

Updates on 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter, and a few other items for LMHS Students and Parents: (March 24, 2020)

1. Our counselors are reaching out to our students and finding ways to communicate with students directly who need assistance. Please feel free to contact any of these counselors for any concerns you may have for yourself or for others. We continue to miss all of you in the building and hope to see you in the near future.

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2. LMHS and the LRC Classrooms are currently off limits. Students and Staff are not allowed in district buildings at this time until further notice.
3. 3rd Quarter ended on March 13. **Teachers should have sent communication to students by or on Monday, March 23.** Teachers are to have grades for 3rd Quarter completed by April 6. Teachers will be working with students to complete, reteach, reassess and remediate as necessary course work due on or before March 13. Teachers have been given a lot of latitude in determining what course work was due on or before March 13. Specifically, if teachers are giving students more opportunity to complete, pass, or remediate something then the amount of latitude they have is much greater than if they are limiting a student's opportunity to complete, pass or remediate. Teachers are keeping this in mind: on the students' last class day, March 13, students did not know it would be the final day of 3rd Quarter. This decision occurred after the 13th. Thus, teachers have been told it is better to give the opportunity for completing or remediating to students if there is any question. Also, teachers of multiple section courses are to be doing the exact same thing regarding completion of 3rd Quarter.
4. School is closed until at least Monday, April 13. We are not holding mandatory video-conferencing nor online courses during this time as originally planned. While teachers may be providing materials and non-mandatory study/review sessions for students to stay sharp and continue working on skills, please know that Dept. of Ed. guidelines require that any instruction provided via video or online may NOT be mandatory/required nor graded, and it must be available to all students with appropriate accommodations and modifications as needed or required. The state does have a task force that will start meeting regarding this topic. If changes in guidance are made available, we will react accordingly.
5. IEP Meetings are still being scheduled and held during the school closing as per Dept. of Ed. guidance. These meetings will be held by conference call or video conference as able. Our first IEP meetings in this manner occurred today.
6. AP Testing.
 - a. From the College Board regarding AP Exams: "Traditional face-to-face exam administrations will not take place. Students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home."
 - b. Each AP subject will have two different testing dates for students to choose when they would prefer to take the exams. These testing dates will be released on April 3.

- c. More information on testing decisions, including final payment for exams, will be provided after the test dates are known on April 3.
 - d. AP teachers may be having voluntary review sessions via video conference for students. Please watch for possible notices from your teachers should they be scheduled to take place.
7. 4th Quarter Planning. At this time, 4th Quarter will begin on Monday, April 13, at 8:30 a.m. If this should change to a later date, then we will make changes accordingly. At this time, nothing will be required of students for 4th Quarter until April 13.
8. Planning for the Class of 2020 and Graduation continues as originally scheduled. At the same time, planning for how to handle any potential changes in the most dignified and appropriate manner for our Class of 2020 is also starting to take place. Areas of planning started at this time:
- 1. Credit Requirements for LMHS Graduation as well as college/post-secondary requirements: This is a major area of importance that involves Board Policy as well as consideration for student post-secondary planning. Any changes regarding Credit Requirements will require Board approval.
 - 2. Collection of Books and Computers/Chargers: Planning will be taking place should a change be needed from the Seniors' Last Day (May 20).
 - 3. Final Transcripts.: This is impacted by Credit Requirements of LMHS and by the many different post-secondary requirements our Class of 2020 will have as well. Thus, careful consideration to any potential change recommendations to the Board in this area is needed.
 - 4. No decisions on Graduation are expected to be made until at least April 13.
 - 5. Scenarios are being developed for if we restart on April 13, as scheduling adjustments may or may not be made regarding Senior Recognition Night, Senior Department Awards, Senior Service/Last Day/Rehearsal, and Commencement.
 - 6. Scenarios are being developed for if the closure is beyond April 13, but we do restart 4th Quarter at a later date as scheduling and event adjustments will be made regarding Senior Recognition Night, Senior Department Awards, Senior Service/Last Day/Rehearsal, and Commencement.
 - 7. Anything stated about Graduation by anyone other than our Board President (Sandra Nelson), Superintendent (Shannon Bisgard), or Principal (Jeff Gustason) should not be considered as accurate.
8. Extra-Curricular Activities:
- a. More than 80% of our school of 2250 students (including COMPASS) are involved in activities. The impact on our students and their extra-curricular activities significant. At this time, no seasons have been cancelled. However, many local and state-level events have already been cancelled. At this time, all Extra-Curricular Activities are on hold until April 13.
 - b. Athletics:
 - 1. The IGHSAU and IHSAA have not made any decisions regarding spring sports.
 - 2. At this time, no team or group activities are to be taking place.
 - 3. Planning for any schedule changes will take place in earnest once direction from the IGHSAU and IHSAA is given.
 - c. Fine Arts:
 - 1. The IHSSA and IHSMA have cancelled all remaining state-level contests in Speech and Music.
 - 2. Scenario planning for needed rescheduling of concerts and performances is starting to take place.
 - d. Clubs and Organizations:
 - 1. Many conferences and events have already been cancelled for LMHS organizations.
 - 2. Planning for possible schedule changes will begin when school reopens.
 - 3. No decisions on the Dance Marathon (April) or Prom (May) have been made.

9. Any decisions regarding making up lost days will be made at the district level in the coming weeks. LMHS will simply react once decisions have been made regarding lost days.

10. MEAL PICK-UP AND DELIVERY LOCATIONS

*Grab-and-go meals will be available for **pick-up from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the following locations:*

Bowman Woods Elementary – 151 Boyson Road NE Cedar Rapids, IA

Linn Grove Elementary – 2301 50th Street Marion, IA

Novak Elementary – 401 29th Avenue Marion, IA

Westfield Elementary – 901 East Main Street NE Robins, IA

Wilkins Elementary – 2127 27th Street Marion, IA

Oak Ridge Middle School – 4901 Alburnett Road Marion, IA

Linn-Mar High School – 3111 North 10th Street Marion, IA

*In addition to the pick-up locations listed above, grab-and-go meals will be **delivered to the following locations between 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.:***

Chapel Ridge Apartments – 1 Chapel Ridge Circle Marion, IA (added 3/19/20)

Marion Village Mobile Home Park – 700 35th Street Marion, IA

Squaw Creek Mobile Home Park – 6201 Hennessey Parkway Marion, IA

Valley View Apartments – 635 Ashton Place NE Cedar Rapids, IA

Note that the meal distribution methods will be designed to minimize person-to-person contact and students/adults will not be permitted to enter district buildings.

11. Other Items: (We will continue to update this listing)

- a. **Please check your school email (students) on a daily basis from March 23 – April 10.** We will work to keep you updated on any changes as they occur as well as provide other information. Emails to parents will go directly to the email that you have in PowerSchool.
 1. For parents needing help accessing Unified Classroom at this time. The hyperlink below has also been posted on the district website. Here is the hyperlink for instructions to parents regarding Unified Classroom: <https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/powerschool-unified-classroom/>
- b. Building offices will be closed until, at least, April 10. We will do the best we can at this time to keep up with anything that you may need. Please feel free to contact Jeff Gustason (jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Kim Buelt (kbuilt@linnmar.k12.ia.us), Joe Nietert (jnietert@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or Steve Goodall (sgoodall@linnmar.k12.ia.us) should you need immediate assistance.
- c. A reminder that the April-May issue of the *Lion Update* (LMHS Parent Newsletter) will be delayed until we have more accurate updates and time schedules. Our goal at this time will be to get the next issue out the week of April 13.