



# The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

**ALMOST  
SPRING  
EDITION**

**February-March 2018**

## PARENT CONFERENCES ON MARCH 1

### 'THANK YOU' LINN-MAR FOUNDATION

LMHS wishes to thank the L-M Foundation for grants received in December. The following items were funded by the Foundation:

College Campus Tour Experiences = \$1600  
3D Printer for Library = \$3570  
7 Ceramic Pottery Wheels = \$8554  
Iowa BIG: Makerspace Station, 3D printer, Virtual Reality system, 360 Camera, Drone = \$8000  
Google Expeditions VR Units (10 unit ELL) and 30 Unit District Classroom Set = \$13500

*Thank you to the LM Foundation and all of you who contribute to the LM Foundation!*

### PARENT CONFERENCES THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Parent Conferences for 2nd Semester will be held on Thursday, March 1, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Sign-up for Parent Conferences will begin on Tuesday, February 20, either online at:

[https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high\\_school/](https://www.myschoolsystems.com/LinnMar/high_school/)

or by phone at 447-3040. The link for the Parent Conference sign-up is also on the LMHS webpage. Parent conferences are ten minutes in length. All parents/guardians of LMHS students are encouraged to take advantage of this time to meet with teachers on March 1st.

### NAEP Exam for Selected Seniors on Tuesday, February 27

Fifty randomly selected students from the LMHS Class of 2018 will be taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. NAEP test administrators select the fifty students in late fall, and those students have been notified of the process for taking the exam.

The exam will be taken in the LMHS Presentation-Lecture Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. This is a national exam given to 12th grade students at the high school level. It is commonly referred to as 'the Nation's Report Card'.



Let's hear it for Linn-Mar's Special Olympians! They had perfect weather in Dubuque during the 2018 Special Olympics Iowa Winter Games. Four athletes participated in downhill skiing and 17 took part in the snowshoe events. Congrats to our Olympians!

#### Week 23 Schedule

1/29 Regular Schedule  
1/30 Regular Schedule  
1/31 Regular Schedule  
2/1 Regular Schedule  
2/2 Regular Schedule

#### Week 24 Schedule

2/5 Regular Schedule  
2/6 Regular Schedule  
2/7 Regular Schedule  
2/8 Regular Schedule  
2/9 Regular Schedule

#### Week 25 Schedule

2/12 Regular Schedule  
2/13 Regular Schedule  
2/14 Regular Schedule  
2/15 Regular Schedule  
2/16 Regular Schedule

#### Week 26 Schedule

2/19 No Classes—Professional Development  
2/20 Regular Schedule  
2/21 Regular Schedule  
2/22 Regular Schedule  
2/23 Regular Schedule

#### Week 27 Schedule

2/26 Regular Schedule  
2/27 Regular Schedule  
2/28 Regular Schedule  
3/1 Regular Schedule  
3/2 Regular Schedule

#### Week 28 Schedule

3/5 Regular Schedule  
3/6 Regular Schedule  
3/7 Regular Schedule  
3/8 Regular Schedule  
3/9 Regular Schedule

3/12 No Classes—Spring Break  
3/13 No Classes—Spring Break  
3/14 No Classes—Spring Break  
3/15 No Classes—Spring Break  
3/16 No Classes—Spring Break

#### Week 29 Schedule

3/19 Regular Schedule  
3/20 Regular Schedule  
3/21 Regular Schedule  
3/22 Regular Schedule  
3/23 Regular Schedule

#### Week 30 Schedule

3/26 Regular Schedule  
3/27 Regular Schedule  
3/28 Regular Schedule  
3/29 Regular Schedule  
3/30 No Classes—Teacher Work Day

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## **8th Grade Parent Course Registration Night on February 5**

8th Grade Parent Course Registration Planning Night will be held on Monday, February 5, at Linn-Mar High School. **8th Grade online course registration will begin on Monday, February 5, and end on Friday, February 16.** The schedule for the night is listed below. One session is offered two separate times to allow for flexibility with family schedules.

5:15 p.m.      **Registering for Classes**—*The HS Academic Experience, The Course Registration Process and Decision to be Made* (Approx. 45 min.)

Students Last Name A—G      Greg Hall, counselor (Little Theatre)  
Students Last Name H—N      Pete Martin, counselor (Presentation-Lecture Hall)  
Students Last Name O—Z      Sheryl Cline, counselor (Auditorium)

**Specific Topics Covered:** Grading, Assessment, G.P.A., Academic Eligibility, R.A.I., Family Connection/Naviance, Selecting Courses, Online Registration, Blended Learning, Contact Information/Support.

