



# Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates April 13, 2021



**ANY NEW INFORMATION IS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW. ANY EXTRA EMPHASIS IS HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN.**

*\*Week #29... We head to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter...*

<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hybrid - Schedule - Group 'A' On-Site</b>
	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (Presentation-Lecture Hall)</b>
	3:15 p.m.	*V Girls Golf @ CR Prairie (Airport National G.C.)
	4:00 p.m.	V Girls Tennis vs. CR Kennedy (LRC Courts)
		*V Boys Tennis @ CR Kennedy
	4:15 p.m.	*V/JV2 Girls Soccer @ CR Jefferson (Lower Kingston)
		V Esports Mario Kart vs. Mid-Prairie
	4:30 p.m.	*JV/V Girls Track and Field @ Dubuque Senior
		*JV/V Boys Track and Field @ CR Prairie
	5:45 p.m.	JV1/V Boys Soccer vs. CR Jefferson (LM Stadium)
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hybrid - Schedule - Group 'B' On-Site</b>
		Deadline to Add Courses for 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
	<b>11:25 a.m.</b>	<b>*Serious Threat - Intruder Evacuation Review</b>
	4:15 p.m.	*JV2 Boys Soccer vs. Cedar Falls (Oak Ridge Middle School)
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hybrid - Schedule - Group 'A' On-Site</b>
	<b>11:25 a.m.</b>	<b>*Spring Fire Drill #1</b>
	4:00 p.m.	*V Girls Tennis @ Waterloo West
		V Boys Tennis vs. Waterloo West (LRC Courts)
	4:15 p.m.	V Esports Rocket League vs. Fairfield
	4:30 p.m.	*V Girls/Boys Track and Field @ Iowa City High
	5:45 p.m.	JV1/V Girls Soccer vs. CR Kennedy
		**Cancer Awareness Night**
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hybrid - Schedule - Group 'B' On-Site</b>
		Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (Skinny) Classes
	4:15 p.m.	*JV2 Boys Soccer @ Marion HS
	4:30 p.m.	*JV2 Girls Tennis @ CR Kennedy
		JV2 Boys Tennis vs. CR Kennedy (LRC Courts)
	7:00 p.m.	JV1 Girls Soccer @ Bettendorf HS
	8:30 p.m.	V Girls Soccer vs. Pleasant Valley @ Bettendorf HS
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 17</b>	
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>ACT at LMHS</b>
	9:00 a.m.	V Boys Tennis @ Muscatine Tourney
	10:00 a.m.	V Girls/Boys Track and Field Clark Weaver Relays (LM Stadium)
	12:30 p.m.	V Girls Soccer @ Bettendorf

## Notes for the Week

HOSA (Future Health Care Professionals) Club members will be competing in skills events this week.

- 4/13 V Girls Golf dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
- V Boys Tennis dismissed at 2:25 p.m.
- V/JV2 Girls Soccer dismissed at 2:35 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
- JV/V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
- 4/14 JV2 Boys Soccer dismissed at 3:10 p.m.
- 4/15 V Girls Tennis dismissed at 1:40 p.m.
- JV/V Girls Track and Field dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
- JV/V Boys Track and Field dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
- 4/16 JV2 Boys Soccer dismissed at 2:55 p.m.
- JV2 Girls Tennis dismissed at 3:25 p.m.

## **Future**

April 20 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (7:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)  
April 23 Spring Fire Drill #2 (3:25 p.m.)  
April 27 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (7:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)  
May 4 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory (7:30 a.m., Presentation-Lecture Hall)  
May 10 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)  
May 15 Senior Prom (8:00 p.m., LM Main Gym)  
May 26 Seniors' Last School Day (1:00 p.m. Graduation Rehearsal, LM Main Gym)

## **COVID-19 Related:**

**Student Assistance Counselors Available to All Students including Online-Only Students:** Student Assistance Counselors are also available to provide support to online-only students via virtual meetings or phone calls. Please reach out to any of the counselors via email, phone call, or Teams to schedule a meeting:

