

# Back to School Edition

August/September 2019

The Linn-Mar High School

# LION UPDATE



## LMHS is 1:1 in 2019-20

### School-Issued Computers for LMHS Students

With a 'thank you' to the LM School Board for making this happen, LMHS will be 1:1 for the first time in 2019-20. On August 26, LMHS students will be issued a school computer with a silicon cover, power cord and adapter to use in courses during the year. Each unit will have a school barcode and student name tag. Students will be responsible for the care and handling of the unit assigned to them.

School computers are for academic purposes and students found to be in violation of district and building 1:1 policies may lose the privilege of having a student-issued computer. A specific 1:1 policy section has been added to the LMHS Student Handbook, and this section and the entire Student Handbook will be available to all students and parents on the HS website in early August.

All courses will be utilizing PowerSchool Learning this year to help students access and receive support for learning course objectives at any time with their school-issued computers. The school-issued computers will also be used for the ISASP (state testing) in April.

Students will return the computer, power cord, and adapter on their last day of each school year either prior to graduation rehearsal for 12th grade students or following their last final exam for 9th-11th grade students. At this time, the district will not be offering insurance for the school-issued computers.

### 9th Grade-Only 1st Day on Friday, August 23

LMHS 9th grade students will report for classes at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 23. Students will go through a specific 9th grade 1st Day Schedule and meet with teachers in all of their classes. The focus for the day will include topics of academic mindset, success and support, wayfinding, behavior expectations, building procedures, student assistance support, an activity fair, and lunch protocols and options.

All of our 230 LMHS staff will be directly involved with the 9th grade students during the day to help make for a successful start to 9th grade. This is a required day of school for all 9th grade students and attendance will be taken each period and block during the day.

The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. in 1st Period/1st Block. All students in Marching Band will have class at 7:15 a.m., and all before/after school practices, meetings or rehearsals will take place as normal on August 23.

| <u>9th Gr &amp; Staff First Week Schedule</u> |                              | <u>Second Week Schedule</u> |                          | <u>Fifth Week Schedule</u> |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8/19                                          | New Teacher Workday          | 9/2                         | No Classes (Labor Day)   | 9/23                       | Regular Schedule         |
| 8/20                                          | Prof. Development/No Classes | 9/3                         | Regular Schedule         | 9/24                       | Regular Schedule         |
| 8/21                                          | Teacher Workday/No Classes   | 9/4                         | Regular Schedule         | 9/25                       | Regular Schedule         |
| 8/22                                          | Teacher Workday/No Classes   | 9/5                         | Regular Schedule         | 9/26                       | Regular Schedule         |
| 8/23                                          | 9th Grade Only Schedule      | 9/6                         | Study Table RED Schedule | 9/27                       | Regular Schedule         |
| <u>First Week Schedule</u>                    |                              | <u>Third Week Schedule</u>  |                          | <u>Sixth Week Schedule</u> |                          |
| 8/26                                          | Homeroom Schedule            | 9/9                         | Regular Schedule         | 9/30                       | Regular Schedule         |
| 8/27                                          | Homeroom Schedule            | 9/10                        | Regular Schedule         | 10/1                       | Regular Schedule         |
| 8/28                                          | Regular Schedule             | 9/11                        | Regular Schedule         | 10/2                       | Regular Schedule         |
| 8/29                                          | Regular Schedule             | 9/12                        | Regular Schedule         | 10/3                       | Study Table RED Schedule |
| 8/30                                          | Regular Schedule             | 9/13                        | Regular Schedule         | 10/4                       | Regular Schedule         |
|                                               |                              | <u>Fourth Week Schedule</u> |                          |                            |                          |
|                                               |                              | 9/16                        | Regular Schedule         |                            |                          |
|                                               |                              | 9/17                        | Regular Schedule         |                            |                          |
|                                               |                              | 9/18                        | Regular Schedule         |                            |                          |
|                                               |                              | 9/19                        | Study Table RED Schedule |                            |                          |
|                                               |                              | 9/20                        | Regular Schedule         |                            |                          |

**Self-Guided Touring LMHS  
Prior To The School Year**

LMHS will be open for students and parents to tour the building on your own beginning on Monday, August 5, from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

We are extending hours for students and parents to tour and explore the building from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19, Tuesday, August 20, Wednesday, August 21, and Thursday, August 22.

We strongly encourage all students and parents to use the times the building will be open to find their way to classrooms and other specific locations within LMHS. Every year, Student Advisory Councils for all grade levels have strongly recommended that students new to LMHS, including all 9th grade students, use the opportunity to tour the building before the first day of school in order to feel more comfortable getting around when all of the students and staff return.

