



# Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates March 2, 2021



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

Week #24...March is here...

<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>March 2</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule - Group 'B' On-Site</b> 7:30 a.m. 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory via Teams 4:30 p.m. *LMHS Esports Overwatch State Championship Match vs. Iowa City West 6:00 p.m. V Poms National Competition Performance #1 (LM Main Gym)
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>March 3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group 'A' On-Site</b>
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>March 4</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Hybrid - Schedule – Group 'B' On-Site</b> 8:05 a.m. <b>Building Management Team Meeting via Teams</b> 6:00 p.m. V Poms National Competition Performance #2 (LM Main Gym) 6:30 p.m. *Winter Play <i>Puffs</i> Premier Showing (Little Theatre)
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>March 5</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule – Group 'A' On-Site</b>
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>March 6</b>	

### Notes for the Week:

LMHS Esports Overwatch State Championship match can be viewed at: <https://www.twitch.tv/lmhseports>  
3/4 Winter Play Premier Showing for Cast, Crew and Thespians only. Link for play will be available on 3/5.

### Future

3/16 Spring Break begins  
3/20 Spring Break ends

### 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

A few determinations have been made for all of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter at this time:

- The current daily schedule (used for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter) will be used for all of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (with a high likelihood of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter as well).** This maintains the two RTI sessions (11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.).
- Campus Release (with parent approval) will continue during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (with a high likelihood of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter as well)** 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 this time.** While students may have to walk from further distances within the lot, maintaining campus release is expected to help allow campus parking for all students at this time. While we have more vehicles parking in the campus lots at this time, plenty of spaces remain available in our lots during the day.

- d. **We will NOT distinguish if a student is in class in-person or in class and fully participating online the remainder of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.** A student in person or online and fully participating will be counted as attending. Please note this and discuss with your student as we have been working to this point to notify parents if your student was participating online when we expected the student to be in person.

#### Hybrid Schedule for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

Use this link for LMHS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule: [Linn-Mar High School Hybrid Daily Schedule for 3<sup>rd</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.***

#### Campus Release Reminders for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester/3<sup>rd</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**

### **LMHS Class of 2021 Clothing Sale Sponsored by LMHS Student Council**

Student Council has created LMHS Senior Class of 2021 clothing. The link for the sale is below and **will close on March 14<sup>th</sup>**. There is an option for students to have orders sent to their house or the school where student council will distribute them. Check out the LMHS Class of 2021 Clothing:

<https://class21itemorder.com/sale>

### **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.

1. 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.
2. 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.

**The LMHS Senior Prom (w/approved guests) for the Class of 2021** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15.**

**LMHS Class of 2021** last day of school is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 26, with Graduation rehearsal (required) at 1:00 p.m.** in the LM Main Gym.

**Commencement** for the **LMHS Class of 2021** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in downtown Cedar Rapids.

*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

### Marion Community Promise Pursuit Grants:

“Check this out! Marion Community Promise offers Pursuit Grants to support student efforts to become trained and future ready. They want to help you pursue a career here at home. They know reading through applications can be overwhelming and confusing. Watch this brief video and sign up for a 15-minute learning session between March 1st-3rd with Emily, she'll be able to help you understand if this could work for you!” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoeE9SUnX9A&t=4s>

### LMHS Advanced Placement (AP) Updated Exam Schedule and Payment Information for 2021:

Here is information that is being shared with students in all AP courses. Please note the College Board has rescheduled exams in Biology, AP Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government, Environmental Science, Music Theory, Physics 2, Psychology, Statistics, U.S. Government and Politics, and World History-Modern.

Link for the AP Schedule as of February 22, 2021: [AP Exam Schedule \(Updated as of February 22, 2021\)](#)  
Link for In-Touch Payment Instructions: [AP Exam In-Touch Payment Instructions](#)  
Link for 2<sup>nd</sup> AP Exam Ordering Window Slides: [AP Ordering Window Slides](#)

### AP Digital Exams offered in Some Courses:

AP digital exams are being offered at a test site and also at home in Biology, Comparative Government, Environmental Science, Psychology, U.S. Government and Politics, and World History-Modern. If your student is interested in taking their AP digital exam at home they will need to fill out this [google form](#). A document will be sent to the email address that was received on the google form. This document will need to be printed, signed by a parent, and turned into the AP teacher by March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Hard copies of the parent forms are available in the TAG office from 7:30 am-12:30pm M-F. Full payment for an exam must also be made prior to the student taking their digital exam. **\*When considering taking a digital exam at home please take into account the reliability of your internet connection. A poor connection may result in not being able to take or submit an exam.\***

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

If your student will have a sporting conflict or have 2 exams at 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:*

### LMHS Varsity Poms Nationals Performances Tonight and Thursday:

Best wishes to the LMHS Varsity Poms as they perform their UDA Nationals routines at 6:00 p.m. tonight and 6:00 p.m. Thursday night in the LM Main Gym! Good Luck, LMVP!

### 2021-2022 LMHS Cheer Tryouts:

Information on practice and tryout dates for 2021-22 LMHS Cheer may be found at <https://www.lmcheer.com/>.

C. *Fine Arts:*

### LMHS Speech Qualifies 13 Members in 18 Individual Events for State:

Congratulations to LMHS Speech for qualifying 18 Events for State Contest! State Speech Qualifiers are: **Ava Macek** in Acting and Solo Musical Theatre; **Madeline Nuss**, Acting and Solo Musical Theatre; **Addison Sleezer**, After Dinner Speaking; **Adelynn Heitzman**, After Dinner Speaking; **Lia Scharnau**, After Dinner Speaking and Poetry; **Nicholas Weaver**, Expository Address and Prose; **Arianna Elmer**, Literary Program; **Maya Neymeyer**, Poetry; **Ian McKinney**, Radio News Broadcasting and Spontaneous Speaking; **Jacqueline Anderson**, Radio News Broadcasting; **Isabel Sherman**, Solo Musical Theatre; **Eve Christianson**, Storytelling; and, **Isabella Albright**, Storytelling!

### 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:**

**LMHS Esports Overwatch Team Advances to State Championship Match:**

**Congratulations to the LMHS Esports Overwatch Team for Advancing to the State Championship Match!** The team will compete against Iowa City West on **Today at 4:30 p.m.** Watch the match live on the Linn-Mar Esports twitter feed: <https://www.twitch.tv/lmhsesports> **Good Luck Lions Overwatch Team!** See Mr. Johnson ([bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:bjohnson@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) if you have questions or interest in joining the team.

**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**

**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](#)

**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 to be directed to the Continuing Ed Dept at KCC: 319-398-1022.

**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/>

Attendance from February 19 – February 25 = 97.5 %.

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, March 5, 2021**. Announcements and Updates for LMHS Students and Parents will continue to be sent on Tuesday and Friday of each week from now through at least the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.