Janessa Carr: [janessa.carr@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:janessa.carr@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 892-4884  
Jessica Deahl: [jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 730-3559  
Kevin McCauley: [kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us) (319) 447-3047

**Any student may contact Student Assistance Counselors, School Counselors, or Academic Assistance Counselors at any time when at school or online.**

**Link to District COVID-Related Numbers: (from the Superintendent's Office)** [Dashboard link](#)

## **REPORTING OF COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESS, POSSIBLE EXPOSURE OR AN EXPOSURE:**

**Should you ever have questions regarding what to do if any of the following occur, do not hesitate to contact our LMHS Health Office (447-3080) or Principal Jeff Gustason (447-3041).**

**Use the following link for steps to follow if your student is not feeling well and has symptoms of COVID-19, has close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19:**

[Reporting of COVID-Related Illness or Possible Exposure.docx](#)

## **3rd Quarter**

### **Grades for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Classes:**

Grades for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter classes will be due for teachers on Tuesday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. Grades will be finalized approximately two weeks following. In most instances, the grades you see on PowerSchool starting on April 14, will be the final 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter grade.

## **4th Quarter**

### **Serious Threat – Intruder Review on Wednesday during 2<sup>nd</sup> Block/4<sup>th</sup> Period – Bell will ring at 11:30 a.m.:**

The bell to release 2<sup>nd</sup> Block/4<sup>th</sup> Period will ring at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, (not the normal 11:27 a.m.) so that a short presentation and review can take place for students regarding what to do in the event of a Serious Threat or Intruder on campus. We will not be sprinting to exit everyone out of the building or blockading classrooms for a drill this year in order to maintain our current COVID precautions, but we will be reviewing needed student and staff actions to take for such a situation.

### **New Parking Permit 'Freeze' through this Week:**

At this time, we are instituting a parking permit 'Freeze' for any new parking permit requests through next week. With the increase in students coming in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, we want to ensure that we have enough parking spaces throughout the day. We do know that the Far North Lot and the Northeast Stadium Lot (north of the Aquatic Center) still have parking spaces available at all times each day. We also know these are not the most desirable spaces as they are farthest from the school. After April 19, we may restart issuing new parking passes beginning with any 12<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades requests. Students, of any grade level, who already have a parking permit are not affected by this 'Freeze' as it is only for the issuing of new parking permit tags.

### **Food Court will return to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Students Only during Lunch for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

Starting on April 12, the Food Court will return to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Students only during lunch. (The Food Court has been reserved for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades Students during past years). Seating will still be limited to what is in the Food Court and distancing will remain in place in both the Food Court and South Commons/Cafeteria at all times including lunch.

**Unless requested, students will maintain their current designation as either Online-Only, Hybrid, or Every Day for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.**

### **Process for Opting to Come to School Every Day for the Start of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and at Any Time During 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

Students wishing to start Every Day attendance for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter may do so by having parents contact either the 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades Office (447-4043, 447-3050), 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades Office (447-3070, 447-3046), or the Main Office (447-3040) between now and the end of the day on April 9. At any time during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter that a student wishes to start attending

Every Day, they may do so by having parents let the 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades Office, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades Office, or the Main Office know by 1:00 p.m. the day prior to returning Every Day so that teachers can be made aware and will be expecting your student.

The process for students wishing to go to Online-Only has not changed. Parents will need to notify Associate Superintendent Nathan Wear ([Nathan.wear@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:Nathan.wear@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) for any student to change to Online-Only.

#### **LMHS 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule:**

The current LMHS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule will be maintained during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. We now refer to the schedule as the LMHS 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule.

