



# The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

**FALL  
EDITION**

**October/November 2017**

## Parent Conference Sign-Up Begins November 1st

### PARENT CONFERENCES WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Parent Conferences for 1st Semester will be held on Thursday, November 16, from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Sign-up for Parent Conferences will begin on Wednesday, November 1, 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 Parent Conference sign-up is also on the LMHS webpage. Parent conferences are ten minutes in length. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this time to meet with teachers on November 16.

### 1st Quarter Ends on October 25

1st Quarter classes end on Wednesday, October 25, at 3:30 p.m. This is a regular schedule day. Classes resume on Tuesday, October 31.

Linn-Mar teachers will be participating in a two day workshop on October 26 and 27 with nationally known presenters on Professional Learning Communities. Monday, October 30, is a teacher workday.

1st Quarter grades transcripts are no longer mailed unless requested.



**Photo available to order online at [www.ElitePhoto2.com](http://www.ElitePhoto2.com), 2017 Linn-Mar Freshman Group**

#### Week 7 Schedule

10/2 Regular Schedule  
10/3 Regular Schedule  
10/4 Regular Schedule  
10/5 Regular Schedule  
10/6 Homecoming Friday Schedule

#### Week 8 Schedule

10/9 Regular Schedule  
10/10 Regular Schedule  
10/11 Regular Schedule  
10/12 Regular Schedule  
10/13 Regular Schedule

#### Week 9 Schedule

10/16 Regular Schedule  
10/17 Regular Schedule  
10/18 Regular Schedule  
10/19 Regular Schedule  
10/20 Regular Schedule

#### Week 10 Schedule

10/23 Regular Schedule  
10/24 Regular Schedule  
10/25 Regular Schedule  
10/26 No Classes-Prof. Development Day  
10/27 No Classes-Prof. Development Day

#### Week 11 Schedule

10/30 No Classes-Teacher Workday  
10/31 Regular Schedule  
11/1 Regular Schedule  
11/2 Homeroom Schedule  
11/3 Regular Schedule

#### Week 12 Schedule

11/6 Regular Schedule  
11/7 Regular Schedule  
11/8 Regular Schedule  
11/9 Regular Schedule  
11/10 Regular Schedule

#### Week 13 Schedule

11/13 Regular Schedule  
11/14 Regular Schedule  
11/15 Regular Schedule  
11/16 Regular Schedule  
11/17 Regular Schedule

#### Week 14 Schedule

11/20 Regular Schedule  
11/21 Regular Schedule  
11/22-24 Thanksgiving Break-No Classes

#### Week 15 Schedule

11/27 Regular Schedule  
11/28 Regular Schedule  
11/29 Regular Schedule  
11/30 Regular Schedule  
12/1 Regular Schedule

## **NATIONAL MERIT COMPETITION HONOREES**

Six LMHS students have been named as Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Senior semifinalists are Abbey Fitzsimmons, Tyler Hungate, Daniel Low, Morgan Lu, Matt Peng and Seth White. Students qualify as semifinalists based on PSAT results from the fall of 2016. These students scored in the top 1% of the 1.5 million students who took the PSAT. All six students are now eligible to become National Merit Scholarship Finalists. Congratulations to Abbey, Tyler, Daniel, Morgan, Matt and Seth!

Four LMHS students have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. LMHS seniors named Commended Students are Josh King, Daniel O'Hara, Kanishk Puranik, and Abby Van Rheen. Seniors in the top 5% of performers in the 2016 PSAT are named Commended Students. Congratulations Josh, Daniel, Kanishk, and Abby!

## **PSAT INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS**

The PSAT National Merit Scholarship Competition exam will be given on Wednesday, October 11. Every year, National Merit Scholarships are available for students based on performance on the PSAT. The assessment serves as both a practice for students planning to take the SAT, as well as the qualifier for the prestigious National Merit Scholarships. Cost for the exam is \$15, and can be paid in the Cashier's Office. Sign-up is in the 11th/12th Grade Office. For information and questions regarding the PSAT, please contact the 11th/12th Grade Office (447-3070). The National Merit Scholarship Competition is open to all interested Juniors. 9th and 10th Grade Students interested in taking the PSAT may also do so. (The National Merit Scholarship Competition is only for current 11th grade students). Please see your counselor, Mr. Kennedy, 11th -12th Grades School Counselor, or Mrs. Hajek, TAG teacher, for information regarding the PSAT exam.

## **DISTRICT COMMUNITY SURVEY—BrightBytes—COMING IN NOVEMBER**

On November 6-17, the Linn-Mar Community School District is once again partnering with BrightBytes, an educational research organization, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use for learning. The BrightBytes initiative has helped us measure our technology growth, and check how the changes we're making at school have impacted learning. This is an annual initiative, and your participation is essential to help us form a more complete picture of technology use for student learning.