**9th Grade Parent Only Orientation  
Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

An orientation night for 9th grade parents will be held on Wednesday, August 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the LMHS Auditorium. Specific sessions will be offered regarding communication, student assistance - social emotional support, academic focus, homework-grading, the LMHS Student Handbook, and building tours. The evening will end around 8:00 p.m. Because the August 23 school day is 9th grade only, the 9th Grade Parent Orientation Night on the 21st is for parents only. No events will be planned for students on the 21st.

**9th-11th Grades Student Pictures on  
August 21 and 22**

School Pictures for 9th-11th Grades will be taken on **Wednesday, August 21 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, August 22 from 11:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m.** on the LMHS Auditorium stage.

Picture make-ups are scheduled for Friday, September 6, from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** *It is important that ALL students Grades 9-11 get their photos taken every year. If you do NOT want to purchase photos, the photographers will just take an "ID photo" at no charge.*

**10th, 11th, 12th Grades Report  
on Monday, August 26**

9th Grade students will be joined by 10th-12th grade students on Monday, August 26, at 8:30 a.m. A Homeroom Schedule will be used on August 26 and August 27. All students will report to Homeroom each day at 10:00 a.m.

Bus drop-off and boarding takes place on the north side of the building. Busses will depart from LMHS at approximately 3:40 p.m.

**LMHS Class of 2020 Photo Update**

On August 27, during Homeroom at 10:00 a.m., 12th grade students will report to the field at LM Stadium to take a '2020' class picture. In 2012, during their 4th grade year, the Class of 2020 took a photo at LM Stadium at the start of the LMCS D initiative to have both academic goals and physical renovations completed by the time the Class of 2020 entered high school. To mark the uniqueness of the photo taken in 2012, we plan to update the picture with the current members of the Class of 2020. Band directors, as they did in 2012, and HS staff will be on hand to help line up the students for the photograph.

**LMHS Parent Open House Replaced by  
Course Teacher Videos**

With the addition of two parent conference dates and with approximately a 10% participation rate at Parent Open House, LMHS will be replacing the event with teacher videos for each course. The intention is to have a much higher percentage of parents able to get the course information from teachers. The course information in the videos will be similar to the information parents received during previous Parent Open House sessions. Teacher introductions, course information and expectations, contact information, and other necessary course information will be presented in the short, approximately two minute videos.

Teacher videos will be emailed to parents on August 28, the third day of school and the last day to add a course for 1st Quarter/1st Semester. The videos will also be on PowerSchool Learning.

**E-Registration opens Mon., Aug. 5. All students must e-Register prior to the start of school.**

# ***LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE INFORMATION***

## **LMHS REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULE**

**2019-2020**

***Early-Bird Class - Marching Band 7:15-8:00 a.m.***

***Early Session 8:00-8:25 a.m.***

|           |                    |            |                  |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|
| 1st Block | 8:30-10:05 a.m.    | 1st Period | 8:30-9:15 a.m.   |
|           |                    | 2nd Period | 9:20-10:05 a.m.  |
| 2nd Block | 10:10-11:45 a.m.   | 3rd Period | 10:10-10:55 a.m. |
|           |                    | 4th Period | 11:00-11:45 a.m. |
| 3rd Block | 11:50-1:25 p.m.    | 5th Period | 11:50-12:35 p.m. |
|           | or 12:15-1:50 p.m. | 6th Period | 1:05-1:50 p.m.   |
| 4th Block | 1:55- 3:30 p.m.    | 7th Period | 1:55-2:40 p.m.   |
|           |                    | 8th Period | 2:45-3:30 p.m.   |

*The identification of each lunch session has changed for 2019-20. This change is due to the large number of alternative schedule needs required last year. To help assist students as to when they eat, a two-digit number is now assigned to each lunch session. The first number is the 'block' and the second number is the specific lunch session. Lunch '31' is 3rd Block, 1st Lunch session. On an alternative schedule, Lunch '21' is 2nd Block, 1st Lunch session. Lunch '41' is 4th Block, 1st Lunch session.*

|                 |                                       |                                                         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Lunch 31</i> | <i>11:45-12:10 p.m.</i>               | <i>Class: 12:15-1:50</i>                                |
| <i>Lunch 32</i> | <i>12:10-12:35 p.m. (split block)</i> | <i>Class: 11:50-12:10 &amp; 12:40-1:50</i>              |
| <i>Lunch 33</i> | <i>12:35- 1:00 p.m.</i>               | <i>Class: 5th period skinny &amp; 6th period skinny</i> |
| <i>Lunch 34</i> | <i>1:25- 1:50 p.m.</i>                | <i>Class: 11:50-1:25</i>                                |

