



The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

**WINTER
EDITION**

December 2015/January 2016

Dr. Eddie Moore to Speak to LMHS Students on January 19

Week 15 Schedule

11/30	Regular Schedule
12/1	Regular Schedule
12/2	Regular Schedule
12/3	Regular Schedule
12/4	Regular Schedule

Week 16 Schedule

12/7	Regular Schedule
12/8	Regular Schedule
12/9	Regular Schedule
12/10	Regular Schedule
12/11	Regular Schedule

Week 17 Schedule

12/14	Regular Schedule
12/15	Regular Schedule
12/16	Regular Schedule
12/17	Regular Schedule
12/18	Regular Schedule

Week 18 Schedule

12/21	Regular Schedule
12/22	Regular Schedule
12/23	No Classes/Holiday Break
12/24	No Classes/Holiday Break
12/25	No Classes/Holiday Break

12/26-1/1/16 No Classes/Holiday Break

Week 19 Schedule

1/4/16	Regular Schedule
1/5	Regular Schedule
1/6	Regular Schedule
1/7	Regular Schedule
1/8	Regular Schedule

Week 20 Schedule

1/11	Regular Schedule
1/12	Semester Exam Schedule
1/13	Semester Exam Schedule
1/14	Semester Exam Schedule
1/15	No Classes/Teacher Workday

Week 21 Schedule

1/18	No Classes/Professional Development
1/19	Regular Schedule
1/20	Regular Schedule
1/21	Homeroom Schedule
1/22	Regular Schedule

Week 22 Schedule

1/25	Regular Schedule
1/26	Regular Schedule
1/27	Regular Schedule
1/28	Regular Schedule
1/29	Regular Schedule

Dr. Eddie Moore, Director of Diversity at Brooklyn Friends School in New York, will be speaking to all LMHS students on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. Dr. Moore's message of tolerance and understanding in a diverse society has taken him to many K-12 school and university settings throughout the U.S. He previously received his degrees, and did work in higher education in Iowa. Dr. Moore also worked with students at LMHS in 2000 and 2001.

We are excited to bring Dr. Moore's motivational message to all of our LMHS students. He will be speaking to students in their respective grade levels. A regular schedule will be used on January 19, with grade-levels being released to the Auditorium at specific times to hear Dr. Moore.

LMHS faculty will be working with Dr. Moore during our January 18 professional development day. Further information on Dr. Moore can be found at www.eddiemoorej.com.

Job Shadow Applications due to the CCC on December 18

Applications for second semester Job Shadows are due by Wednesday, January 6. The application portal opens Nov. 30. More than 257 job shadow experiences took place during this fall semester. During the 2014-15 school year, 215 job shadow experiences took place. Keep taking advantage of these opportunities. For questions about a job shadow or the application process, please contact your student's counselor. Applications can be found at www.workplace-learning.org.

PARENT CONFERENCES ON DECEMBER 3

First Semester Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, December 3, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Sign-up for Parent Conferences began on Monday, November 3, online at:

https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high_school/conferences.php?where_from=student&language=english
Call 447-3040 for assistance.

The link for Parent Conference sign-up is also on the LMHS webpage. Parent conferences are ten minutes in length. All parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Second semester Parent Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 25.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

The following events are scheduled in the College and Career Center during December and January:

December 4: visit to Kirkwood Community College (14 spots available for 11th and 12th Grades students. Sign up in the CCC).

December 9: Presentation: Finding Scholarships (8:00 a.m., All students welcome in the CCC).

December 18: Job Shadow applications due.

January 27: Career Speaker: All students welcome in the CCC. Speaker details released closer to date.

All students are welcome to visit the College and Career Center (CCC) during school hours.

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LMHS SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

January 12, 13 and 14, 2016

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 - 10:00 Period 1 (Block 1)

10:15- 11:45 Period 2

Lunch Break

12:15- 1:45 Period 3 (Block 2)

2:00- 3:30 Period 4

Wednesday, January 13

8:30 - 10:00 Period 5 (Block 3)

10:15- 11:45 Period 6

Thursday, January 14

8:30 - 10:00 Period 7 (Block 4)

10:15- 11:45 Period 8

All students are required to be on time for all tests.

