



# Linn-Mar High School Student and Parent Announcements and Updates September 18, 2020



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

*Week #2...In 2020, Last full week in September...*

**Monday, September 21** *LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)*  
 1:50 p.m. **\*FIRE DRILL**  
 2:00 p.m. \*9<sup>th</sup> Boys Golf @ Hunter's Ridge G.C.  
 2:50 p.m. \*JV Boys Golf @ Gardner G.C.  
 3:15 p.m. \*V Boys Golf @ Cedar Falls (Pheasant Ridge G.C.)  
 4:15 p.m. Building Learning Team (Presentation-Lecture Hall)

**Tuesday, September 22** *LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)*  
 9:00 a.m. \*V Boys Golf @ Cedar Falls (Beaver Hills G.C.)  
 5:30 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup>/JV/V Volleyball @ Dubuque Wahlert  
 6:00 p.m. JV/V Girls Diving and Swimming vs. CR Washington (LM Aquatic Ctr.)

**Wednesday, September 23** *LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P1-4/B1-2 RTI)*  
 3:15 p.m. \*9<sup>th</sup> Boys Golf @ Gardner G.C.

**Thursday, September 24** *LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group A on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)*  
 1:50 p.m. **\*FIRE DRILL**  
 3:15 p.m. \*JV Boys Golf @ Coralville (Brown Deer G.C.)

**Friday, September 25** *LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule – Group B on-site (P5-8/B3-4 RTI)*  
 5:00 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup>/V Football @ CR Prairie

**Saturday, September 26**  
 8:30 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup>/JV/V Girls/Boys Cross Country @ Oak Ridge M.S.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Tourney @ CR Jefferson  
 9:00 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Tourney @ Iowa City West  
 V Volleyball Tourney @ Cedar Falls  
 V Girls Diving (LM Aquatic Center)  
 1:00 p.m. V Girls Swimming (LM Aquatic Center)

## **\*Notes on the Calendar**

9/21 **FIRE DRILL #1:** All 6<sup>th</sup> Period/3<sup>rd</sup> Block classes will complete the Fire Drill, then dismiss class.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Boys Golf dismissed at 12:30 p.m.  
 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 1:40 p.m.  
 V Boys Golf dismissed at 12:25 p.m.  
 9/22 V Boys Golf departing prior to 9:00 a.m.  
 9/24 **FIRE DRILL #2:** All 6<sup>th</sup> Period/3<sup>rd</sup> Block classes will complete the Fire Drill, then dismiss class.  
 JV Boys Golf dismissed at 12:55 p.m.

## **Future**

9/29 TORNADO DRILL (Info. only, no moving to locations) with Group 'B' 1:50 p.m.  
 10/1 Building Management Team via Teams (8:05 a.m.)  
 10/6 TORNADO DRILL (Info. only, no moving to locations) with Group 'A' 1:50 p.m.  
 \*If we have a real TORNADO WARNING we will go to locations and socially distance as possible in the shelter locations.

## 2020-21 LMHS Student Handbook:

### 2020-21 LMHS Student Handbook (September 2020)

Above is the link is for the 2020-21 LMHS Student Handbook (September 2020). Please note that page 13 has expectations for 'online-learning' for this year.

## COVID-19 Related:

### *Non-Class Campus Release:*

One additional precaution we are implementing at this time in an effort to minimize the number of students within the building at any one time is to allow, with parent permission only, all students 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> to go home during any non-class time (e.g. Learning Center, Lunch, Study Table). The intention of doing this is so students would just be on campus for their classes during the pandemic. The form for granting parental permission for non-class campus release during the LMHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule is attached today. This form must be signed by both parent and student (unless student is 18 years of age) before a student may leave using non-class campus release. **Again, this is for all grade levels (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) ONLY while the LMHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule is being used. Non-Class Campus Release will no longer exist when we return to the Regular Daily Schedule. Non-Class Campus Release Forms may be turned in to respective grade-level offices at any time during building office hours (7:30-3:30 p.m.).**

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

*The following is to help parents and students understand what is needed for communication from parents if your student has COVID-related symptoms, has 'close contact' (within 6' of individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes) with someone who has symptoms or who tests positive for COVID-19, or themselves tests positive for COVID-19. We have tried to state the steps to be taken by parents as simply as possible. If you are interested, a link to the district flowchart for student COVID-related symptoms is at the end of this section. 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).*

### *What if my student is not feeling well and has symptoms of COVID-19?*

1. My student has the following symptoms: Chills, Fever, Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing, Sore Throat, Muscle Pain, Cough, New Loss of Taste, Nausea, Diarrhea or Smell.
2. **KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME.**
3. Call your healthcare provider for guidance.
4. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email [nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or [abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email [jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us)).