*\*Busses begin departing at 3:40 p.m.\**

***Alternative Class Schedules may be found on the LMHS Building Webpage.***

### ***'Sophomore Commons Release' During Scheduled Learning Center Time***

For the second year, designated 10th grade students who have two previous semesters averaging a 3.33 g.p.a., have no Code of Conduct or Attendance issues, have no current 'F', 'D', or incomplete work grades, and have parent permission, may be assigned to specific 'commons' areas (West/Theatre Commons, Pride Rock Commons, Study Commons at the Main Office, and Upper Commons/Library) during scheduled Learning Center time. The South Commons and Lower Commons/Cafeteria will not be available for Sophomore Commons Release. 'Commons' seating for Sophomores with Commons Release will be designated and attendance will be taken daily. Any student granted Sophomore Commons Release and found leaving the building without permission or not in their designated commons area will have Sophomore Commons Release revoked with the student reassigned to the Learning Center.

### **FIVE HOMEROOM SESSIONS IN 2019-20**

Five Homeroom sessions will be held during the 2019-20 school year. The Homeroom dates are August 26, August 27, October 31, January 23, and April 2.

Topics will include: Computer Distribution, Student Handbook 'points of emphasis', Harassment Procedures, Healthy Kids Act, 9th Grade Adjustment Sessions, Course Registration Planning, Graduation Planning, Post-Secondary Planning, Job Shadowing and Internship Planning, and information distribution. A separate Homeroom Schedule will be used on these five dates.

**Homeroom is required of all students, and attendance will be taken at each session.**

**ACADEMIC LETTER ASSEMBLIES ON SEPTEMBER 5**

Three Academic Assemblies will be held on Thursday, September 5. The 11th Grade assembly honoring Junior academic letter winners will begin at 9:00 a.m. The 12th Grade assembly will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the 10th Grade assembly will begin at 2:00 p.m. Each ceremony will take approximately forty minutes followed by pictures. All three assemblies occur in the LMHS Auditorium. Students in grades 10-12, who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.33 during the 2018-19 school year, will receive academic letters.

Students receiving a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 during the 2018-19 school year, are eligible to receive an academic letter “with Honors”. Students receiving a cumulative grade point average of 4.00 during the 2018-19 school year are eligible to receive an academic letter “with Distinction”.

**ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY PARKING INFORMATION**

Parking on campus is extremely limited. Attendees of the morning Academic Assemblies are asked to park at New Life Church (29th and Alburnett Road) and take the shuttle to LMHS. Bus shuttles will begin thirty minutes prior to each assembly. We do ask that all attendees enter LMHS through door #1 (near the Auditorium), which will be open for the assemblies only. No shuttle is available for the 2:00 p.m. Academic Assembly. Guests for the 10th Grade Academic Assembly are asked to park on campus or on the adjacent streets as able.

**PSAT INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS**

The PSAT National Merit Scholarship Competition exam will be given on Wednesday, October 16. Cost for the exam is \$15, and can be paid in the LMHS Cashier’s Office. Exam sign-up is in the 11th/12th Grades Office. For information and questions regarding the PSAT, please contact the 11th/12th Grades Office (447-3070).

The National Merit Scholarship Competition is open to and encouraged for all interested Juniors. Interested Sophomores are also encouraged to take the exam as a practice for the PSAT during their Junior year.

The PSAT for Juniors is taken at the Kirkwood Regional Center in Hiawatha. The PSAT for Sophomores is taken in the Presentation-Lecture Hall at LMHS. Students need to report for the PSAT no later than 7:30 a.m.

**ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES**

|       |                                                                                                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8/5   | LMHS Online Registration Support begins in College-Career Ctr.                                  |
| 8/13  | Counselor Appointments begin                                                                    |
| 8/21  | 9th Grade Parent Only Orientation                                                               |
| 8/23  | 9th Grade Only 1st Day of Classes                                                               |
| 8/24  | SAT                                                                                             |
| 8/26  | 1st Day of 1st Qtr.-Sem. for all grades                                                         |
| 8/28  | Deadline to Add 1st Qtr. Classes                                                                |
| 8/30  | Deadline to Add 1st Sem. Classes                                                                |
| 9/5   | Academic Assemblies                                                                             |
| 9/6   | Study Table RED Schedule                                                                        |
| 9/14  | ACT @ LMHS                                                                                      |
| 9/20  | Deadline to Drop 1st Qtr. Classes<br>Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail<br>For 1st Quarter Classes |
| 9/26  | Parent Conferences (4:00-7:00 p.m.)                                                             |
| 10/5  | SAT                                                                                             |
| 10/16 | PSAT                                                                                            |
| 10/26 | ACT @ Marion HS                                                                                 |