#### **[Linn-Mar High School Hybrid Daily Schedule for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020-21](#)**

*A reminder to students that RTI2 and RTI3 can be mandated by teacher request. If you are requested to RTI2 or RTI3 you are expected to attend the session for that given day. Students may also choose to attend any RTI session on any day.*

#### **Changes in CDC Guidance in Classroom Settings:**

Many of you are aware that the CDC has adjusted guidance for schools concerning distancing within the classroom setting. The new guidance **allows for 3' between student seating in a classroom** (this has been 6'). At this time, our intention will be to make adjustments within classrooms as needed, from 6' to 3', starting in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (April 12). (We will maintain the maximum distance within the classroom unless student numbers dictate a need to lower the distance to no less than 3'). This is **only in the classroom setting** and **all other precautions will remain in place, including mask wearing at all times and social distancing in all other areas of the school building** (e.g. commons areas, cafeteria).

#### **Information Regarding 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

- The current daily schedule (used for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) will be used for all of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter.** This maintains the two RTI sessions (11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.).
- Campus Release (with parent approval) will continue during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter** so that students only have to be on campus during class time. We anticipate this also helping minimize the number of students during lunch hour which makes social distancing easier to maintain.
- Current Parking will remain the same at the start of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. We will monitor parking closely. Should numbers of students coming Every Day increase dramatically, we may implement more restrictions.**

#### **Campus Release Reminders for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter:**

- 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade students with campus release may leave the building during periods/blocks with no scheduled class (schedule says "Campus Release"), RTI (if not requested), and during lunch.
- 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade students who choose to stay during your Campus Release period must report to the Learning Center (cannot be in the commons areas). 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade students who are not requested by a teacher yet choose to stay for RTI (always encouraged) must report to your 2nd block/4th period class for the morning RTI session and to your 4th block/8th period class for the afternoon RTI session.
- 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade students choose to stay for lunch may only go to assigned lunch period. Students must then report to the 2<sup>nd</sup> block/4<sup>th</sup> period classroom or to the Learning Center opposite their lunch period.

**Parent Access to Schoology:** Parents were sent student specific information for how to access Schoology. If you are having issues accessing Schoology, please contact [Zachery.mixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:Zachery.mixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us)

**If you are having difficulty with your school-issued computer:**

Use this link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dGwFUHz1jVnEPgBpjTcQhR719wvoAmn4y6GmmU1eDzA/edit?usp=sharing>

## **LMHS Class of 2021 Planning**

#### **Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Engineering Honor Cords for Graduation:**

Have you taken and passed three or more Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses? You might qualify for an engineering honor cord to wear at Graduation. See Mr. Patterson in room D131 or email him at [cpatterson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:cpatterson@linnmar.k12.ia.us) for more information. Hurry, **the deadline to order is this Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **LM Foundation Instagram Page for Class of 2021:** (from Shelley Woods, Executive Director, Linn-Mar School Foundation)

Hello everyone! We now have a great volunteer who is going to run the Instagram page and provide Linn-Mar senior recognition with individual posts. Meet Ellie B. a 2020 Linn-Mar grad who is currently a Kirkwood student and is excited to help us.

- Go follow [linnmarseniors](#) on instagram and encourage others in your circle to do so as well. Ask your child to follow and tell their friends too.
- Have your child DM a photo and their future plans to the [linnmarseniors](#) Instagram page. Preferable a senior picture or a picture of just themselves. If the picture is not acceptable it will not be posted. Any comments not deemed positive on posts will be removed. There is no particular order as to when they will be posted. She is a student herself and a volunteer.

3. Follow along and give a like to each senior as they get posted!

**LMHS Class of 2021 Senior Recognition Night** is scheduled for **Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium. We will be making some adjustments to Senior Recognition Night. Seniors receiving awards from presenters will receive an invitation and receive the award(s) during the Senior Recognition Ceremony on May 10. The College-University Scholarship recognition portion of Senior Recognition will be provided in an online format as was done last year. Seniors earning silver volunteer CORDS to wear during Commencement will receive these at Rehearsal on May 26.

