



Linn-Mar High School Updates and Announcements For Students and Parents February 3, 2023



Calendar

February 6 – February 11, 2023

Week 24

Course Registration Week for 2023-24

Monday,	February 6		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
			Course Registration Opens in Power School for 8th-11th Grades
	All Day		V Poms National Competition @ Orlando, Florida
	3:30 p.m.		*9th Grade Connection
	6:00 p.m.		JV1 Girls/10 th Boys Basketball vs. Xavier (LM Main Gym)
Tuesday,	February 7		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
			V Poms National Competition @ Orlando, Florida
	3:30 p.m.		RTI
			10th Grade Course Registration Presentation (LM Auditorium)
	6:00 p.m.		*JV1/V Girls Basketball @ Dubuque Hempstead
Wednesday,	February 8		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
			RTI
			11th Grade Course Registration Presentation (LM Auditorium)
	February 9		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	8:05 a.m.		Building Management Team (Presentation-Lecture Hall)
Thursday,	February 9		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	3:30 p.m.		RTI
	6:00 p.m.		9 th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball vs. Dub. Hempstead (LM Main Gym)
	7:00 p.m.		Winter Vocal Concert (LM Auditorium)
			(Lux, Fortis, Cantemus, Concert Chorale, Bella Voce)
Friday,	February 10		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
			Deadline to DROP Classes for 3rd Quarter
			Course Registration Portal Closes After Today
	3:15 p.m.		*V Girls/Boys Bowling vs. Dubuque Senior (CRBC)
	3:30 p.m.		RTI
Saturday,	February 11		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
	4:30 p.m.		JV2 Girls Basketball vs. Western Dubuque (LM Main Gym)
			*9th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
	5:00 p.m.		*V Boys Swimming State Meet @ Iowa City (Univ. of Iowa)
	6:00 p.m.		JV1/V Girls Basketball vs. Western Dubuque (LM Main Gym)
Saturday,	February 11		Regular Daily Schedule (9:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
			*10th/V Boys Basketball @ Western Dubuque (Epworth)
	8:00 a.m.		ACT @ Marion HS
	10:00 a.m.		V Boys Wrestling District Meet @ Marshalltown
	12:30 p.m.		V Boys Swimming State Meet @ Iowa City (Univ. of Iowa)
	2:30 p.m.		V Boys Basketball vs. Ankeny @ Valley HS (West Des Moines)

*Notes

- 2/6 **9th Grade Connection:** 9th Grade students need to bring their school-issued computers. The focus will be on course registration for 2023-24.
- 2/7 JV1/V Girls Basketball dismissed at 3:30 p.m.
- 2/10 V Girls/Boys Bowling dismissed at 2:10 p.m.
- 9th Boys (Red/Black) Basketball dismissed at 2:25 p.m.
- V Boys Swimming departing prior to 9:00 a.m.

10th/V Boys Basketball dismissed at 3:55 p.m.

Future

2/23 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
2/27 LMHS Parent Advisory Council (6:30 – 7:45 p.m.)
3/2 Two-Hour Early Dismissal Schedule
3/7 Two-Hour Early Dismissal Schedule
3/10 No Classes – Teacher Comp. Day
3/13-17 No Classes – Spring Break
3/30 End of 3rd Quarter
3/31 Professional Development – No Classes
4/3 Teacher Collaboration Day – No Classes
4/26 Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress for 9th-11th Grades (12th Grade-No Classes)