**ZAPS ACT PREP WORKSHOP**

Marion High School will be hosting a ZAPS ACT Prep workshop on Saturday, October 12, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. ***Sign-up for the workshop and information may be found at ZAPS.com.***

Linn -Mar ACT Code: **162763**

**NAVIANCE STUDENT AVAILABLE FOR LMHS STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Linn-Mar High School has partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools for student achievement through academic planning. These tools are located in **Naviance Student**, a website for students and families to access online resources, communicate with school staff, and collaborate on college and career readiness activities. Students can research colleges, scholarships, careers, enrichment programs and courses in one location. They can also create individual plans that can be linked to college and career readiness. Students can communicate easily with teachers and counselors.

For college and career readiness, students can request transcripts and recommendations for college applications, as well as complete career assessments and perform college and career searches. Students can also create goals and track associated tasks and activities.

Students can access Naviance Student on the LMHS web page using their network username and password. Parents of returning students have been issued a registration code to access Naviance Student (<https://student.naviance.com/linnmarhs>). Parents of new students, including 9th grade students, will be issued a registration code to access Naviance Student.

**‘BLENDED’ LEARNING  
COURSE SECTIONS**

Approximately 50 of over 740 total LMHS course sections will be taught using a ‘blended learning’ format during the 2019-20 school year. The subjects are limited to specific sections of selected courses. Blended course offerings are courses created with a defined intent of utilizing the best face-to-face and digital instructional methods available to learning. Blended courses will meet at the same time daily, but will have variable expectations (always teacher-determined) regarding days of face-to-face attendance per week. At no time will students meet with their instructor less than three days per week and at no time will the expectations and rigor of a Blended class be less than that of a traditional course section. Students will be taught the same content, held to the same standards, and be given the same summative assessments as students taking the traditional course sections. Blended course instructors will be available to students every day that school is in session. A primary difference students will experience with Blended coursework is that frequent online engagement with course content will be required. Students taking a ‘blended’ section who do not have time release (including all 9th and 10th grades students), will be allowed to utilize the Pride Rock Commons, West-Theater Commons, Upper Commons-Library, Food Court, Study Commons at the Main Office, and South Commons, for required coursework as allowed by the instructor.

**ISASP Results Expected in Early Fall**

At this time, we expect ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) results to be released during the early fall. ISASP for this school year is scheduled to be given in early April of 2020.

**Study Table RED Schedule**

Study Table is a designated learning and learning assistance time (10:05-10:35 a.m.) scheduled once every two weeks throughout the school year. Study Table is a continuation of 1st Block/2nd Period. Those students who are requested by a teacher or who request to see a specific teacher will be issued a pass prior to Study Table. Only those students with passes are permitted to move rooms prior to Study Table.

Students staying in their 1st Block/2nd Period classes must be studying as a quiet study environment is maintained throughout the building.

Study Table sessions during 1st Quarter will be held on the following dates:

**Friday, September 6**  
**Thursday, September 19**  
**Thursday, October 3**  
**Thursday, October 17**

## UNIFIED CLASSROOM NOW USED TO ACCESS POWERSCHOOL AND POWERSCHOOL LEARNING

The student information system, PowerSchool, and the student learning system, PowerSchool Learning, will now be accessed under one 'umbrella', called Unified Classroom, for students and parents to more efficiently access both platforms. In other words, students and parents will now go to Unified Classroom to access either PowerSchool or PowerSchool Learning. Parents with more than one student in school will still use only one passcode for each student.

The information viewed on PowerSchool is the same for both student and parent. Please feel free to contact the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, or Main Office for assistance with accessing. If you have questions regarding student academic scores in PowerSchool, please contact your student's teacher for clarification. If a question or issue remains following the teacher contact, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office, 9th-10th Grades Office, or the 11th-12th Grades Office for assistance.

Both traditional course grading and student progress toward the specific standards are kept for all LMHS courses and are available on PowerSchool. For questions regarding finding this information, feel free to contact the 9th-10th Grades Office (447-3043), 11th-12th Grades Office (447-3070), Main Office (447-3040), or your student's counselor.

All LMHS courses will be using PowerSchool Learning for monitoring student progress toward all Priority Standards in a given course. Priority Standards are the 'must haves' for ALL students in each course. PowerSchool Learning will help provide multiple, differentiated online learning opportunities for students regarding the Priority and Supporting Standards for each course.