6:00 p.m.      **Questions Regarding Course Selection with Department/Subject Area Teachers** (Learning Center) (60 minutes)

7:00 p.m.      **Registering for Classes**—*The HS Academic Experience, The Course Registration Process and Decision to be Made* (Approx. 45 min.)

Students Last Name A—G      Greg Hall, counselor (Little Theatre)  
Students Last Name H—N      Pete Martin, counselor (Presentation-Lecture Hall)  
Students Last Name O—Z      Sheryl Cline, counselor (Auditorium)

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Self-Guided and Guided Building Tours will be available throughout the evening.

### **EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS**

Any seniors planning to graduate at the end of 3rd Quarter are required by Board Policy to have a signed Early Graduation form to the Principal's Office by **March 1, 2018.**

Students should see their school counselor for information regarding Early Graduation and the form required prior to School Board approval.

**Linn-Mar ACT Code is  
162763**

### **ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES**

February 5	8th Gr. Parent Course Information Night
February 9	Deadline to Drop Classes for 3rd Qtr.
February 10	ACT @ Marion HS
February 23	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 3rd Qtr. Classes
February 27	NAEP Exam for Selected 12th Gr.
March 1	Parent Conferences
March 10	SAT
March 23	Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Semester
March 29	End of 3rd Quarter

**Mark your calendars:  
SPRING BREAK is March 12-16, 2018**



**WEATHER ALERTS**

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

- District website banner ([www.linnmar.k12.ia.us](http://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.*

**COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER****February**

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>—C & D Lunch: College Courses in HS Info(CCC)

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>—Kirkwood Visit for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders (sign up in CCC)

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>—8:00 a.m. ACT English Practice Tips (CCC)

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>—8:00 a.m. ACT Math Practice Tips (CCC)

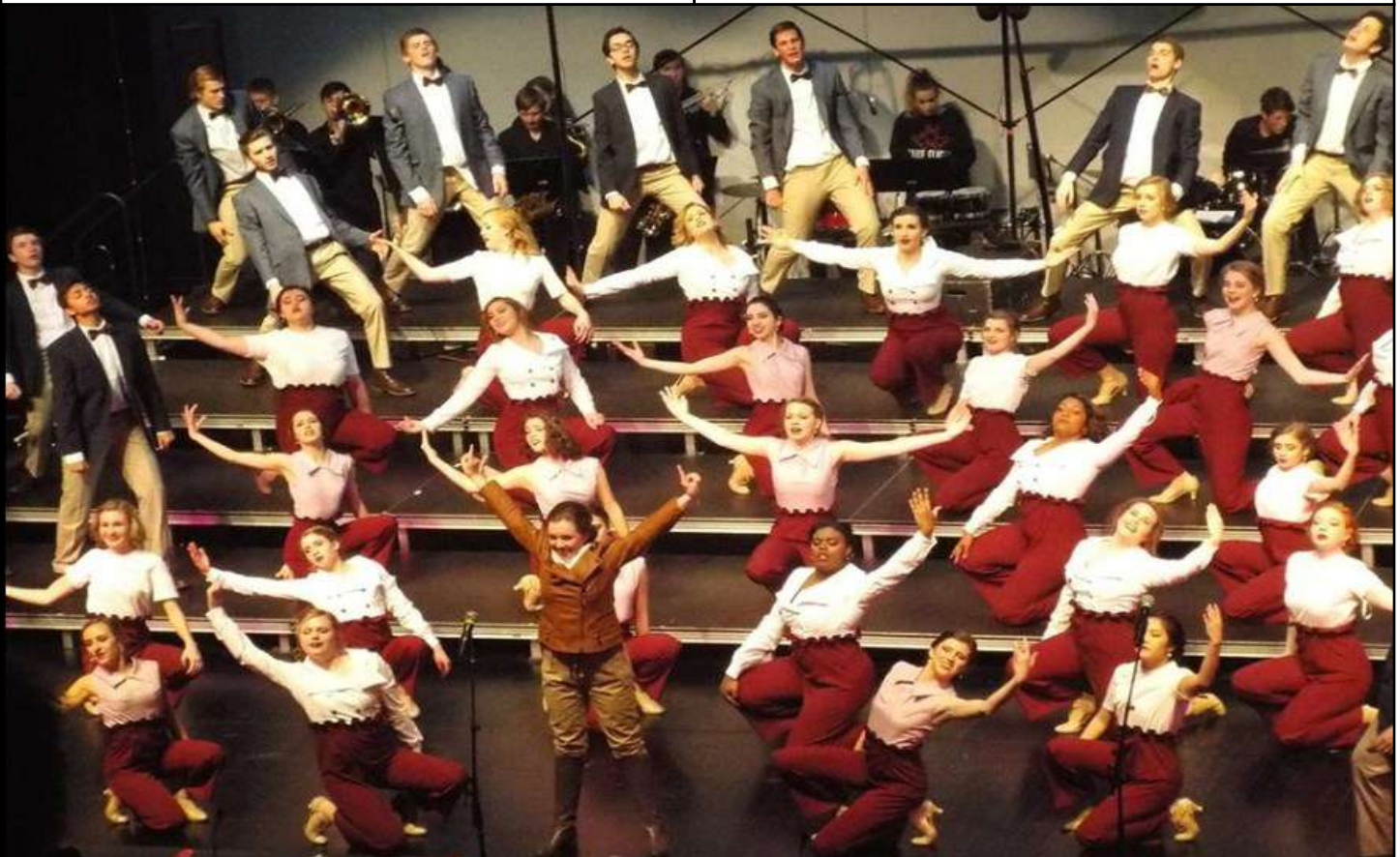
Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>—8:00 a.m. ACT Reading Practice Tips (CCC)

