and students only have to be in the building during exam periods. Students will not be allowed to enter a classroom after the period bell, so please plan accordingly and be on time for all exams.

NAEP Exam for Selected Members of the Class of 2018

Fifty randomly selected students from the LMHS Class of 2018 will be taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. NAEP test administrators select the fifty students in late fall, and those students will be notified of the process for taking the exam.

The exam will be taken in the LMHS Presentation-Lecture Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. This is a national exam given to 12th grade students at the high school level. It is commonly referred to as 'the Nation's Report Card'.

Online course registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin on Thursday, January 25, for students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11. Course registration ends on Friday, February 9.

Online registration for current 8th grade students begins on Monday, February 5, and ends on Friday, February 16.

Grades 9, 10, and 11 will receive information on course registration during Homeroom on January 25. 8th grade students at Excelsior and Oak Ridge middle schools will receive course registration information during high school counselor visits to the schools in late January.

Students not currently enrolled at Linn-Mar should contact the LMHS Main Office (447-3040) to set up an appointment with a school counselor in order to register for classes.

Once online registration is completed, the master schedule of courses is developed for the 2018-19 school year. This schedule is primarily based upon student course requests during course registration. Every effort is made to fulfill student course requests. It is anticipated that student schedules for 2018-19 will be available online in early May so that students can make schedule changes with counselors prior to the end of the school year.

<u>Week 15 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 18 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 21 Schedule</u>	
11/27	Regular Schedule	12/18	Regular Schedule	1/15	No Classes-Teachers Workday
11/28	Regular Schedule	12/19	Regular Schedule	1/16	Regular Schedule
11/29	Regular Schedule	12/20	Regular Schedule	1/17	Regular Schedule
11/30	Regular Schedule	12/21	Regular Schedule	1/18	Regular Schedule
12/1	Regular Schedule	12/22	No Classes-Winter Break	1/19	Regular Schedule
<u>Week 16 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 19 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 22 Schedule</u>	
12/4	Regular Schedule	1/1/18	No Classes-Winter Break	1/22	Regular Schedule
12/5	Regular Schedule	1/2	No Classes-Winter Break	1/23	Regular Schedule
12/6	Regular Schedule	1/3	Regular Schedule	1/24	Regular Schedule
12/7	Regular Schedule	1/4	Homeroom Schedule	1/25	Homeroom Schedule
12/8	Regular Schedule	1/5	Regular Schedule	1/26	Regular Schedule
<u>Week 17 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 20 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 23 Schedule</u>	
12/11	Regular Schedule	1/8	Regular Schedule	1/29	Regular Schedule
12/12	Regular Schedule	1/9	Regular Schedule	1/30	Regular Schedule
12/13	Regular Schedule	1/10	Semester Exam Schedule	1/31	Regular Schedule
12/14	Regular Schedule	1/11	Semester Exam Schedule	2/1	Regular Schedule
12/15	Regular Schedule	1/12	Semester Exam Schedule	2/2	Regular Schedule

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LMHS SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

January 10, 11 and 12, 2018

Wednesday, 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

Thursday, January 11

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

10:15- 11:45 Period 6

Friday, 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.

Lunch will be available to students between 11:15 and 12:15 on January 10, and between 11:15 and 12:00 on January 11 and 12.

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, 2017. 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, 2018. Students should see their school counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.

ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

December 1 Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Quarter

December 9 ACT @ LMHS

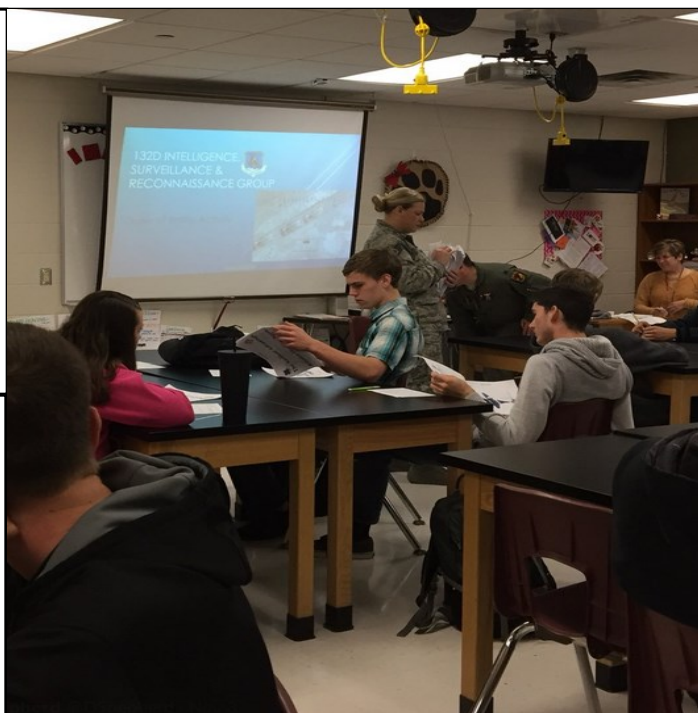
January 10-12 Semester Exams

January 16 First Day of 2nd Semester/3rd Qtr.