Students who are late for the start of any given tests are required to make other arrangements with their respective teachers.

Students are not required to be in attendance when not scheduled for an exam.

All teachers will be giving some kind of assessment during the testing dates.

The Learning Center/Media Center will be open to students seeking academic support and a quiet study environment. The

Upper Commons/Library will also be available for studying during exam times.

A supervised cafeteria/commons will be available for students who are unable to leave campus during testing times.

Busses will run at the regular times on January 12, and at 12:00 p.m. on January 13 and 14.

A *weather-related contingency schedule* will be posted on the LMHS webpage.

Lunch will be available to students between 11:15 and 12:15 on January 12, and between 11:15 and 12:00 on January 13 and 14.

ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

12/3 LMHS Parent Conference (4:00-7:30 p.m.)
 12/4 Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Qtr.
 12/5 SAT
 12/12 ACT @ LMHS
 12/23 Winter Break begins

 1/4 Classes resume
 1/12-14 Semester Exams
 1/19 1st day of 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter
 1/21 Deadline to Add Classes for 3rd Quarter
 1/23 SAT
 1/25 Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Semester

EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS

Any seniors wishing to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter must have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by February 26, 2016. Students should see their guidance counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.

Linn-Mar ACT Code is

162763

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COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2016-17

Students will begin the process of selecting courses for the 2016-17 school year in late January–early February. All course selections made during the registration process are made via PowerSchool. Students in grades 9, 10 and 11, will receive course registration materials during Homeroom on Thursday, January 21. **Online registration for these grade-levels will take place from Thursday, January 21, through Friday, February 12.** 8th grade students will receive course registration materials at Oak Ridge or Excelsior middle schools. ***Students not currently enrolled at Linn-Mar should contact the Linn-Mar High School Main Office (447-3040) in order to meet with a counselor and get registered for courses.*** Once online registration is completed, the master schedule of courses is developed for the 2016-17 school year. This schedule is primarily based upon student course requests during registration. Every effort is made to fulfill student course requests. It is anticipated that student schedules will be distributed to current grades 9, 10 and 11 in early May. Schedule changes can be made with school counselors during the remainder of May.

Parents are encouraged to work closely with students during the course selection process. An 8th Grade Parent Course Registration Planning Night will be held on Monday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the LMHS Auditorium. The meeting will conclude about 7:45 p.m. **(Please note the change of date from earlier calendars).** Information presented at the meeting will include making appropriate course selections, scheduling, and the four year planning process. Teachers from each department will also be available for questions prior to the meeting. **8th Grade online course registration will begin on Monday, February 1, and end on Friday, February 12.** 9th-10th Grades counselors will be visiting and available at both middle schools prior to and during the online registration window for 8th Grade students.

The 2016-17 LMHS Program of Studies will be available on the LMHS webpage beginning the first week in January. Hard copies may be accessed in the 9th-10th Grades Office, 11th-12th Grades Office, Upper Commons/Library, and Media Center/Learning Center. Please contact your student's counselor for any questions you may have about online registration of courses.

3rd QUARTER HOMEROOM SESSION ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

The 3rd Quarter Homeroom session will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21. 12th Grade will report to the Auditorium for a class meeting with Mr. Hutcheson. 2nd semester and graduation information will be discussed during this session.

9th-11th Grades will be in Homeroom classrooms receiving 2016-17 course registration information. 11th and 10th Grades will also be receiving information from the Student Assistance program. 9th Grade students will also be participating in 9th Grade Adjustment session #3, with a focus on handling stress.

LMHS will use a Homeroom schedule on January 21. Homeroom is required of all students, and attendance is taken. If you are absent from school on this day, please contact your student's counselor so that you can receive course registration materials or graduation information, depending upon your student's current grade level.

