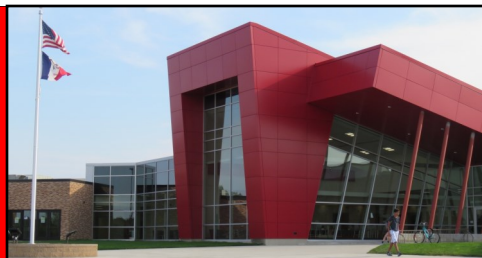


Late Winter Edition
February-March 2020



The Linn-Mar High School

**LION
UPDATE**



**SCHOOL START/END TIMES
FOR 2020-21**

With the two, new intermediate (5th-6th) buildings opening next year, all district start and end times will be changing. At LMHS, the school day will officially start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. We are currently looking at what the daily schedule will be for 2020-21 and should have a finalized daily schedule by mid-March. ‘Block’ and ‘skinny’ courses will still be used. We are looking at the opportunity to pilot a small number of zero block (7:00—8:35 a.m.) and zero period (7:00-7:45 and 7:50-8:35 a.m.) courses. These would be self-selected periods/block for students in multi-section, primarily upper grade level courses. Increasing time for Early Session and discussion of a possible Late Session are considerations being discussed with the daily schedule. We plan to publish the 2020-21 Daily Schedule in the April-May issue of the Lion Update.

STANDARDS-BASED GRADING

Planning and work is still being done to prepare for grade calculations based on proficiency scores of standards rather than from points. Students will still be receiving letter grades, have GPAs, and have transcripts of this information. The purpose of this change is to provide more targeted learning feedback for students, parents, and teachers. An assessment document has been created by a committee of teachers and students for this transition. This document will be sent to parents and students in February.

We will continue to have informational and feedback sessions for parents on the remaining Parent Conference nights (February 27 and April 23).



LMHS students recently competed in Science Olympiad Regionals in Iowa Falls.

The Red Team (left-led by Laura Azelborn) earned 1st place, and the Black Team (right-led by Daniel Garcia) earned 3rd place.

Week 22 Schedule

- 2/3 Regular Schedule
- 2/4 Regular Schedule
- 2/5 Regular Schedule
- 2/6 Regular Schedule
- 2/7 Regular Schedule

Week 23 Schedule

- 2/10 Regular Schedule
- 2/11 Regular Schedule
- 2/12 Regular Schedule
- 2/13 **Study Table Schedule**
- 2/14 Regular Schedule

Week 24 Schedule

- 2/17 **Holiday—No Classes**
- 2/18 Regular Schedule
- 2/19 Regular Schedule
- 2/20 Regular Schedule
- 2/21 Regular Schedule

Week 25 Schedule

- 2/24 Regular Schedule
- 2/25 Regular Schedule
- 2/26 Regular Schedule
- 2/27 **Two-Hour Early Release Schedule**
- 2/28 **Study Table Schedule**

Week 26 Schedule

- 3/2 Regular Schedule
- 3/3 Regular Schedule
- 3/4 Regular Schedule
- 3/5 **Two-Hour Early Release Schedule**
- 3/6 Regular Schedule

Week 27 Schedule

- 3/9 Regular Schedule
- 3/10 Regular Schedule
- 3/11 Regular Schedule
- 3/12 **Two-Hour Early Release Schedule**
- 3/13 **Study Table Schedule**

Spring Break - March 16-20

Week 28 Schedule

- 3/23 Regular Schedule
- 3/24 Regular Schedule
- 3/25 Regular Schedule
- 3/26 Homeroom Schedule
- 3/27 Regular Schedule

Week 29 Schedule

- 3/27 Prof. Dev. Day—No Classes
- 3/28 Regular Schedule
- 4/1 Regular Schedule
- 4/2 **Homeroom Schedule**
- 4/3 Regular Schedule

8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night on February 10

8th Grade Parent Course Registration Planning Night will be held on Monday, February 10, at Linn-Mar High School. **8th Grade online course registration will begin on Monday, January 27, and end on Friday, February 14.** The schedule for the night is listed below. A repeat session is offered two separate times to allow for flexibility with family schedules.

5:15 p.m. **Registering for Classes**—*The HS Academic Experience, The Course Registration Process and Decisions to be Made* (Approx. 45 min.)

Students Last Name A—G Greg Hall, counselor (Little Theatre)
Students Last Name H—N Pete Martin, counselor (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Students Last Name O—Z Sheryl Cline, counselor (Colton Center-A106)

Specific Topics Covered: Selecting Courses, Online Registration, Blended Learning, Contact Information/Support.

6:00 p.m. **Questions Regarding Course Selection with Department/Subject Area Teachers** (Learning Center) (60 minutes)

6:00-6:15 p.m., 6:20-6:35 p.m., 6:40-6:55 p.m. ***MEDCO Opportunities** (Learning Center-F170K)

7:00 p.m. (Repeat Session) **Registering for Classes**—*The HS Academic Experience, The Course Registration Process and Decisions to be Made* (Approx. 45 min.)

Students Last Name A—G Greg Hall, counselor (Little Theatre)
Students Last Name H—N Pete Martin, counselor (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Students Last Name O—Z Sheryl Cline, counselor (Colton Center-A106)

Specific Topics Covered: Selecting Courses, Online Registration, Blended Learning, Contact Information/Support.