Teachers will be focusing on more than just Priority Standards in each course, and teachers may include these in PowerSchool Learning. Use of PSL as an instructional tool will continue to take time and development. All courses will be utilizing the tool and students will experience varying levels of options for each of the areas in PSL as teachers continue to enhance the use of PSL in their courses. The PSL 'icons' (see chart to right) are used to help students navigate specific learning needs while using PowerSchool Learning.

### POWERSCHOOL LEARNING ICONS



#### Learning Target

What you are expected to know or be able to do at the end of a lesson/unit.



#### Learning

Content that will provide information to help you meet the learning target.



#### Check for Understanding

Let's see if we met the learning target. Do you need more support to get there or are you ready to move on?



#### More Detail

More information or information explained in a different way to help us meet the learning target.



#### Enrichment

We met the learning target, now let's expand on what we learned.

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## COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

The College and Career Center is located adjacent to the South Commons. It is staffed by school counselors and the records secretary before and during the school day. Visiting colleges and career speakers will be available in the center, as well as planning resources and information. Informational meetings will be available to students and parents during the year, including a College Planning Night on April 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and a College Financial Aid Night also on April 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Both of these meetings will be held in the Presentation-Lecture Hall at LMHS.

## COLLEGE FAIR AT KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kirkwood Community College will be holding the annual college fair on Wednesday, September 11, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the Kirkwood Campus.

Students attending the session will need to have parents contact the 11th-12th Grades Office (447-3046) in order to be excused as a college visit.

**Questions about registration, school pics, parking, etc? Go to:  
<https://www.linnmar.k12.ia.us/parents/registration/>  
for information and forms.**

**LEARNING CENTER**

The Learning Center is a program for all Linn-Mar students and serves as an extension of the classroom. The Learning Center is led by the Academic Intervention Teacher (Becky Cortez) in cooperation with teachers and counselors. The Learning Center gives students the opportunity to work on core instruction, and provides enrichment opportunities or time for individual study and group collaboration. **All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are assigned to the Learning Center during non-class periods.** Listed below are some of the supports offered within the Learning Center. If you have questions concerning the Learning Center or supports offered within please contact your student's school counselor for further information or visit the Learning Center link in the LMHS website.

- Guided Studies Lab
- Achievement Studies Lab
- Tutoring Lab
- M.A.S.S. Student Tutors for Upper Level Math and Science
- Afterschool Guided Study Program
- Writing Center-The Riff Room
- Math Academic Intervention Classroom

**EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS**

Any seniors planning to graduate at the end of 1st Semester are required by Board Policy to have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by December 2, 2019. Students wishing to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter must have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by March 2, 2020. Students should see their school counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.



Thanks to Student Council for funding this project and adding "pop" to our HS entrances and adding some privacy in the Health Office!

**STUDENT TUTORING REQUESTS**

Request forms for receiving a student peer or adult tutor may be found in the 9th-10th Grades Office, the 11th-12th Grades Office, or online. As many requests as possible are matched with a tutor. Tutoring takes place in forty-five minute sessions between 7:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. in The Learning Center, The Upper Commons/Library, or in the Main Office.

**PEER TUTORS and ADULT TUTORS**

Applications to be a Student Peer Tutor (either volunteer or for credit) may be picked up in the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, or online. A brief orientation meeting is required of all tutors prior to a tutoring assignment. See your counselor for questions.

Adult Tutors sign up with Community Services as a LM Volunteer. Applications are available at the LRC, LMHS or online. Contact Karla Terry, Community Services Coordinator, for questions.

**STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

For any family, personal, social, academic, mental health, or other issues, please contact one of the Student Assistance Counselors:

Janessa Walters, Student Assistance Counselor  
(Prevention Specialist) 892-4884

Kevin McCauley, Student Assistance  
Counselor (Prevention Specialist) 447-3047

Lisa Mooney, Student Assistance Counselor,  
(Family Specialist) 447-3129

Tony Nicol, Academic Assistance  
Counselor 447-3073

Danielle Patterson, Academic Assistance  
Counselor 447-3059

*A listing of faculty/staff on the LMHS Student Assistance Team is posted throughout the building. Students may contact any member of this team for assistance.*

# ***LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL      HOME OF THE LIONS***

## **TIME RELEASE**

Juniors and Seniors may be granted Time Release during unscheduled time if:

1. A parent permission form is on file in the 11th-12th Grades Office
2. All grades in the previous grading period were passing
3. In good standing with the Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy

Parents may revoke or reinstate Time Release (if eligible) at any time. Students with no Time Release are assigned to a specific seat in the Learning Center. **Grades 9 and 10 do NOT have Time Release privileges and must report to The Learning Center or the assigned Sophomore Commons Release area for all unscheduled periods.**

Time Release students are NOT permitted to move throughout the building without a pass during class time.

