



WOLF CREEK ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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As we look at the calendar and realize that we are a full year into the COVID-19 pandemic, I feel it is a good time to look back on some accomplishments over the past year. I know it may seem strange to think we accomplished something in a year that was so hard on all of us, but let's try! I deeply appreciate the support given to our students from families and our community over the past year. A huge thanks to Chisago Lakes Schools, as our authorizer for continuing to partner with us on nursing services and lunch services, which were vital during this pandemic. I appreciate the hard-working staff at Wolf Creek who moved mountains to transition to an enhanced fully online learning platform with ease. It is noted that our base curriculum was already in an online format, but we know that many of our interventions were tied to campus.

In the past year, we have held more Google Meets and tutoring sessions than ever before, created a virtual campus option, moved mental health services to a telehealth option, and much more! We hope that as you look back on the past year that you will take the time to send a note of thanks to a Wolf Creek staff member and also let us know if we can do more to support you and your student in their online learning efforts. We are always looking to serve more students and families and know your recommendations are the key to our success, so please consider sharing your thoughts on Wolf Creek with others via social media or in-person when that opportunity arises. We hope you, and your family stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Tracy Quarnstrom
Director



DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4:	Apr. 6 - Jun. 9
Midterm:	May 7
Deadline for Graduates, OLL, and Tuition-Based:	May 27
No School:	May 31
End of Term 4:	Jun. 9
Graduation:	Jun. 11

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

April 13th	4:15 pm
May 11th	4:15 pm
June 8th	4:15 pm

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY HOWL SESSIONS FOR TERM 4

HOWL - "Helping Our Wolves Learn"

Thursdays during Term 4 we are holding 30-minute virtual HOWL sessions to give students a place to unwind and have some fun. Students can click on the Google Meets link on our Campus Calendar from our website www.triowolfcreek.com.



Every Thursday
1:00 - 1:30 pm

These are non-academic sessions for students to share, interact, listen to guest speakers, and have fun. There will be prize giveaways and more!

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ATTENTION GRADUATING STUDENTS!

If you haven't been thinking about your post-high school plans, *now is the time!*

Interested in Apprenticeship?

Visit <http://www.apprenticeship.mn.gov/>

- Did you know there are scholarships to get into the trades and apprenticeships?

Interested in a Minnesota state 2- or 4-year school?

Visit www.minnstate.edu for more info, search tools, applications, and deadlines.

Looking for ways to pay for a certificate, 2-year, or 4-year school?

- Fill out your FAFSA! This is the first step to getting grants, loans, and work-study
 - <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Apply for scholarships!
- Visit our Wolf Creek website: www.triowolfcreek.org > Counselor Corner > College Information

Looking to volunteer?

Visit www.volunteermatch.org

Looking for a job?

Visit www.snagajob.com (you can even search for "teen jobs" which are great for while you are still in school or if you are not 18).

We have a wealth of how-to videos and resources for all of your post-high school planning needs (including applying for school, how to complete the FAFSA, and how to search for scholarships)! If you haven't met with our school counselor, Erin McCullough, for your "soon to be graduate" meeting, if you have general questions, or would like to access the how-to videos/resources, please email Erin at emccullough@wolfcreekhs.org.

Important Mental Health Resources

Many mental health counselors are offering both in person and telehealth appointments.

Lakes Center for Youth and Families
651-464-3685

Family Based Therapy Associates
651-257-2733

Canvas Health
651-777-5222

Bridges and Pathways
651-982-4792

GRADUATION 2021



The 2021 Wolf Creek Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 11th at Lindstrom Community Center and Lions Park

More details are coming soon!

Graduation Requirements

Graduates will earn a TRIO Wolf Creek Charter School accredited diploma.

Diplomas will be granted when the student has met all graduation requirements and/or obligations. The requirements to receive a diploma are:

1. Complete 26.00 course credit requirements and standards in specific areas, as established by the school board.
2. Return all materials and pay all fines, charges, etc.

Only students that have earned at least 22 credits by the end of term 3 will be listed in the commencement documents. For students to participate in the commencement ceremony, they must complete at least 25 credits by the May 27th graduate deadline. Seniors were mailed their graduation plan to review. Graduation order forms are due April 1st. Any question about graduation requirements should be addressed with Learning Managers or Brenda Swanson, Dean of Students, at 651-213-2037 or bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org.

Wolf Creek Graduation Credit Requirements

- 4.0 credits Social Studies
- 4.0 credits English
- 3.0 credits Mathematics
- 3.0 credits Science
- 1.0 credit Physical Education
- 1.0 credit Art
- .5 credit Careers
- 1.0 credit Health
- .25 credit Advisory
- 8.25 credits Electives



2021 Senior Prom

Saturday, May 15th

7:00 - 10:00 pm

Chisago Lakes High School

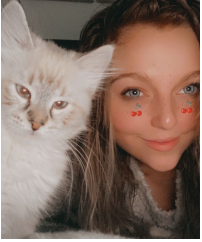
Through a contract with Chisago Lakes Schools, Wolf Creek seniors are able to participate in the Chisago Lakes High School Prom. Tickets will be sold to Wolf Creek seniors only for \$20 and will be on sale at the front desk starting April 13th. More details to come - watch your email for the Weekly News!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

January



Brooke Menier is a senior who is an exceptional student. She started at Wolf Creek at the beginning of her sophomore year and has done very well each year. She started at St. Cloud Tech in their PSEO program last spring and is balancing her few remaining high school classes with PSEO. Brooke will graduate this year and plans to continue at St. Cloud to finish her degree. Brook communicates well and is a pleasure to work with and see her succeed at Wolf Creek!