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HIGH RELIABILITY SCHOOLS (HRS) 1ST QUARTER SURVEY DATA

As part of the High Reliability Schools (HRS) process, Linn-Mar High School continually evaluates indicators to help ensure and maintain a safe and collaborative culture in our building. One key indicator is whether or not students, staff, and parents perceive LMHS as being a safe building. Each quarter, a short survey is given to students, staff, and parents to help monitor areas to be addressed regarding safety and security within the building. The following are the results of the October survey:

	<i>(‘5’ + ‘4’ = Strongly Agree + Agree) (‘3’ in parentheses)</i>		
	<u>Students</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Parents</u>
LMHS has a safe and orderly environment.	80.2 % (14.6 %)	85 % (14 %)	67.8 % (24.7 %)
Fire Evacuation procedures known and practiced.	86.4 % (9.4 %)	94.6 % (5.4 %)	75.3 % (19.7 %)
Tornado/Severe Weather procedures known/practiced.	88.6 % (8.3 %)	93.5 % (4.3 %)	75.2 % (20.7 %)
Secure Building during school day.	81.3 % (11.5 %)	56.6 % (31.5 %)	60 % (26.1 %)
Procedures in place to prevent unsafe situations.	79.2 % (14.6 %)	70.7 % (25 %)	54.9 % (30.5 %)
Responds quickly to unsafe situations.	78.1 % (16.7 %)	80.6 % (16.1 %)	63.3 % (26.4 %)

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/Media 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. We work to have tutors for all core academic areas during each period of the day.

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:

Mandy Barker, Student Assistance Counselor
(Mental Health Specialist) 892-4884

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

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

Todd Goodell, Academic Assistance
Counselor 447-3073

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.

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8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night Date Changed to Monday, February 8

Due to a date conflict with the Iowa Caucuses, the 8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night meeting will now be held on Monday, February 8. (Previous calendars had this date as Monday, February 1). The meeting is open to all 8th Grade parents. Students are welcome to attend. **The main session will be held in the LMHS Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The session will take about forty-five minutes. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., parents and students may tour renovated classrooms and visit with teachers in the Design/Engineering/Materials, Agri-Aqua-Science, Art, and Family and Consumer Science departments. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Media Center/Learning Center, parents and students may meet with other subject area teachers to discuss course choices.

LMHS Renovation Update

The new Visual Art and Design/Engineering/Materials classrooms are now being used for instruction following summer renovation. The new Family and Consumer Science labs and computer lab are scheduled for completion this mid-December. Progress on the North and South additions continues, with completion for both areas scheduled for July 31, 2016. The North addition includes the orchestra room, eleven classrooms, 9th-10th Grades office, and student area. The South addition includes a large student area, College and Career Center, School Store, 11th-12th Grades office, and Athletic office.

Renovation of hallways, restrooms, and twenty-three classrooms will be on-going from now until December of 2016. Renovation of the Media Center/Learning Center, four new classrooms, presentation/lecture hall, fitness center, weight room, and wrestling room, will begin at various times between December of 2016 and the summer of 2016. The entire project is scheduled for completion in December of 2016.

BUILDING ENTRANCE FOR EVENTS SCHEDULED IN THE MAIN OR AUXILIARY GYMS

Events occurring this winter and spring in either the Main or Auxiliary Gyms will use Door #14 and Door #9 for entry. Door #14 is located on the south side of the building, and there are two large banners that read, 'Gymnasium Entrance'. Use of this door allows for better access from the South Parking Lot. Hall signage has been posted to help visitors find the gyms. Door #9 is located near the Main Gym on the east side of the building with access from the East Parking Lot. Door #9 will not be available for varsity contests.

SENIOR PHOTOS DUE DECEMBER 12

All senior pictures **must be submitted online** to be included in the yearbook. The last day to submit senior photos is December 12.