### *What is the protocol if my student is exposed to someone with symptoms who is waiting for test results?*

1. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email [nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or [abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email [jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) to report a possible exposure. The School Nurse and Principal will work with family and Linn County Public Health (LCPH) to determine if there is a school exposure.
2. If no symptoms, continue as normal with social distancing and face masks.
3. If a positive case is confirmed the School Nurse and Principal will:
  - A. Notify Linn County Public Health (LCPH).
  - B. Identify close contacts and quarantine exposed students and staff.
  - C. Notify appropriate individuals without identifying the COVID-19 case.
  - D. LCPH will: Recommend quarantine for 14 days for all household contacts from the last time with individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and work with school to determine which students and staff should be quarantined.

### *What if my student lives with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and cannot avoid close contact?*

1. Contact the LMHS Health Office (447-3080, or email [nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:nkleitsch@linnmar.k12.ia.us) or [abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:abbi.riniker@linnmar.k12.ia.us)) or the Main Office (447-3041, or email [jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:jgustason@linnmar.k12.ia.us)). They will work with LCPH to determine length of self-quarantine.
2. **Self-quarantine at home.**

***What if my student has tested positive for COVID-19?***

1. **Call the Health Office (447-3080) or the Main Office (447-3041)** to report your student has tested positive for COVID-19.
2. Your student will self-isolate for 10 days from the positive result or when symptoms first started, are fever free without medication for 24 hours, and no longer have symptoms.
3. School Nurse and Principal will:
  - a. Notify Linn County Public Health (LCPH).
  - b. Identify close contacts and quarantine exposed students and staff.
  - c. Notify appropriate individuals without identifying the COVID-19 case.
  - d. LCPH will: Recommend quarantine for 14 days for all household contacts from the last time with individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and work with school to determine which students and staff should be quarantined.

***What happens if my student is in the same class with a student or staff member who is waiting for test results or tests positive for COVID-19?***

1. The School Nurse and Principal will work with LCPH to determine if 'close contact' has occurred with any students or staff.
2. If no 'close contact' is determined to have occurred, then your student will be able to continue attending school.
3. If 'close contact' is determined to have occurred (**within 6' of individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes**) your student will need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last contact with the person who has COVID-19.

***How will this be communicated?***

1. We will be working with district officials to communicate with any individuals determined to have 'close contact' via phone and email with a follow-up letter.

***What is 'Close Contact' and how can I limit this?*** This is being **within 6' of an individual for more than 15 consecutive minutes**. If you work to have no 'direct' contact nor 'close' contact with individuals and wear a face mask then you are greatly minimizing your chances of transmission.

**The link to the flowchart to be used by all buildings is included here for those interested:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RCsd8XbQNC0WEOFCWUGlrBfCyMMOcvKw/view>

## **Parking**

A reminder that while the LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule is being used all student drivers are eligible for a parking tag. All vehicles parking on campus **must be registered and have a LMHS Parking Tag at all times during any school day (9:00-4:00 p.m.)**. During the LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule, there is no cost for a parking tag.

**When we return to the Regular Daily Schedule with all students reporting for classes on-site, the parking lottery for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade drivers will take place. Any 10<sup>th</sup> Grade student who is 'online-only' or will not have their school permit or license until later in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will then be able to participate in the parking lottery.**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade students will no longer be able to park on campus when we return to the Regular Daily Schedule. We still anticipate all 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades students who are driving to school and request a parking tag receiving one when we return to the LMHS Regular Daily Schedule. A prorated Parking Tag fee will be applied at this time.**

***Can students signed up for 'online only' receive a parking tag?***

Students taking online only classes during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (or for as long as we are using the LMHS Hybrid 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Schedule) will **not** be issued parking tags until prior to starting the LMHS Regular Daily Schedule.

For 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students, the parking lottery will not be held until just before we return to the LMHS Regular Daily Schedule, so any 10<sup>th</sup> Grade student who is 'online-only' at this time will have the opportunity to enter the parking lottery before it may occur.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

**[Link to the LMHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule:](#) [LMHS 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Hybrid Schedule: 2020-21](#)**

**Specific Course Updates:**

We do have a few courses that will be meeting online-only for a few teachers. These teachers will continue to teach the courses but will be doing so online. Students with non-campus release permission may choose to take these courses online each day rather than on-site every other day. We will have an adult in the classroom to help supervise students who will be in the classroom during class. Current update of Temporary, Online Classes and date on-site resumes:

**Classes now meeting 'online-only' until September 24: (teacher on-site will resume on September 24)**

**Block 1 Earth Science in room KL104**

**Block 2 Earth Science in room KL104**

**Block 4 Gen. Biology in room KL104**

It is quite possible, if not probable, that we will have teachers needing to teach online for a day or multiple days throughout the term. We will work to notify everyone of such situations. If a teacher informs a class section that they will be teaching online for a day or for a number of days, students with non-class campus release may be online for any day a teacher must teach online. In other words, if the teacher is teaching online, then students can be online for those days as well if they have a signed non-class campus release form signed.

