

# The Linn-Mar High School LION

# LION UPDATE



#### SCHOOL WEATHER ALERTS

As we enter the winter weather season, all information regarding school weather delays or cancellations will be made district-wide. All delays, cancellations, and early dismissals will be communicated on:

- District Text-Alert Sign-Up (to sign-up for text alerts go to the district webpage and scroll to 'Emergency Notifications').
- 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: KCCK, 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.

#### **SEMESTER EXAMS ON JANUARY 9-11, 2019**

Semester exams will mark the end of 1st Semester and 2nd Quarter on January 9, 10 and 11. The exam schedule as well as the weather contingency schedule will be posted on the LMHS webpage in December. All classes will meet during the assigned exam periods. Only students with pre-approval of a building administrator will be allowed to change a scheduled exam time. The exam schedule is also listed on page 2 of this *Lion Update*. Specified study areas will be available during exam days, and students only have to be in the building during exam periods. Students will not be allowed to enter a classroom after the period bell, so please plan accordingly and be on time for all exams.

# The **ROAR** Store

hours for 2nd Quarter:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See Page 4 for information on online ordering and additional dates in December when the Roar Store will be open!

#### GRADE TRANSCRIPTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

1st Semester and 2nd Quarter grades will be available online on PowerSchool after January 16. Grade transcripts are only mailed upon request. Please contact the Main Office (447-3040) if you would like a grade transcript mailed to you.

	Week 16 Schedule			Week 21 Schedule
12/3	Regular Schedule	December 24 - January 1, 2019	1/14	Teacher Workday - No Classes
12/4	Regular Schedule	Winter Break - No Classes	1/15	Regular Schedule
12/5	Regular Schedule	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1/16	Regular Schedule
12/6	Study Table RED Schedule		1/17	Regular Schedule
12/7	Regular Schedule		1/18	Regular Schedule
	Week 17 Schedule	Week 19 Schedule		Week 22 Schedule
12/10	Regular Schedule	12/31 Holiday Break - No Classes	1/21	Prof. Devel. Day - No Classes
12/11	Regular Schedule	1/1/2019 Holiday Break - No Classes	1/22	Regular Schedule
12/12	Regular Schedule	1/2 Regular Schedule	1/23	Regular Schedule
12/13	Regular Schedule	1/3 Regular Schedule	1/24	Homeroom Schedule
12/14	Regular Schedule	1/4 Regular Schedule	1/25	Regular Schedule
	Week 18 Schedule	Week 20 Schedule		Week 23 Schedule
12/17	Regular Schedule	1/7 Regular Schedule	1/28	Regular Schedule
12/18	Regular Schedule	1/8 Regular Schedule	1/29	Regular Schedule
12/19	Regular Schedule	1/9 Semester Exam Schedule	1/30	Regular Schedule
12/20	Study Table RED Schedule	1/10 Semester Exam Schedule	1/31	Study Table RED Schedule
12/21	Regular Schedule	1/11 Semester Exam Schedule	2/1	Pep Assembly Schedule

#### SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE January 9, 10 and 11, 2019

#### Wednesday, January 9

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

#### Thursday, January 10

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

10:15- 11:45 Period 6

#### Friday, January 11

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 will be open to students seeking academic support and a quiet study environment. The Upper Commons/Library, South Commons, West-Theater Commons, and the Study Commons at the Main Office will also be available for studying during exam times. The Pride Rock Commons will be closed during semester exam times.

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A weather-related contingency schedule has also been posted on the LMHS webpage. All teachers are to inform students of the contingency plan should all weather contingencies on the weather-related contingency schedule be exhausted and an exam time is cancelled due to extreme weather.

Lunch will be available for students between 11:15 and 12:15 on January 9, and a 'grab and go' lunch will be available between 11:15 and 12:00 on January 10 and 11.

#### **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 1, 2018. Students wishing to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter must have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by March 1, 2019. Students should see their counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.

#### COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

Dec 8: ACT @ LMHS

Dec 12: 8:00- 8:30: PSAT Score Information-Lecture Hall

Dec 19: 8:00-8:30: Finding Scholarships—College Career Center

Dec 19: 1:55-2:40: Former College Student Panel—LittleTheater

Dec 20: 10:05-10:35: Iowa BIG presentation – College Career

Center

Week of Jan. 14-18: Visits to Iowa BIG for interested students

#### ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

December 1 SAT

December 8 ACT @ LMHS

December 21 Last Day of Classes before Break

January 2, '19 Classes Resume

January 9-11 Semester Exams

January 15 First Day of 2nd Semester/3rd Qtr.