Guidelines and instructions for submitting photos can be found by following these steps:

*Go to Linn-Mar Community Schools
Click on High School
Click on School Web Site
Click on Yearbook Info (on LMHS Main Page)
Click on Yearbook Hyperlink
Click on Senior Picture Info 2015-2016
Click on Submit Your Photos Online*

WEATHER ALERTS

All delays, cancellations, and early dismissals will be communicated on:

- District website banner (www.linnmar.k12.ia.us)
- District Facebook page as status update
- District Twitter for emergency notifications
- Local TV: KCRG, KGAN, KFXA, KWWL
- Radio: KCKK, KHAK, KKRQ, KMRY, KZIA, and WMT
- *If two-hour late start, then...all LMHS, COMPASS, and SUCCESS morning activities cancelled.*
- *If cancellation, then...all LMHS, COMPASS, and SUCCESS activities cancelled pending ongoing weather conditions.*

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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 displaying inappropriate 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!***

STUDENT ABSENCES

For any student absence, please contact the school by phone. Written notes are not accepted. Effort to contact parents will be made for students not in attendance and with no notification of the absence.

ATTENDANCE for grades 9/10 447-3050

Assistant Principal:

Joe Nietert (447-3022)

ATTENDANCE for grades 11/12 447-3046

11th-12th Student Dean:

Chris Robertson (447-3051)

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

LEARNING CENTER

The Learning Center is a program for all Linn-Mar students and serves as an extension of the classroom. 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 9th and 10th 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 any questions concerning the Learning Center or supports offered within please contact your student's counselor for further information or visit the Learning Center link in the LMHS website.

- Guided Studies
- Focus Lab
- Tutoring Lab
- Afterschool Guided Study Program
- Academic Assistance Counseling
- Three Classroom Computer Labs

GRADE TRANSCRIPTS

Unofficial student transcripts are mailed following each semester in both January and June. If you would like a copy of an official, signed transcript, contact the Registrar (447-3045) to make the request. Unofficial transcripts are also available at any time via PowerSchool.

Students: send transcripts to prospective colleges or other post-secondary institutions at any time using Family Connection. Students needing help in setting up their Family Connection accounts should see their counselor or stop by either the 9th-10th Grades Office or 11th-12th Grades Office.

FIRE AND TORNADO PREPARATION

LMHS must participate in four Fire Drills and four Tornado Drills each year. We schedule two of each drill for each semester. This year, because LMHS is also using classrooms in the LRC, each drill has been coordinated with the LRC building.

LMHS had two Fire Drills during 1st Semester:

10:20 a.m. on August 26

2:00 p.m. on September 1

LMHS had two Tornado Drills during 1st Semester:

10:20 a.m. on September 4

2:00 p.m. on September 9

Fire Marshalls have been on site for each fire drill to observe each building evacuation. For each fire drill, the building was cleared in under two and a half minutes with all students to outdoor evacuation sites in less than four and a half minutes. For both tornado drills, all evacuation sites reported everyone in place in under three minutes.

Three unplanned fire alarms have occurred so far this year: on October 7 (approx. 11:55 a.m., caused by a bad smoke sensor), October 28 (approx. 8:20 a.m., caused by dust in area being renovated), and November 13 (approx. 10:50 a.m., caused by maintenance workers accidentally hitting a pull station with a doorway threshold).

LOCKDOWN OR SERIOUS THREAT PREPARATION

On Friday, September 11, at 9:55 a.m., LMHS also had an announcement via LMTV, with individual teacher follow-up, regarding procedures of a 'serious threat' within our building. **The following is what is posted on bright green paper in each building classroom:**

In the event of an announced lockdown, or presence of a serious threat either in, or in the vicinity outside of the building, the following responses should be taken...

For **announced building lockdown with a threat presence outside of the school building**: **stay in the building and listen for instructions**. Move away from outside, ground level windows and doors. Please, do not use cell phones. At some point, you will be instructed to use your cell phone to contact family and let them know that you are o.k. as well as what has or is taking place.

For a **threat within the building**: **flee the building immediately**. Go by foot to either Excelsior Middle School, Novak Elementary or Indian Creek Elementary (does not matter which school) so that you can be accounted for.

For a **threat within the building in your immediate area and you are not able to flee**: **do what is necessary to protect yourself, and flee the building when you are able**. If you cannot leave a room, barricade doors, and 'arm' yourself with any objects to use to attack should a perpetrator try to enter the room. As you are able, flee the building, and go by foot to either Excelsior Middle School, Novak Elementary or Indian Creek Elementary (does not matter which school) so that you can be accounted for.