***Calling in for Attendance During Hybrid Schedule (at least 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter):***

Because we will have students on-site and online on different days as well as online-only students all in the same classes together, we want to make attendance guidelines as simple as possible.

***Scenario - On-site day but will be in class online instead:***

If your student is expected to be on-site, will not be coming to school on a particular day, but will be in all classes online, still call the appropriate grade level office (447-3050 for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> or 447-3046 for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>) to let us know this. This is just an informational call, however, we will be contacting parents if we expect a student to be on-site but they are not in class on-site yet still attend and participate fully in class online. This call will be made so that parents know their student was expected on campus but was only online. There is no school consequence for this situation if the student fully participates in the class session online but we do want parents to know. Again, a call to the grade level office if known prior is appreciated in this circumstance.

***Scenario – Student will neither be online nor on-site:***

If your student is not able to participate in class either online or on-site as scheduled, then your student will be counted as ABSENT ('A') for the class period. Please contact the appropriate grade-level office for such an absence so that the absence is 'excused'. This is the only circumstance a call is necessary if your student is taking classes 'online-only'.

***Tell me more about the RTI sessions on the schedule each day: This time is available with Teachers. Please use it.***

The schedule was developed primarily as an online only schedule should we have days in which on-site will not happen due to COVID-19 (this will also include any days with inclement weather). The RTI schedule is in place to add specific times for teachers to meet and work with students for many different reasons (e.g. need/want extra help, not currently passing course, have incomplete work for any reason, enrichment/extension). Periods 1-4/Blocks 1-2 will run for two days so that both Group A and Group B can be on-site if desired during the afternoon RTI sessions. Periods 5-8/Blocks 3-4 will run for the next two days so that both Group A and Group B can be on-site during the afternoon RTI sessions.

- \* Students requested to attend an RTI session may attend either on-site or online at the teacher's discretion.
- \* RTI is an extension of a particular period/block. Expect classes to vary for when RTI sessions are requested.
- \* If a student is requested to attend an RTI session but does not attend either on-site or online, then the student will be counted as ABSENT for the class session.
- \* Students who are not requested to attend an RTI session are not required to attend the session.
- \* Students who do not have non-class campus release will report to RTI each day. After the first days, we plan to assign students a study table in one of the commons areas or in the Learning Center for use when not requested for or requesting an RTI period.

## **6. College and Career Center Information**

***PSAT Date Has Been Changed for LMHS:***

**We are changing the date of the PSAT administered for Linn-Mar High School student to Tuesday, January 26, 2021.**

This change is being offered by the College Board due to the global pandemic. We believe this will be most advantageous to our students so that they can have the best opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships and Recognition. Sign-up information for 11<sup>th</sup> and interested 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students will start in November. Only 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students are eligible for National Merit Scholarships and Recognition.

***Job Shadows:***

Job Shadow applications have opened. Students in grades 10-12 may do a job shadow this year. For more information on job shadows available in-person or virtually go to <https://www.kirkwood.edu/wlc/jobshadows>.

### College Admission Visits:

All admissions counselors will be scheduling virtual visits at Linn-Mar this year due to the restrictions on outside visitors. 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>.

## 7. Information from School, Student Assistance and Academic Assistance Counselors

The Linn-Mar High School Counseling website has changed. Check out <https://sites.google.com/a/linnmar.k12.ia.us/linn-mar-high-school-counseling/home> to see the new site!

## 8. 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>

Please know that we have clubs that form each year that may not be stated in the REACH booklet. Any student(s) interested in forming a club at school during the 2020-21 school year should contact Mr. Goodall, associate principal, who oversees all Clubs and Organizations.

- B. **For any spectator allowed event, facemasks will be required for entry and movement and during an event at all times.**

- C. *Athletics:*

**Masks must be worn at all times at any home and away competition this fall.**

- D. *Fine Arts:*

The Marching Lions will not have a competition show this fall but is performing at varsity football games.

- E. *Clubs/Organizations:*

LMHS Clubs and Organizations will continue to meet as is possible, including virtually.

- F. **Grade-Level Student Advisory Councils:**

Grade-level Student Advisory Councils will each be meeting **three times this school year** from **7:30-8:00 a.m.** starting in mid-October. **All meetings will be scheduled online in Teams at this time**, so both on-site and online only students may participate. Student Advisory meets directly with building administration **to provide input and feedback as well as receive insight and information regarding Linn-Mar High School.** The link for sign-up are included below and will also be available in the Main Office and specific Grade-Level Offices:

[9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

[10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

[11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

[12<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Advisory Council Application](#)

## 9. Other Information

Attendance This Week: (through Thursday) **98.4%**

The next **LMHS 2020-21 Student and Parent Communication** will be sent on **Friday, September 25.** **As soon as we have information regarding parent access for Schoology, the new student learning system, we will get this to parents.**

Announcements and Updates for LMHS Students and Parents will be sent on Tuesday and Friday of each week from now through at least the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.