January 17 Deadline to Add Classes for

3rd Ouarter

January 22 Deadline to Add Classes for

2nd Semester

January 24 2019-20 Course Registration Begins

for Current Grades 9-11

LMHS ACT CODE 162763

#### PLANNING FOR 2019-20 COURSE REGISTRATION

Current LMHS students in grades 9, 10 and 11, will receive online course registration information during Homeroom on Thursday, January 24. Students in the Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022, may begin registering for courses online the morning of January 24.

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 4, at Linn-Mar High School. Online course registration for the Class of 2023 will begin on Monday, January 28, and end on Friday, February 8. 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 2019-20 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, Main Office and Learning Center. Please see your school counselor for any questions you may have about online registration of courses.

Current non-Linn-Mar students wanting to enroll for the 2019-20 school year should contact the Main Office (447-3040) for enrollment and the appropriate grade-level office (9th-10th Grades Office, 447-3043; 11th-12th Grades Office, 447-3070) to schedule an appointment with a school counselor regarding course sign-up.

#### 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 semester, 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 for the October 2018 survey:

Percentage Responding '5' + '4' = Strongly Agree + Agree (Percentage responding '3'= Neutral in parentheses)

	<u>Students</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Parents</u>
LMHS has a safe and orderly environment.	<b>73.7%</b> (15.8%)	<b>90%</b> (7%)	<b>83%</b> (11.6%)
Fire Evacuation procedures known and practiced.	<b>91.3%</b> (7%)	<b>97%</b> (1.%)	<b>94%</b> (5.4%)
Tornado/Severe Weather procedures known/practiced.	<b>86%</b> (7%)	<b>95%</b> (3%)	<b>94%</b> (5.4%)
Procedures in place to prevent unsafe situations.	<b>72%</b> (14%)	<b>91%</b> (5%)	<b>84%</b> (10.2%)
Responds quickly to unsafe situations.	66.5% (19.3%)	90% (7%)	<b>86.6%</b> (8.6%)

LMHS Final Exams: January 9, 10 and 11 2nd Semester Begins January 15



#### STUDY TABLE 'RED' SCHEDULES

LMHS will be using a Study Table RED schedule on three Thursdays during December and January. The three dates are on December 6, 20, and January 31. Study Table is at the end of 1st Block/2nd Period from 10:05-10:35 a.m. **Only** those students with a pass to go to a specific teacher's classroom will be dismissed at 10:00 a.m. to go to their assigned or requested Study Table session. Students may request or be assigned to meet with a specific teacher during Study Table. Student requests are to be made in the respective grade-level office by the Wednesday prior to Study Table.

#### **Building Guidelines for Study Table Time:**

(for students staying in classroom)

Must be quiet.

Study or Reading must take place.

Talking w/others...Nothing should disturb those who wish to study quietly or complete homework.

Time Release students in 1<sup>st</sup> Block/2<sup>nd</sup> Period must stay in class during Study Table Time.

### The ROAR Store

The Roar Store is open 2nd quarter on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. The Roar Store is located near Door #13 (South Entrance).

For online orders, go to http://roarstore.weebly.com/

In addition, they will be open during the following events (Brick & Mortar store @ LMHS, unless otherwise noted):

Wed, Nov 28	POMS Preview Show	6:30-8:30pm	
Fri, Nov 30	Girls Basketball	6-9pm	
Sat, Dec 8	Linn Grove Holiday Bazaar	10am-1pm *	
Fri, Dec 14	Red & Black Friday	3:30-6p	
Fri, Dec 14	Basketball Double Header	6-9pm	
Sat, Dec 15	Red & Black Sale	9am-12pm	
Sat, Dec 15	Get in the Spirit Concert	5-7pm**	
Sat, Dec 15	Get in the Spirit Concert	7-9pm**	
Thurs, Dec 20	WR	6-9pm	
Fri, Dec 21	Girls Basketball	6-9pm	
Thurs, Jan 10	Show Choir Preview Concert 6-9pm		
Fri, Jan 11	Basketball Double Header	6-9pm	
Sat, Jan 12	Supernova	9am-1pm	

\*At Linn Grove Elementary

\*\*Kiosk to be set up with limited inventory, outside of the Auditorium (Concerts).