Student Assistance Office

Depression Screening Available the Week of February 13

The teen years, not even factoring in the pandemic, are marked by a rollercoaster ride of emotions – difficult for teens, their parents, and educators. Linn Mar Counselors will be offering Depression Screening the week of February 13 for those who have a [consent form](#) with parental approval. They are focusing on 9th and 10th grades for screenings, however, 11th and 12th students will be screened upon parent request. This tool cannot provide a diagnosis of depression, but it does give an indication of whether a young person should be referred for evaluation by a mental health professional. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Kim Bowen (School Counselor) 319-447-3175 or Kimberly.bowen@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Jessica Deahl (Student Assistance Counselor) 319-370-3559 or jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Student Assistance Counselors Available to All Students including Online-Only Students: Student Assistance Counselors are available to provide support for all LMHS students. This includes online-only students via virtual meetings, phone calls or on-site. Student Assistance Counselors are available in the Student Assistance Office located in the hallway adjacent to the Main Office. 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 (319) 892-4884

Jessica Deahl: jdeahl@linnmar.k12.ia.us (319) 730-3559

Kevin McCauley: kmccauley@linnmar.k12.ia.us (319) 447-3047

Any student may contact Student Assistance Counselors, School Counselors, or Academic Assistance Counselors at any time during the school day.

Safe2SpeakUp is an application on all LMHS student school-issued computers that allows a student to report something unsafe or to ask for help for a personal crisis for self or someone else at any time. Safe2SpeakUp alerts are sent directly to LMHS Administrators, Student Assistance Counselors and School Counselors.

3rd Quarter

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Students Who Did Not Have School-Issued Computers Re-Imaged Last Summer

10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Students who did not have their school-issued computer re-imaged last summer need to see either Ms. Huff in the Technology Help Desk (in Learning Center) or Mr. Johnson (in Library) to plan to get your computer re-imaged. If it does not get re-imaged it will not be operable after spring break.

Course Registration for 2023-24

LMHS Course Registration for the 2023-24 school year will be **February 6 - 10**, for 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. More information will be sent regarding course registration in the coming weeks. All course registration is done via PowerSchool.

Current Calendar for Building-Wide Celebrations/Recognitions/Drives/Awareness Initiatives:

February	Black History Month	Sponsoring Group: LM Step Team
February 20 – 24, 2023	Suicide Prevention Week	Sponsoring Group: Mental Health Matters Committee
February 27 – March 3, 2023	Respect Week	Sponsoring Group: Linn-Mar Buddies

ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBER:

Our **Attendance Phone line is (319-447-3050)**. Parents are asked to use this number to call regarding any absences. If for an illness, parents are asked to call prior to 8:00 a.m. or as soon as you are able. For appointments, parents call the same phone line (319-447-3050) and leave a message for when the student is to be dismissed for the appointment. Students then pick up passes for the appointment in the Deans Office to show teachers when they need to leave. Students leaving for appointments must check out from the Deans Office and then check back into the Deans Office upon return. Thank you for your help when appointments are necessary during the school day.

THE TUTORING CENTER IN THE LEARNING CENTER IS OPEN DAILY

Students wanting/needing assistance with coursework may visit the Tutoring Center before school (8:15-8:45 a.m.) or during class periods/blocks during the school day. This can be drop-in or by appointment by contacting Mrs. Gettemy in the Tutoring Center. Also, any student interested in becoming a student tutor may see Mrs. Gettemy or Mrs. Schumacher in the Learning Center.

3rd Quarter Academic Planning Dates and Deadlines

2/6 8th Grade Parent-Student Course Registration Night
2/10 Deadline to Drop Classes for 3rd Quarter
2/11 ACT
2/17 Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 3rd Quarter Classes
2/23 LMHS Parent Conferences (4:30-7:30 p.m.)
3/9 Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Semester
3/11 SAT
3/30 Last Day of 3rd Quarter
Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Semester Classes

12th Grade – LMHS Class of 2023

Graduation Cap/Gown/Tassel, and Victory Stole Ordering Information:

Ordering information for **Graduation Cap/Gown/Tassel, and Victory Stole** for graduating seniors can be picked up in the School Counseling Office.