## **LUNCH MONEY**

Lunch money may be deposited into accounts each day in the Cashier's Office any time from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For the deposit to be applied to the current day's lunch account, the deposit must be made by 10:15 a.m. Money may also be deposited online using a link on the district website.

## **ANNUAL HEARING SCREENING**

Students new to Linn-Mar, and students with a known history of ear problems may be tested for hearing during the school year. Parents who do not want their student's hearing tested will need to indicate this in writing to the school nurse each year.

## **STUDENT LOCKERS**

All 9th Grade students are assigned lockers. 10th, 11th and 12th Grades students may request a locker through the grade levels offices. Student lockers are to store school materials and personal items needed for school. All students are advised NOT to bring valuable or non-school related items to school. Students are responsible for keeping assigned lockers clean.

## **MEDICATION**

Students who must take prescribed medication at school must have written authorization on file in the Health Office. Non-prescribed medication will be given with physician and parent approval only. Students are not to carry any medication at any time without a note of approval from the school nurse. Contact the Health Office at 447-3080 for questions.

## **BUILDING CLOSES AT 3:45 P.M. EACH DAY**

This is a reminder that the Linn-Mar High School building officially closes each day at 3:45 p.m. Students with activities beginning after 3:45 p.m. must leave and return when the activity is scheduled. General student supervision is not present after 3:45 p.m. each day. **Thank you for your cooperation and planning for student pick-up by 3:45 p.m.**



# **LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL HOME OF THE LIONS**

## **Parent Advisory Council**

Each year LMHS has a Parent Advisory Council that meets once each semester with Jeff Gustason, Principal, to receive information on LMHS initiatives, procedures and the current school year, and to provide input and feedback on these and any other areas related to LMHS. The purpose is to provide a formal and constructive parent link for decision-making at LMHS. Applications to participate in Parent Advisory Council are sent out at the beginning of the school year to all LMHS parents. Meeting dates for 2019-20 are Monday, November 4, 2019, and Monday, February 24, 2020. Meetings are held in the Presentation-Lecture Hall from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

## **Student Advisory Councils**

LMHS has a Student Advisory Council for each grade level that meets three times per year. The purpose of Student Advisory is to meet directly with Jeff Gustason, Principal, to receive information on LMHS initiatives, procedures and the current school year, and to provide student input and feedback on these and any other areas related to LMHS. Each grade level has a Student Advisory Council to allow for more student participation and specific feedback regarding LMHS. Meetings take place at 7:30 a.m. in the Presentation-Lecture Hall. Applications for 9th Grade Student Advisory, 10th Grade Student Advisory, 11th Grade Student Advisory, and 12th Grade Student Advisory may be picked up at the Main Office, 9th-10th Grades Office, or the 11th-12th Grades Office.

## **CrisisGo! for Parents and Safe2SpeakUP for Students available for mobile devices**

LMHS students will have the opportunity to install Safe2SpeakUP on their mobile devices for the 2019-20 school year. Safe2SpeakUP provides two important features. First, any crisis information, including instructions for what they should do, will be received immediately by students with the app. Also, students will be able to contact administrators and counselors through this app to seek needed help or provide information should a crisis be taking place. Second, Safe2SpeakUP allows students to provide administrators and counselors information of a potential threat to themselves or others within the school. Information for how to download the Safe2SpeakUP app will be provided at the start of school. School-issued computers will also have an icon for student access on Safe2SpeakUP. This will only have the *reporting* feature at this time, not the *alert* feature that is on the Safe2SpeakUP app for student mobile devices.

Parents will also be able to install CrisisGo! on your mobile devices. Having this app will allow parents to 'view only' any crisis messages sent out through CrisisGo! to staff and students. Information for how to access and install the parent version of CrisisGo! for Linn-Mar High School will be emailed directly to parents at the beginning of the school year.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP AND UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

Any Linn-Mar High School parent interested in becoming a volunteer can go to:

<https://volunteers.linnmar.k12.ia.us/>

and start the registration process. Once registered to volunteer, you will receive emails from the HS Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle Hand, with specific dates and times that volunteers are needed.