Self-Guided and Guided Building Tours will be available throughout the evening.

*Information regarding student career opportunities through the partnership with the Marion Economic Development Cooperative (MEDCO) will be presented.

PLANNING FOR 2020-21 COURSE REGISTRATION

Current LMHS students in grades 9, 10 and 11, received online course registration information during Homeroom on Thursday, January 23. **Students in the Classes of 2021, 2022 and 2023, were able to begin registering for courses online the morning of January 23.**

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 10, at Linn-Mar High School.](#) **Online course registration for the Class of 2024 began on Monday, January 27, and ends on Friday, February 14.** 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 2020-21 LMHS Program of Studies was posted 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, Main Office and Learning Center. Please see your school counselor for any questions you may have about online registration of courses.

Current non-Linn-Mar students wanting to enroll for the 2020-21 school year should contact the Main Office (447-3040) for enrollment and the appropriate grade-level office (9th-10th Grades Office, 447-3043; 11th-12th Grades Office, 447-3070) to schedule an appointment with a school counselor regarding course sign-up.



LMHS Senior Jeany Toingar (right) recently received the Service Above Self Award from the CR Rotary Club. She is pictured with Student Assistance Counselor Janessa Walters.

STUDY TABLE SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY-MARCH

Three Study Table sessions will take place in February and March at 10:05 a.m. The dates are:

Thursday, February 13

Friday, February 28

Friday, March 13

Study Table is an extension of 1st Block/2nd Period with only those students either requested by or requesting a particular teacher for specific classroom support.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

Career Speaker February 5th 1:05-1:50

Linn County Conservation – Lecture Hall

Linn-Mar Foundation Scholarships Due February 14th

See Naviance Student for complete list of scholarships

Pre-ACT: Feb 26th (9:00-12:30) & March 30th (8:30-11:30)

Career Day in select Classes on March 6th

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Testing – Friday, March 6th at 8:30-12:00 in the College/Career Center – see your counselor to sign up!

FAFSA priority deadlines are quickly approaching. To get assistance with FAFSA, contact ICAN for free filing assistance - www.icansucceed.org.

College Planning Tools from Iowa Student Loan:
Need help planning for education or training after high school? It just takes a minute to start a plan! Simply visit www.SP3.org to sign up for free, targeted and useful information that will be delivered to your inbox twice a month. This planning service for parents helps you help your student with timely tips and tools. And, once registered, you'll be entered into quarterly drawings for deposits into a 529 college savings plan.

LMHS ACT CODE: 162763

ZAPS ACT PREP WORKSHOP

Xavier High School will be hosting a ZAPS ACT Prep workshop on Saturday, February 29, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Marion High School will be hosting a ZAPS ACT Prep workshop on Saturday, March 7, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sign-up for the workshop and information may be found at <https://store.doorwaytocollege.com/seminars>.

ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

- 2/7 Deadline to Drop Classes for 3rd Quarter
- 2/8 ACT @ Marion HS
- 2/10 8th Parent Course Registration Night
- 2/14 On-Line Course Registration for 20-21 Due
- Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 3rd Quarter
- 2/27 LMHS Parent Conferences
- 3/13 Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Semester
- 3/14 SAT
- 3/27 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/31 Start of 4th 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 March 2, 2020. 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.



Pictured above are mid-year COMPASS grads. Congratulations students!



LMHS students pictured with Marion SRO David Brown at the Regional Leadership Conference for FBLA

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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 or crisis drill. 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.

10TH STREET EDITION

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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).

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
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
Health Office:	447-3080
N. Kleitsch/C. Martin	447-3081

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 (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.

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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!

WINTER ATHLETICS TICKET PRICES

Varsity Basketball	\$5 Adults \$4 Students & Seniors
9th Grade Basketball	\$3 Adults \$2 Students & Seniors
Wrestling	\$5 Adults \$4 Students & Seniors
Boys Swimming	\$5 Adults \$4 Students & Seniors
Bowling	No Charge

FINE ARTS TICKET PRICES

2/13	Winter Vocal Concert 6:00/7:15pm	\$3/\$2
2/14	Variety Show 7:00pm	\$5
2/18	Masterworks Concert 7:30pm	\$3/\$2
2/20	Festival of Orchestras 6:00/7:30pm (donations)	
2/25	Winter Band Concert 6:00/7:45pm	\$3/\$2
3/2	Vocal Concert 7:00pm (no charge)	
3/5	9th Grade Play 7:00pm	\$5
3/6	9th Grade Play 7:00pm	\$5
3/27	Show Choir Finale 7:00pm	\$6 online/\$8 at door
3/28	Show Choir Finale 4:00/7:00pm	\$6 online/\$8 at door



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
Melaine Kelley (Secretary): 447-3060



Abigail Santana (12th gr) was recognized as a High School All-America at the United Soccer Coaches Annual Convention in Baltimore in January.

Congratulations Abigail!

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), Twitter @LinnMarHSIowa, and also Facebook. We encourage students, parents and others with interest in LMHS to follow on the LMHS webpage, Twitter and Facebook.