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>—8:00 a.m. ACT Science Practice Tips (CCC)

**March**

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>—Kirkwood Visit for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>—8:00 a.m. ACT Writing Practice Tips (CCC)



**LMHS 10th Street Edition Showchoir performs at Supernova in January in front of a packed gym (pictured below).**



## 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).*

## THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Is your student getting behind in their homework? Are they missing a test or quiz? LMHS school counselors are offering Thursday After School help sessions in the Learning Center from 3:30 to 4:30 every Thursday.

Contact Greg Hall (447-3074) or the 9/10 office (447-3043) for more information.



## 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 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 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
- Early Session Learning Center
- Academic Assistance Counseling
- Three Classroom Computer Labs
- Writing Center
- Student Testing Rooms

LMHS Senior Diamond Purchase was honored with the Service Above Self award by the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids. The award is given to area high school students who exemplify the club's values and the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in their school, neighborhood, faith, family and work communities. Diamond is pictured with Associate Principal Kim Buelt.

### **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, with Mrs. Cortez in the Learning Center, 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.



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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 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!***

### **Fall Schedules For All Activities, Including Homecoming, Will Not Be Known Until March**

Schedules for several fall activities will not be set until the district football schedule is determined sometime in March. 10th/V Football, Cheer, Poms, and the Marching Lions will have game and game night performance dates finalized when the varsity football schedule is completed by the IHSAA. Homecoming 2018 will be determined when the schedule is released.

### **IOWA MANDATED IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

***Tdap (Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis-containing vaccine) 1 time dose for ALL high school students***

***Meningococcal (A,C, W, Y) 1 dose after age 16  
prior to entering 12th grade***

Questions? Contact Nancy Kleitsch, RN  
or Angela Beik, RN at 319-447-3080

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Main Office:	447-3040
Jeff Gustason (Principal)	447-3041
9th-10th Grades Office:	447-3043
<b>ATTENDANCE (9/10)</b>	<b>447-3050</b>
Kim Buelt (AP)	447-3044
Phil 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
<b>ATTENDANCE (11/12)</b>	<b>447-3046</b>
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/A. Beik	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  
(Dropout 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

*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.*



**Congrats  
to LMHS  
wrestler  
Jacob  
Wempfen!**

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**Varsity Poms finished 1st in Jazz and Pom. JV finished 1st in Jazz and 2nd in Pom at Regionals in Minneapolis in January! Way to go, Lions! Next up...Nationals!!**



**LMHS hosted a Jazz Clinic with all four jazz bands and a guest saxophonist, Dr. Sarah Roberts, on Saturday, January 20th. The four groups performed at Java n' Jazz that evening in the Colton Center.**

**Linn-Mar's FIRST Robotics League Competition at LMHS on December 21st. LM teams Dark Matter, Lost in Time and A League of Their Own competed in a Tech Challenge game called Relic Recovery.**



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