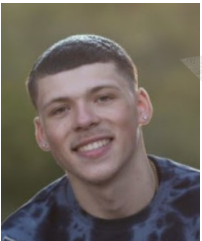


Kaylee Johnson is in her second year at Wolf Creek. She is determined to graduate this year. Kaylee even added another class in week 8 of the last term to ensure that graduating this year will happen. Kaylee communicates with her Learning Manager multiple times throughout the week, attends online scheduled meetings, and works 100 percent from home. Keep up the great work, Kaylee!

February



Makiiya Remick is currently enrolled in Intro to Studio Art. She submits great work and has been on track with her assignments all quarter. Makiiya is creative and thorough when completing her assignments. We are excited to see Makiiya's submissions for upcoming projects in the course. Great job so far this quarter, Makiiya!



Cipio Rice is on track to graduate this year. He just started a new job within the last couple of weeks, which takes up most of his time during the week. Schoolwork has shifted to mostly weekends. He has continued to remain on track, if not ahead, in his classes this term, which consist of three core classes plus two electives. Keep working hard, Cipio!

March



Nicole Willey has attended Wolf Creek since the beginning of her 10th-grade year. This year, she really has made a commitment to passing her classes each term and communicating more with her Learning Manager. Despite taking on some pretty heavy course loads and working entirely from home, she continues to hold herself accountable and keep herself on track. It's been an incredible experience to watch Nicole grow as a student and get closer to meeting her ultimate goal of graduating high school and earning her high school diploma. She truly is a hardworking student and exemplifies what it means to persevere.



Anthony Krueger attends virtual campus most days to stay up on his coursework. He is good to communicate about his attendance and what he is working on. Anthony showed a lot of dedication this term to pass all of his classes. He is respectful and kind to teachers. Anthony is very interested in computer science and looking forward to taking more classes that would help him on that career path. We are proud of your efforts, Anthony!

AMERICORPS PROMISE FELLOW



Dia Thelen is an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow at Wolf Creek. She motivates and encourages engagement with students both on and off campus. Dia graduated from Hamline University in 2019 with a degree in anthropology and communications. She is currently a student at the University of Oslo, Norway, where she studies social anthropology. Outside of work, Dia enjoys knitting and reading, as well as competing and coaching axe throwing.

AmeriCorps Promise Fellows support young people in accessing equitable educational opportunities that foster their individual assets, honor their voices, and prepare them for high school graduation. Committed to providing the right support to the right youth at the right time, Promise Fellows work to overcome the challenges and barriers facing Minnesota students. *Contact Dia today at dthelen@wolfcreekhs.org or 651-213-2060.*

WHO TO CONTACT IF EXPOSED TO COVID-19

In order to limit exposure and to create a safe environment on campus for all stakeholders, it is critical that we are made aware of any possible COVID-19 exposures, symptoms, and positive test results. All health information is kept completely confidential. Please contact your Learning Manager or Director, Tracy Quarnstrom at 651-213-2017 or tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org. You will receive a follow-up call about quarantine procedures from our school nurse, Laura Gustafson.

Please stay home and do not come to campus if you have been exposed to, are awaiting the results, or tested positive for COVID-19.

MCA TESTING FOR ALL 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS

MCA Tests are state-mandated tests in Reading (grade 10) and Math (grade 11).

These tests help measure student progress toward Minnesota's academic standards and meet the requirements of federal and state legislative requirements.

Tuesday, April 13th and Thursday, April 15th **MCA Mathematics** 10 am and **MCA Reading** 12 pm. *Please plan for 2 hours of testing. Students will need a calculator and headphones.*

Tuesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 22nd **MCA Mathematics, Reading, Science** 10 am and 12 pm. *Please plan for at least 2 hours of testing.*

Tuesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 29th **Make-up MCA Mathematics, Reading, Science** 10 am and 12 pm.

MCA Reading = All Grade 10

MCA Mathematics = All Grade 11

MCA Science = Passed Biology A & B at Wolf Creek this school year

Students/families have the right to opt out of testing. Please let us know your reason for opting out. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Swanson, Dean of Students, at bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org or 651-213-2037.

Attendance is critical. These tests are lengthy and every effort will be made to make up a test if the student is absent. Student academic scores are ranked for each school. Students assigned to test will be notified via email. If your student is not able to attend testing dates Wolf Creek must receive written notification indicating parent refusal for your student to take the MCA test prior to test dates! Students can prepare for the tests by taking sample tests at the following websites:

<http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/reading/>
<http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/itemsamplers/math/>