## **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, 2017. 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, 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**

October 11	PSAT
October 13	Deadline to Drop Classes for 1st Semester
October 25	End of 1st Quarter
October 28	ACT @ Marion HS
October 31	1st Day of 2nd Quarter Classes
November 2	Deadline to Add Classes for 2nd Quarter
November 3	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 1st Sem.
November 16	Parent Conferences
November 17	Deadline to Drop Classes for 2nd Quarter



Medical Career Speaker brought in by the College/Career Center on 9/13/17

## **HOMEROOM SESSION ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

One Homeroom session is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, at 10:00 a.m.

- 12th grade students will be meeting in the Auditorium. Cap & gown and senior announcement information will be distributed.
- 11th grade students will meet in Homeroom classrooms with a focus on post-secondary planning.
- 10th grade students will meet in the Main Gym for a class ring presentation by Jostens.
- 9th grade students will meet in Homeroom classrooms for a 9th grade adjustment session on handling stress.

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

## **COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER**

The College and Career Center, located adjacent to the South Commons, 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.

### **LRC CLASSROOM UPDATE**

LMHS currently has three classes meeting at the LRC as the third floor sprinkler renovation takes place. It is expected that the sprinkler system will be in place on the third floor to allow for the five English classrooms to reopen at the start of 2nd Semester in mid-January. During 1st Semester, two of the English classrooms are occupying ground floor rooms at the LRC, one is meeting in the LM Aquatic Center classroom, and two are meeting in rooms inside LMHS. The FCS classroom at the LRC has not had to move location during the sprinkler renovation because it is not on the third floor. We appreciate everyone's patience as the LRC sprinkler renovation is completed.

### **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.



**EMERGENCY DRILLS AND PREPARATION**

Two fire drills and two tornado/severe weather event drills were held during the first four weeks of school. Fire drills were held on September 7 (2:00 p.m.) and September 19 (10:00 a.m.). Exit from the building averaged just over two minutes (our second fire drill was under two minutes), while roll was taken at the evacuation locations in just over four minutes.

Tornado/severe weather event drills were held on August 29 (10:15 a.m.) and September 14 (2:00 p.m.). The second drill took two minutes and 42 seconds to get everyone into shelter areas. The first drill was just over three minutes. Two tornado/severe weather event drills and two fire alarms will also be held during 2nd Semester.

Students were also provided information and direction on September 15 (9:55 a.m.) regarding an Immediate Threat/Intruder/Lockdown. Students were instructed that should they ever be told that there is a serious threat or intruder in the building that they are to flee (**RUN**) to the nearest exit and go to either the ESCO Electric Building (using Barrington Blvd.) or the Indian Creek Country Club (on Indian Creek Road). Staff also discussed with students what to do to protect themselves (**HIDE** and **FIGHT**) if they cannot flee the building because the threat prevents them from doing so. Students were also informed that only law enforcement would be entering the building should a lockdown take place because of something happening either outside of the building on campus or in close proximity to the campus.

Our goal is to ensure that all 2400 (students, staff, visitors) people in LMHS are safe at all times. Providing information and performing ‘drills’ as required and necessary are part of the process for ensuring the safety of all within the building at all times. The LRC classes and Aquatic Center classes also participate in all safety drills during the school year.

**‘Live’ A-L-I-C-E Training Event Held on September 9**

LMHS held the first ‘Live’ training in cooperation with the Marion Police and Fire Departments on Saturday, September 9. The training was attended by 45 volunteer LMHS students. Students received an introduction to the A-L-I-C-E program and participated in three intensive active-shooter scenarios.

Student Assistance Counselor Mike Shipley and Officer Tom Daubs teaching LMHS students “the swarm” on a perpetrator, played by Student Dean Chris Robertson.



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## **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).*

### **NAEP Exam for Selected Members of the Class of 2018**

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 will be 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'.

### **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.

### **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.**

- 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

## **HOMECOMING 2017**

*Homecoming 2017 is the week of October 2. Home varsity events during the week include:*

Tuesday, October 3:	Girls Swim Meet vs. IC High/Wahlert Catholic (6:00 p.m.; LM Aquatic Center);
Thursday, October 5:	Parade (5:15 p.m.), Coronation/Powder Puff Game (6:00 p.m. at LM Stadium)
Friday, October 6:	Pep Rally (2:55 p.m., Main Gym)
	Varsity/10th Football vs. CR Prairie (5:00 p.m. at LM Stadium)
Saturday, October 7:	Dance (8:00-10:30 p.m., LMHS Main Gym)

***PLEASE, DO YOUR PART TO MAKE FOR A SAFE AND ENTHUSIASTIC HOMECOMING WEEK!***

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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!***

### **2017-18 TICKET PRICES FOR FINE ARTS EVENTS AT LMHS**

#### **Concerts**

Adults	\$3.00
Students	\$2.00
Seniors 55+	\$2.00

**Children's Theatre** \$3.00

**Plays** \$5.00

**Thespian Show & Musical** \$10.00

**Java n Jazz** \$5.00

**Get in the Spirit** \$15.00

### **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.*

### **REACH BOOKLET**

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

### **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

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

**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/A. Beik 447-3081

Student Assistance Counselors:

Janessa Walters 892-4884

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