There will be a number of opportunities available at the start of the year, including the Back to School Dance on August 29, the Lifetouch Picture Days on August 21 and 22, and to hand out student schedules on the 9th grade first day on August 23.

## **LMHS Fire, Tornado, Serious Threat Drills**

LMHS will schedule four Fire drills, four Severe Weather/Tornado drills, and two Serious Threat/Intruder Evacuation drills during the 2019-20 school year. Any unscheduled Fire or Tornado alarms that may occur during the year do not count as having a drill. All drills coordinate involvement of both the high school and LRC buildings. The high school and LRC buildings will be participating in a Serious Threat evacuation drill on September 10 at 10:10 a.m. Currently, 1<sup>st</sup> semester Fire drills are scheduled for August 29 and September 16. 1<sup>st</sup> semester Severe Weather/Tornado drills are scheduled for September 3 and September 20.

## **LINN-MAR HIGH SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS VIA BUILDING WEBPAGE, TWITTER and FACEBOOK**

Linn-Mar High School updates and information may be found on the LMHS building webpage ([linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://linnmar.k12.ia.us)), Twitter @LinnMarHSIowa, and also Facebook.

We encourage students, parents and others with interest in LMHS to follow on the LMHS webpage, Twitter and Facebook.

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## **Welcome to Our New Teachers at LMHS for 2019-20**

**Kiley Boesenberg:** Kiley joins LMHS as a Math teacher. She has taught the past 13 years at Cedar Rapids Washington HS. Kiley has a B.A. in Math Education from the University of Northern Iowa and a M.A. from Mount Mercy in Effective Teaching Strategies. Welcome Kiley!

**Daniel Garcia:** Daniel joins LMHS as a Science teacher. He student taught at LMHS last spring. Daniel has a B.S. in Science Education with emphasis on Earth Science from the University of Iowa. He is originally from the Chicago area. Welcome Daniel!

**Mindy Kruckenberg:** Mindy joins LMHS as a Spanish teacher. She will also be teaching at Oak Ridge MS. Mindy has taught the past 18 years at Center Point-Urbana HS. She has also taught at Mason City HS and Greene-North Butler HS. Mindy has a B.A. in Secondary Education-Spanish from Cornell College. Welcome Mindy!

**Jack Leighty:** Jack joins LMHS as a teacher in the ATLAS program. Jack has taught in Anamosa for the past 15 years. He has also taught for Corwith-Wesley CSD. Jack has a B.A. in Physical Education from Dubuque University and has graduate work from Morningside College and Drake University. Welcome Jack!

**Angela Lordey:** Angela joins LMHS as a French teacher. She has taught the past 6 years at Lycee Saint Marc and Lycee Prive de Guiers in France. She has also taught at Marist HS and Roosevelt HS in Chicago. Angela has a B.A. in French from Wartburg College and a M.A. in English as a Second Language from Northeastern Illinois University. Welcome Angela!

**Tony Nicol:** Tony returns to LMHS as an Academic Assistance Counselor. Tony has recently been the Intermediate and Middle School Counselor at Solon. He has previously served as an English teacher, School Counselor, and a Student Dean at LMHS. Tony has a B.A. in English Education and a M.A. in Teaching from the University of Iowa. Welcome Back, Tony!

**Chris Orabutt:** Chris joins LMHS as a Social Studies teacher. He will also be teaching in the COMPASS program. Chris taught this past year as a Fulbright Fellow in South Korea. Chris student taught at Southeast Polk HS. He has a B.A. in History with a Music minor from the University of Iowa. Welcome Chris!

**Abbie Parker:** Abbie joins LMHS as a Student Dean. Abbie has taught the past 5 years as an At-Risk and Project Lead the Way teacher at Alburnett HS. Abbie has also served as the Youth Coordinator for First Presbyterian Church of Marion the past five years. Abbie has a B.A. in Secondary Mathematics Education and M.A.E. in Educational Administration from the University of Northern Iowa. Welcome Abbie!

**Kalle Richmann:** Kalle joins LMHS as a Strat II-III teacher. Kalle has taught the past 5 years at Solon HS. She has also taught at Anamosa HS. Kalle has a B.A. in Psychology/Music and a M.A. in Special Education from the University of Iowa. Welcome Kalle!

**Symon Sanborn:** Symon rejoins LMHS as a Strat I teacher. Symon has been a teacher leader at the secondary level for Linn-Mar the past 3 years. Symon has been a behavior specialist for Linn-Mar and at Echo Hill Elementary. Symon has an A.A. from Kirkwood Community College, and a B.A. in History and M.A. in Special Education from Mount Mercy University. Welcome back to Symon!