Important 12th Grade Planning Dates

5/8 Senior Recognition Night (7:00 p.m., LM Auditorium)
5/13 Senior Prom (8:00-10:30 p.m. LM Main Gym) (Grand March at 7:30 p.m., LM Auditorium)
5/17 Seniors' Last Day of School (1:00 p.m., Graduation Rehearsal, LM Main Gym)
5/28 Commencement (1:00 p.m., Alliant Energy Power House)

From the College and Career Center

College/Career Planning Checklists:

LMHS School Counselors have developed checklists for each grade level to help you focus your college and career planning process. Check out the list for your grade below:

12th Grade

ICAN is offering "FAFSA Step By Step" on Wednesday, February 8th for families who still need to file the FAFSA. This virtual interactive session is meant to walk participants through the FAFSA form with the goal of having the form completed by the end of the webinar. Sign up now at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QIQ7aZDzTRKfMnxPYWv98A.

"The Scholarship Process" will also be presented virtually by ICAN on Wednesday, February 15th at 5:30PM. This event is perfect for high school seniors and parents. Register at

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LzmBaqBwTiSXtqRaef1bTA

Still need to file the FAFSA. FAFSA priority deadlines have passed or are approaching quickly for our top colleges (University of Iowa – December 1st; Iowa State University – January 3rd; University of Northern Iowa – January 15th; Kirkwood Community College – March 15th; Mount Mercy University – March 1st; Wartburg College – March 1st; and Coe College – March 1st). Check out what your school's deadline might be on [ICAN's website](https://www.icansucceed.org). If you need help filing, please schedule an appointment with ICAN (www.icansucceed.org) or see Mrs. Bass in the College/Career Center (Sheryl-bass@linnmar.k12.ia.us).

Upcoming College Admissions Visits at Linn-Mar – Students can stop in the Counselors' office to get a pass to talk with admissions counselors from these colleges:

- Monday, February 6, 3:00PM University of Wisconsin – Platteville
- Friday, March 3, 9:00AM Northwest Iowa Community College

Need help filing the FAFSA? ICAN provides free FAFSA application assistance at their Hiawatha location or virtually. Check out www.icansucceed.org/apt to make an appointment.

Senior Transcript Requests

Transcript requests should be sent via Xello. [Follow the step-by-step directions HERE to complete this process](#). Common App accounts should also be connected to your account so all forms will be sent correctly to your colleges by following [THESE STEPS](#).

11th Grade

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9th Grade

Future 9th Grade Connection Dates (3:30-4:00 p.m.)

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Monday, February 6, 3:30 p.m. (Topic: Registration for courses for the 2023-24 school year).

Monday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

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2023-24 Course Registration

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Activities

REACH Booklet

This link is for the LMHS REACH Activities Booklet. Not all activities are listed in this booklet, but almost all of them are in here.

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

Athletics

A Message as we begin the Winter Sports Season:

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!

Congratulations to the Lion Boys Swimming Team for being Champions at the MVC Super Meet on January 21!

Congratulations to the V Boys Wrestling Team for being Champions at the MVC Meet on Saturday!

Congratulations to the Lion athletes signing National Letters of Intent on Wednesday, February 1:

Mitchell Frahm- Cornell College- Football, **Tristan "TJ" Jackson**- Grand View University- Football, **Carter Henderson**- Minnesota State University-Mankato- Football, **Kate Denner**- Luther College-Swimming & Diving, **Taylor Brunson** - St. Ambrose College- Basketball, **Jack Johnson**- Truman State University- Soccer, **Breann Johnson**- Kansas Wesleyan University- Softball, and **Carter Bond**- Loras College- Baseball!

Good Luck to the Lion Girls Wrestlers competing in the Girls State Wrestling Meet this weekend! Our six Lion State Qualifying wrestlers are Reece Roberts, Ally Jelinek, Kate Seery, Ava Hofer, Hayley Setrum, and Trinity Young!

Good Luck to the V Linn-Mar Poms at National Competition this weekend!

Good Luck to the V Girls and Boys Basketball as they compete tonight at Xavier!

Good Luck to the V Boys Swimming Team as they compete in the District Meet on Saturday!