**LMHS Senior Prom on May 15:**

**The LMHS Senior Prom (w/approved guests) for the Class of 2021** will be held on **Saturday, May 15, from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. in the LMHS Main Gym.** The Grand March will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be livestreamed this year. **Tickets for Prom will go on sale in the South Commons, May 11 – May 13, from 8:15 – 8:55 a.m. All students must be in ‘good standing’ in order to purchase Prom tickets.** ‘Good Standing’ means all fines must be paid, all time is made up, and any other school obligations are taken care of prior to purchasing a Prom ticket.

**A Note from the Post Prom Committee:**

The **2021 Linn-Mar Post Prom** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 11:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.** at the **ImOn Ice Arena** in Cedar Rapids. Post Prom is organized and run by parent volunteers, with acknowledgment and support of the Linn-Mar Administration. All Linn-Mar seniors are invited to attend, regardless of whether they attend Prom. Prom guests registered through the school can attend with seniors. The event is designed to provide a safe space for students to enjoy Prom night and includes raffles, games, prizes, food, and skating. Students must arrive by 12:30 a.m. and student IDs are required. Generous community and parent support and donations make this event a success by allowing us to provide food, entertainment, and prizes, which keep the students entertained and in the building. **Please watch for more information about how parents can support the 2021 Post Prom.**

**LMHS Class of 2021** last day of school will be held **Wednesday, May 26, with Graduation rehearsal (required) at 1:00 p.m.** in the LM Main Gym. A ‘Service Morning’ is being planned for those interested Seniors on May 26.

**Commencement** for the **LMHS Class of 2021** will be held **Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in downtown Cedar Rapids. **A comment on tickets:** Seating for Commencement is still fluid at this time and has led to our hesitancy to state a specific number of tickets per graduate. This is actually a good thing as the possibility of increased seating by the end of May exists as the percentage of vaccinations continues to rise in Linn County and as the number of COVID cases remains at a low rate. (a note: If the rodeo happens at the arena in early May, that is a good sign regarding seating capacity for Commencement). **Our goal is to have at least four tickets per graduate for Commencement.** On April 13, we cannot say each graduate can have four tickets. However, we are hopeful given the response to getting vaccinations in Linn County and with more than six weeks remaining we will be able to meet, and possibly exceed, this number of tickets per graduate. We will continue to provide updates as they are determined and as we get closer to the event.

KCRG TV-9.2 will also be airing the Commencement ceremony live.

Please contact the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades Office if you **still need to order a cap, gown, tassel or victory stole.**

<https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/home>

## College and Career Center Information

### **College and Career Month at LMHS**

Here is a link to information on College Visits and Presentations scheduled in April: [LMHS College and Career Month](#)

### **AP Exam Conflict Due to Athletic Conflict Information:**

If your student will have a sporting conflict or have 2 exams on the same time, they can email AP Coordinator, Elyssa McDowell at [elyssa.mcdowell@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:elyssa.mcdowell@linnmar.k12.ia.us) and she will be able to move the student to a later testing date.

### **College Admission Visits:**

All admissions counselors will be scheduling virtual visits at Linn-Mar this year. Appointments will be made from noon-1:00 or 2:00-4:00. To find a current listing of college admission visits and the virtual meeting link go to:

<https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/career>

## Student Activities

- A. Here is the link for the REACH booklet, which is the listing of all current LMHS activities:

<https://sites.google.com/linnmar.k12.ia.us/lmhsreach/home>

- B. **Athletics:**

**All Spring Sports have Started. Spectator seating will vary by both sport and competition location.**

### **C. Fine Arts:**

#### **LMTV Broadcast from Monday-Tuesday:**

Here is the link for today's LMTV broadcast for Monday-Tuesday: <https://youtu.be/TKU1WqnJ9xo>

#### **May Concerts Scheduled for Lowe Park:**

The LMHS Music Department has planned spring concerts for May in the Lowe Park Klopfenstein Amphitheater. Concert Bands will be performing on Tuesday, May 25. Orchestras will be performing on Thursday, May 20. Choirs will be performing on Tuesday, May 18. More details will be released as the concert dates approach.

