

# 2024-25 In Step Handbook

## Weekly Rehearsals

- Monday Evenings: Set-up at 5pm, Rehearsal 5:30-8:30pm, Tear-down 8:30-9pm beginning August 26 through February 17.
  - If there is no school on a Monday (ex. Labor Day, Teacher PD Day, etc), we will often still have rehearsal. Please plan accordingly.
- Wednesday & Friday Mornings: 8:00-8:45am beginning October 30 until February 21.
  - There will be no morning rehearsal when there is no school (ex. Teacher PD Day).
- **See “Dates Compiled” at the end for a full list of altered rehearsals and performances.**
- When there is a late start due to weather, we will not have morning rehearsal. If school is released early due to weather, we will follow district guidance for evening rehearsal.
- The expectation is that every member will be at all rehearsals. **Any absence must be conveyed in writing directly to Mrs. Anderson at least 24 hours before the rehearsal.**
- Rehearsal BEGINS at the scheduled time. Please arrive early in order to be on time.
- **Frequent tardiness or absences may result in removal from In Step.**

## Camps

Because so much learning and advancement occurs at these extended camps, it is crucial for every member to clear their schedule and be in attendance. Few exceptions are allowed and must be communicated to Mrs. Anderson at least one week before the camp begins.

## Choreography Camps

**\*\*\*Wear a black t-shirt and bring a white t-shirt for the August camp\*\*\***

- Monday-Friday, August 5 – August 9, 3:00-10:00pm

## Other Camp Dates

- Saturday, December 7, 9:00am-1:00pm
- Saturday, December 14, 9:00am-5:00pm
- Saturday, January 11, 9:00am-5:00pm

## Performances

These performances and competitions require the whole group to be in attendance. **An unexcused absence from one of these performances may result in dismissal from the group.**

- Get In The Spirit: Thursday, December 19. Performances at 5:30 and 8:00pm.
- Linn-Mar Supernova: January 18, 2025 (Exhibition performance and volunteering)
- Johnston Showzam at Johnston High School, Johnston, IA: January 25, 2025
- Prairie Premiere at Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids, IA: February 1, 2025

## Performances Continued

- Chesterton Trojan Classic, Chesterton, Indiana: February 15, 2025
  - Students will take charter buses to Indiana on Friday and stay overnight in a hotel before the competition on Saturday. After the competition, we will drive straight back to Marion.
- Jefferson Show Choir Invitational, Cedar Rapids, IA: February 22, 2025
  - In Step and Hi-Style will attend this competition. 10<sup>th</sup> Street Edition will attend a different competition on March 1.
- Show Choir Finale Performances: Thursday, March 6 at 7:00pm & Friday, March 7 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.

## Fees

Fees cover the bulk of costuming needs, including clothing, shoes, and accessories. These items then become property of the student at the end of show choir season.

\$475 total:

- \$225.00 due to Linn-Mar High School on **September 13, 2024**
- \$250.00 due to Linn-Mar High School on **November 1, 2024**

Fees can be paid online or by check. Check should be made payable to Linn-Mar High School and taken to Joyce Dayton in the Cashier's office next to the Counseling Office (next to Door 13). **Directors will not collect any payments.** If you need a more flexible payment plan, please contact our new associate principal, Abbie Parker, to make arrangements. We will find a way to make this opportunity work for your student no matter what!

## Student Communication



We use the BAND App to communicate with students. Students should download the app and join the In Step 2024-2025 group.

To join, either search for "In Step 2024-2025," scan the QR code, or click this link:

<https://band.us/n/afa705MaobP9g>

## Parent Communication



We use email and Facebook groups to communicate with parents. The Facebook groups are a great place to share announcements, resources, pictures, videos, and interact with others in the LMHS show choir community.

We encourage all parents to be members of "In Step Parents 2024-2025" and the "LM Show Choir Supporters" groups.

## **Dates Compiled (All events at LMHS unless otherwise indicated):**

**\*These dates do not include our regular weekly rehearsals\***

- Monday-Friday, August 5 – 9, 3:00-10:00pm: Choreography Camp
- **August 26: Start of Monday evening rehearsals**
- Monday, October 14: No Rehearsal (unless Metro Marching Festival is rained out)
- Monday, October 21: No Rehearsal (Band Extravaganza)
- Tuesday, October 22: Added Rehearsal, 5:30-8:30pm
- **October 30: Start of Wednesday & Friday morning rehearsals, 8:00-8:45am**
- Friday, November 22: No morning rehearsal (All-State Festival)
- Saturday, December 7, 9:00-1:00pm: Camp with Crew & Costumes
- Monday, December 9: No rehearsal (Holiday Concerts)
- Saturday, December 14, 9:00-5:00pm: Camp with Band, Crew, & Costumes
- Tuesday, December 17, 4:00-6:00pm: Individual and Group Pictures
- Thursday, December 19, 6:00 & 8:30pm: Get In The Spirit Performances
- Saturday, January 11, 9:00-5:00pm: Camp with Band, Crew, & Costumes
- Saturday, January 18: Linn-Mar Supernova (exhibition show and volunteering)
- Saturday, January 25: Johnston Showzam, Johnston, IA
- Saturday, February 1: Prairie Premiere, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Saturday, February 15: Chesterton Trojan Classic, Chesterton, IN
- Saturday, February 22: Jefferson Invitational, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Monday, March 3: Final Show Choir Rehearsal, 6-8pm (with Hi-Style and 10<sup>th</sup> Street)
- March 6 at 7:00pm & March 7 at 5:30 & 7:30: Show Choir Finale Performances