January 18 Deadline to Add Classes for 3rd Qtr.

January 23 Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Semester

January 25 2018-19 Course Registration Begins



LMHS students participated in STEM Day on Nov. 8. A total of 34 professionals shared their knowledge and answered student questions about the role science plays in their careers.

WEATHER ALERTS

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

- District website banner (www.linnmar.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.*

HOMEROOM SESSION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

One Homeroom session is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, at 10:00 a.m.

- 12th grade students will meet in the Auditorium for a Financial Planning presentation.
- 11th grade students will meet in Homeroom classrooms with a focus on 2018-19 Course Registration and Student Assistance.
- 10th grade students will meet in Homeroom classrooms with a focus on 2018-19 Course Registration and Student Assistance.
- 9th grade students will meet in Homeroom classrooms with a focus on 2018-19 Course Registration and 9th Grade Adjustment.

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

LRC CLASSROOM UPDATE

LMHS is planning to return five classrooms to the 3rd floor of the LRC at the start of 2nd Semester. The LRC 3rd floor is undergoing the addition of a sprinkler system as required prior to students returning to this area. English teachers Tracy Hopkins, Kathleen Kelly, Lee Kibbie, Jo Middlekauff, and John Wennekamp will have classes on the 3rd floor of the LRC. Students will enter and exit the LRC using the West doors (on the 10th St. side). Everyone's patience during the first semester in using temporary classroom locations has been appreciated.

IOWA MANDATED IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Tdap (Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) Vaccine:
1 time dose for ALL high school students**

**Meningococcal (A,C, W, Y) Vaccine:
1 dose after age 16 prior to entering 12th grade**

Questions? Contact Nancy Kleitsch, RN or Angela Beik, RN at 319-447-3080

**Linn-Mar ACT Code is
162763**

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PLANNING FOR 2018-19 COURSE REGISTRATION

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 5, at Linn-Mar High School. **Eighth Grade online course registration will begin on Monday, February 5, and end on Friday, February 16.** 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 2018-19 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.



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 semester, a short survey is given to students, staff, and parents to help monitor areas to be addressed regarding safety and security within the building. The following are the results for the October 2017 survey:

Percentage Responding '5' + '4' = Strongly Agree + Agree (Percentage responding '3' = Neutral in parentheses)

	<u>Students</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Parents</u>
LMHS has a safe and orderly environment.	72.1% (23%)	92.4% (0%)	78.4% (15.8%)
Fire Evacuation procedures known and practiced.	85.3% (9.8%)	98.1% (1.9%)	81.4% (15.6%)
Tornado/Severe Weather procedures known/practiced.	85.3% (9.8%)	100%	78.8% (16.1%)
Procedures in place to prevent unsafe situations.	70.5% (18%)	84.6% (11.9%)	71.8% (21.5%)
Responds quickly to unsafe situations.	N/A	84.5% (9.7%)	71.6% (21.3%)

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).

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, with Mrs. Cortez in the Learning Center, or online. A brief orientation meeting is required of all tutors prior to a tutoring assignment. See your school counselor for questions.

THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Is your student getting behind in their homework? Are they missing a test or quiz? LMHS school counselors are offering Thursday After School help sessions in the Learning Center from 3:30 to 4:30 every Thursday.

GRADE TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Transcripts are no longer mailed at the end of each semester. Unofficial transcripts are available via PowerSchool in the Document Vault. Hard copies of transcripts can be requested from the 9th/10th gr (447.3043) or 11th/12th gr (447.3070) offices.

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 school counselor.

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

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

December

Scholarship Information Meeting : Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00 a.m.

January

Panel of past LMHS graduates ("What I wish I had known in HS"): date TBD

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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!

SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK DUE DECEMBER 8

The deadline for senior photo submission is **12/8/17**. All senior pictures must be submitted online to be included in the yearbook.

Log on to: **images.jostens.com**

Enter login ID: **408943611**

Browse to select the photo you wish to upload, then click on "Select My Images". Enter contact information, then click "Upload Chosen Image". Picture format should be .jpg.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Office:	447-3040
Jeff Gustason (Principal)	447-3041
9th-10th Grades Office:	447-3043
ATTENDANCE (9/10)	447-3050
Kim Buelte (AP)	447-3044
Phil 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/A. Beik	447-3081
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