The ALO Group (Accountability Leadership Opportunity) recently visited the University of Dubuque

#### 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
- Afterschool Guided Study Program
- Writing Center-The Riff Room
- Math Academic Intervention Classroom (Algebra, Geometry)

#### 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.

#### **HOMEROOM SESSION ON JANUARY 24**

Homeroom will be held on Thursday, January 24, from 10-10:30 a.m.

- 12th grade students should report to the Auditorium for a financial planning session on the miracle of compound interest.
- 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students should report to Homeroom classrooms. 2019-20 Course Registration information will be provided. A Yearbook student survey will also be given.

<u>Homeroom is required of all students,</u> and attendance will be taken at each session.

# **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!

#### WINTER ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES

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

#### Basketball/Wrestling/Boys Swimming

Adults \$5.00 Students \$4.00 Seniors (55+) \$3.00

#### 9th Grade Games

Adults \$3.00 Students \$2.00

Student Activity Tickets for the 2018-19 school year may be purchased in the Cashier's office for \$50.

Adult 10 event punch tickets are available for \$40 through the Cashier's office.

# **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

Contact the Athletic Office:

David Brown (AD): 447-3061 Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD): 447-3086 Melaine Kelley (Secretary): 447-3060



#### FINE ARTS TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices for Linn-Mar High School Fine Arts Events in December and January:

**Holiday Concerts** (I, II, III, IV and Jazz): **(ONLY PAY ONCE - KEEP TICKET)** 

Adults \$3.00

Students/Seniors (55+) \$2.00

HC I-Dec 4@ 7pm-Symphonic Band, Concert Chorale, Philharmonic Orchestra

HC II-Dec 5@ 7pm-9th Gr Band, Lux, Fortis, Concert Orchestra

HC III-Dec 6 @7:15pm-Wind Symphony, Bella Voce, Cantemus Chamber Orch/Colton Center Jazz Concert-Dec 7@ 6:30pm HC IV-Dec 10@ 7pm-Wind Ensemble, Symphony Strings, Chamber Singers

#### "Get In The Spirit" Show Choir Concerts:

(purchased online starting Dec 2 or at door)

Sat, Dec 16 @ 5:30 and 8:00 pm All Seats \$10

#### **Supernova Show Choir Contest:**

Sat, Jan 12 starting @ 7:30am

Tickets are \$15.00 for an All-Day Pass, \$5.00 to watch the Middle School performances, \$10.00 to watch the Finals.

**District Large Group Speech Contest:** Sat, Jan 19 Suggested Donation \$5.00

Java 'n Jazz: Sat, Jan 19 @ 6:30pm All Seats \$5

#### **Metro Orchestra Festival (Paramount Theatre):**

Sat, Feb 2 @ 8:15pm All Seats

All Seats \$10 (\$2 handling fee)

#### **Additional Show Choir Events:**

Mid-Iowa Show Choir (Ankeny Centennial): Jan 5 Prairie Premiere (CR Prairie): Jan 26 Fab Five (CR Prairie): Jan 28







Forty-eight students took part in the All-State Music Festival at the Hilton Coliseum in Ames in November. Congratulations to the student musicians!

# 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 for all unscheduled periods. 11th and 12th grade students with Time Release, who are receiving a failing grade after the sixth week of a quarter, will have Time Release revoked for the remaining three weeks of the quarter. This is to provide supervised academic study time and academic support, and should help students to successfully complete the course(s).



Congrats to these 9 student-athletes for signing their National Letter Of Intent

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Main Office:	447-3040
Jeff Gustason (Principal)	447-3041
9th-10th Grades Office:	447-3043
ATTENDANCE (9/10)	447-3050
Kim Buelt (AP)	447-3044
Phillip Eastman (Dean)	447-3022
Sheryl Cline (9-10)	447-3175
Greg Hall (9-10)	447-3074
Pete Martin (9-10)	447-3072
11th-12th Grades Office:	447-3070
ATTENDANCE (11/12)	447-3046
Joe Nietert (AP)	447-3042
Chris Robertson (Dean)	447-3051
David Kennedy (11-12)	447-3104
Elizabeth Kreher (11-12)	447-3071
Jennifer Thurston (11-12)	447-3098
Compass Center (LRC):	730-3620
Steve Goodall (AP)	730-3621
Athletics Office:	447-3060
David Brown (AD)	447-3061
Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD)	447-3086
Nurse's Office:	447-3080
N. Kleitsch/C. Martin	447-3081

# **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

Todd Goodell, 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.