Good Luck to 9th Grade Boys (Red) Basketball as they compete against Cedar Falls on Saturday!

Fine Arts

Congratulations to 10th Street Edition Show Choir for being Grand Champion at the CR Prairie competition on Saturday!

10th Street Edition also received the award for Best Visuals! To In-Step Show Choir for being 2nd Place in the Mixed Prep Division at CR Prairie on Saturday! And, to Hi-Style Show Choir for being 1st Place in the Treble prep division at CR Prairie!

Good Luck to our Large Group State Speech Participants on Saturday!

Best Wishes to LMHS Orchestra members in the Metro Orchestra Festival on Saturday!

Congratulations to LM Speech Team for having four events qualify for State Large Group Contest! State-bound performers include: **Abigail Richard** and **Gwen Morris** (Short Film *How the Cookie Crumbles*), **Breann Johnson**, **Shea Southwood**, **Timothy Laubach**, and **William Shaheen** (One Act Play *Accused of Comedy*), **Addison Sleezer**, **Ellyson Hoffman**, **George Joyner**, **Jacob Maurer**, **Kyra Clay**, **Melia Bohn**, **Shea Southwood**, and **William Shaheen** (Varsity Readers Theatre *About Her*), and **Aheli Mustafi**, **Aria Meyer-Fernandez**, **Jailyn Moore**, and **Rylee Thompson** (Freshmen Readers Theatre *Check Please*)!

Clubs and Organizations

Congratulations to LMHS Robotics for advancing Team FTC 4324 *Lost in Time* to the Eastern Iowa Super Qualifier Tournament on February 18! **FTC 4150 Dark Matter** won the **Design Award**, and **FTC 10107 ALoTO** (*A League of Their Own*) won the **Innovate Award** for their robots at the **FIRST Tech Challenge League Tournament** on Saturday! Members of *Lost in Time* are: **Owen Chase**, **Alexander Chavez**, **Rory Desotel**, **Nathan Holts**, **Johan Joseph**, **Hrishikesh Kondiboyina**, **Nihal Kotur**, **Sreenav Naveen**, **Erich Nguyen**, **Nafees ahamed Niyas**, **Pranav Pradeep**, **Quentin Rud**, and **Kushal Vanavasam**! Members of *Dark Matter* are: **Bassil Elshiekh**, **Nithin John**, **Charlotte Masters**, **Tyler Person**, **Joe Schafer**, **Owen Soenen**, **Aditya Suri**, and **Samraat Zagade**! Members of *A League of Their Own* are: **Shrisantosh Balasubramanian**, **Jonah Frosch**, **Elly Hoffman**, **Alexander Jannusch**, **Grant Jessen**, **Connor Juel**, **Mary Marasch**, **Chloe Rouse**, **Courtney Stoddard**, **Lucas Tentinger**, **Michael Worden**, and **Ely Xiao**!

Dungeons and Dragons Club Meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Learning Center.

Other Information

LMCSD Superintendent Search Process Has Started

The Linn-Mar School Board has recently hired Grundmeyer Leader Services to support the search for a new district superintendent. Your feedback regarding what “desired qualifications” are most important for this position will ensure the new hire is a good fit for both the school district and communities. A Superintendent Search Survey is now available on the Linn-Mar website. Please complete the survey before Sunday, February 8th. Thank you.

<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/news/your-input-superintendent-qualifications/>

Linn-Mar School Foundation Mane Event on March 3

2023 Mane Event tickets are now available for purchase. Mane Event is the primary fundraiser for the Linn-Mar School Foundation, come and support the Foundation, students and teachers! The event will be held at Elmcrest Country Club and the theme is “Going Hollywood”! Dress up as your favorite movie characters... consider this an adult costume party.

We are limited in seating due to our venue change, so if you want to attend, get your tickets early! Get more information or purchase tickets by visiting our [website](#) or go directly to the [ticketing website](#).

Attendance for the week (Thursday - Thursday): **95.3 %**

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