**Katie Sleeper:** Katie joins LMHS as an English teacher. Katie has taught the past 4 years at Cedar Rapids Jefferson HS. She also student taught at LMHS. Katie has a B.A. in Secondary Education from the University of Iowa. Welcome Katie!

**Morgan Staalshelm:** Morgan joins LMHS as a Math teacher. She has taught the past 5 years at Atlantic HS. Morgan has a B.S. in Math Education from Northwest Missouri State and a M.A. in Mathematics-Secondary Teaching from the University of Northern Iowa. Welcome Morgan!

**Amy Stevens:** Amy joins LMHS as a teacher in the ATLAS program. Amy has been a Special Education Consultant the past 5 years with GWAEA. She has also taught at Excelsior MS. Amy has a B.S. in Special Education with specialty in Deaf Education from Illinois State University. She also has a M.A.E. from Morningside College and a M.A. in School Counseling from Buena Vista University. Welcome Amy!

**SPORTSMANSHIP - We Are Linn-Mar!**

Linn-Mar High School students, parents, and spectators are all expected to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship at athletic events. Chanting at, taunting at, or doing anything to incite opponents, yelling at officials, or doing anything that does not display appropriate sportsmanship is unacceptable at a high school athletic contest. The efforts by everyone toward good sportsmanship is appreciated.

***DO YOUR PART TO SUPPORT LINN-MAR TEAMS LOUDLY, ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AND WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF SPORTSMANSHIP!***

**REACH BOOKLET**

The Student Activities "REACH" booklet is available on the High School web page under Student Information. The booklet provides a listing of all student activities at Linn-Mar High School, including clubs, organizations, fine arts and athletics.

**WE ARE  LINN-MAR**

**FINE ARTS TICKET PRICES  
AUG-SEPT**

Sat., Sept. 28 Lion Marching Fest.  
\$6 Adults, \$3 Students/Seniors



**Spring Musical: Beauty & the Beast**

**MVC ATHLETICS WEBSITE**

All Linn-Mar High School athletics schedules are on the MVC Athletics website. Anyone may sign-up to receive text and email notifications regarding game changes, postponements or cancellations. This will be the primary site for athletic notices used by the Linn-Mar High School Athletics Department.

[www.mississippivalleyiowa.org](http://www.mississippivalleyiowa.org)

Contact the Athletic Office :

**David Brown (AD): 447-3061**

**Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD): 447-3086**

**Melaine Kelley (Secretary): 447-3060**

Follow LM athletics on Twitter:

**@LMHS\_Athletics**

**FALL ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES**

Ticket prices for Linn-Mar High School varsity fall athletics:

**Football**

Adults \$6.00

Students \$5.00

Seniors \$4.00

**Volleyball/Girls Swimming**

Adults \$5.00

Seniors/Students \$4.00

**9th Grade Games**

Adults \$3.00

Seniors/Students \$2.00

Student Activity Tickets for the 2019-20 school year may be purchased for \$50. Adult 10 event punch tickets are available for \$40. All purchases can be made in the HS Cashier's Office (located near the South Entrance).

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## **Standard-Based in 2020-21? What does this mean?**

LMHS is working to base traditional letter grades on student progress and proficiency toward Priority and Supporting Standards beginning in the fall of 2020. More informational opportunities will be provided during the 2019-20 school year regarding this work. The purpose of mentioning this now is to provide a brief overview of what Standards-Based at LMHS will and will not look like.

Traditional letter grades will still be used in all courses. In 2020-21, the letter grades will be based entirely off of proficiency progress toward specific Priority and Supporting Standards in each course and no longer on a point system based on both academic and non-academic factors. Currently in PowerSchool, students are given both a percentage-scale score based on points and a proficiency-scale score based on standards. Student grades are currently based on the percentage-scale score. In 2020-21, proficiency-scale scores based on the standards will be converted to letter grades using an established conversion scale.

Student grade transcripts will not change. LMHS students will still have grade point averages and transcripts that show the letter grades and grade point averages as they do now.

The primary reasons for working toward this change of basing letter grades on proficiency-scale scores based on standards instead of percentage-scale scores based on points is to provide specificity in identifying and diagnosing learning need areas for each student, which then allows for more targeted interventions to take place. This includes both students who may be struggling to understand or perform the expectations of the standards and also those students who excel in understanding or performance of a particular standard. It also helps to ensure a focus on the 'must haves' (Priority Standards) for each course is being achieved by all students.



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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| Pete Martin (H-N)               | 447-3072 |
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| 11th-12th Grades Office:        | 447-3070 |
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