### **D. Clubs/Organizations:**

#### **S.O.D.A. and T.R.Y. Adventureland Tickets Available:**

LMHS S.O.D.A. and T.R.Y. are sponsoring reduced Adventureland tickets for LMHS Students on Saturday, May 1, Sunday, May 2, Saturday, May 8, and Sunday, May 9. Cost of the reduced tickets is \$30.00 (a savings of \$20.00). Stop by the Cashier's Office to purchase tickets.

#### **S.O.D.A. CO-ED SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ON MAY 14 FOR ALL LMHS STUDENTS:**

LMHS S.O.D.A. is sponsoring a Co-Ed Sand Volleyball Tournament on Friday, May 14, at Volley's on Blairs Ferry Road. The tournament is open to all LMHS students. Stop by the Student Assistance Office and see Mr. McCauley for a team entry form. If you do not have a team and want to play, no issue, see Mr. McCauley and he will get you a team!

#### **Esports Spring Season Update:**

LMHS has three Esports teams (Rainbow 6, Mario Kart, Rocket League) competing in leagues this spring. All three compete after school at 4:15 p.m. Any interested students should see/contact the LMHS Esports coaches Brian Johnson ([bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us)), Luke Johnson ([luke.johnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:luke.johnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us)), Chris Patterson ([cpatterson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:cpatterson@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) and Zach Mixdorf ([zachery.mixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:zachery.mixdorf@linnmar.k12.ia.us)). For information about the club use this link: [linnmaresports.com](http://linnmaresports.com). To view matches as they occur use this link: [www.twitch.tv/lmhseports](http://www.twitch.tv/lmhseports).

#### **Dungeons and Dragons Club Continues to Meet Virtually each Wednesday afternoon:**

Dungeons and Dragons Club meets virtually on Microsoft Teams every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. code **onj7vta**. If you have questions, please contact the club sponsor Mr. Griggs ([tgriggs@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:tgriggs@linnmar.k12.ia.us)).

## **Other Information**

#### **Summer Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities at Kirkwood for Grades 9, 10 and 11:**

Kirkwood Community College has a limited number of concurrent enrollment course opportunities this summer for Grades 9, 10 and 11. Courses available for LMHS students are **HSC-168 Nurse Aide** and **SPC-101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication**. The courses are free, include college credit, and are limited to the number of sections being offered. Please know that any area high school students are eligible to sign up for these courses. Please see your school counselor with questions regarding these courses. The following link provides more information on these two courses:

[Summer Kirkwood Concurrent Enrollment Opportunities for LMHS Students](#)

#### **Current 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement Prior to Senior Year:**

Current LMHS 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be required to receive the Meningococcal Vaccination prior to the start of the 2021-22 School year. The following link includes the letter outlining this requirement:

[LMHS Class of 2022 Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement](#)

#### **The Roar Store is Open for Online Ordering:**

The new website for the Roar Store and online ordering can be found at <https://ia-linnmar-ss-lite.intouchrecepting.com/>

#### **Driver Education at Kirkwood Community College:**

Communication from Kirkwood C.C. is that information regarding Driver Education will not be specific until the end of March as to whether they will have Driver Education and what class sessions may look like. Any Kirkwood C.C. Driver's Ed inquiries should be directed to the Continuing Ed Dept at KCC: 319-398-1022.

Attendance from April 2 – April 8 = 97.3 %.

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, April 16, 2021**. Announcements and Updates for LMHS Students and Parents will continue to be sent on Tuesday and Friday of each week from now through the end of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. For the 2021-2022 school year, we anticipate continuing the Updates but will send out on one day per week, possibly Thursday or Friday. We will continue the twice per week Updates for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter this school year as we have the hybrid option and dual-platform instruction (in person and online) taking place in classes at this time.