



# WOLF CREEK ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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As the temperatures drop and the leaves begin to change color, it is time once again to reflect on the start of the school year here at Wolf Creek.

The staff hit the ground running at the end of August, and haven't slowed a bit since. Despite being an "online" school where a majority of our students never set foot on campus, the staff are always excited to reveal the coursework they've worked so hard on over the summer and to reconnect with students. Of course, seeing students who do attend in-person back on campus in September is always a highlight as well.

This year brought us some big changes with new leadership and personnel duties, but our focus is always on the students and what we can do to best meet their educational and social needs. To that end, we are offering several new/improved courses as well as social clubs this year. The chess and checkers club meets bi-weekly as does the art club. We are a virtual school, but we understand the importance of in-person socialization. Students are encouraged to stop in to play a game of checkers or join us online for some friendly competition. Just check the calendar for dates and times.

We thank you for choosing Wolf Creek to be your school and want you to know that we are committed to continuous improvement. If you ever have a suggestion as to how we can better serve our students, please let us know. Also, we are always looking for more students to join us and word of mouth is our biggest marketing tool. Please spread the word to your friends and family if you hear of a student who is in need of the flexibility we provide. We wish you a successful end of the first term and a wonderful fall!

Mike Hamernick  
Director

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2: Nov. 5 - Jan. 16  
No School: Nov. 27 - 29  
Mid Term: Dec. 5  
No School: Dec. 23 - Jan 3

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

November 19th 4:30 pm  
December 17th 4:30 pm  
January 21st 4:30 pm

## WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS

If the weather forces campus to close, there will be notifications on Channels 4, 5, 9, and 11, and on our website. In the event we have to close campus, a notice will be sent out to families via email as quickly as possible. We are fortunate to have our curriculum available 24/7 online. Safety is the most important thing during a winter storm. Remember, for your safety please dress appropriately for the inclement weather.



## Join our Wolf Creek Council

Wolf Creek Council is made up of students and a few staff members who work together to strengthen our school community. Council members typically meet once a month either on campus or virtually to plan activities and events.

All students are welcome to join!

If you are interested in joining us please reach out to your Learning Manager.



## Join our Equity Working Group

Wolf Creek has formed an equity working group and is always looking for more stakeholders to participate in these important conversations.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Mike Hamernick at [mhamernick@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:mhamernick@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

# MEET OUR COUNSELORS



*Tasha Barnes*

Tasha Barnes is a licensed marriage and family therapist who provides mental health counseling to students at Wolf Creek. Tasha also maintains a caseload with Family Based Therapy Associates in Chisago City, where she sees individuals, couples, and families who have a wide range of presenting concerns. Tasha believes in helping students with their academic success by addressing mental health concerns in a supportive environment.

Tasha is available on campus various hours Tuesdays and Thursdays and is also available via Telehealth. Contact our front desk at 651-213-2095 or reach out to your Learning Manager to schedule time with Tasha. You may also contact Tasha Barnes at 651-257-2733 x 23 or [nbarnes@fbtacounseling.com](mailto:nbarnes@fbtacounseling.com).



*Renee Anick*

Renee Anick is the full-time school counselor at Wolf Creek. She works with students in the areas of mental health, individual/group counseling, personal support, academic achievement, college and career planning, and social/emotional development.

Renee is available to all Wolf Creek students. Students can meet with her on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:15-3:15 or virtually Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00-3:15.

If you would like to meet with Renee please email her at [ranick@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:ranick@wolfcreekhs.org), or text/call her at 612-503-9332.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

*September*



*Abby Sanford has been with Wolf Creek since the end of her 9th grade year and is a Junior now. She is on-track or ahead in all of her classes and has been a strong self-advocate and asks questions when she has them. Her positive attitude has been guiding her work and her success so far this year and she has grown so much as a Wolf Creek student. Great job, Abby!*



*Jace Anderson is a 9th grader who is new to Wolf Creek. He comes to campus to work with his Learning Manager and other teachers and is fitting in just great! The person who nominated Jace said, "I want to nominate Jace Anderson because he is a neat kid and he works hard when he is here". Keep up the good work, Jace! We are happy you are here!*



*October*



*Kayla Sauve has had a fantastic start to the school year! She has developed her own plan and schedule that allows for steady and consistent weekly progress. Her ability to balance school and work is so impressive. Kayla has started attending campus once per week where she can find a quiet place to work and check in with her teachers. Keep doing what you're doing, Kayla!*



*Nevaeh Zerwas has been at Wolf Creek for two years, this being her senior year. This fall has been an outstanding start for Nevaeh! She communicates with her learning manager and stays on top of her classes, all while maintaining a job and moving into a new home during the middle of the term. She is helpful for the Wolf Creek council as well, offering suggestions on ways to improve student engagement at Wolf Creek. Keep up the good work, Nevaeh!*

## STAY UP TO DATE

As a Wolf Creek student, parent, or supporter we want you to have the information you need. Remember that the key to success is communication. Contact your Learning Manager today if you need assistance with classes, motivation, or anything else. Listed below are ways to receive information from Wolf Creek:

- **Monday Student Progress Updates** - Weekly updates via email on course completion rates, attendance, and other information.
- **Email** - Students have a school Gmail account they need to check daily for updates.
- **The Wolf Creek Website** ([www.triowolfcreek.com](http://www.triowolfcreek.com)) - Find our staff directory, school calendar, policies and procedures, and various updates throughout the year, and more.
- **Wolf Creek Weekly News** - Receive weekly email updates and announcements every Monday when you share your email with us. Sign up on our website or reach out to your Learning Manager.
- **Quarterly Mail** - End of term report cards and quarterly newsletters are sent out to keep families informed.
- **Facebook** - Like our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/WolfCreekOnlineHighSchool](http://www.facebook.com/WolfCreekOnlineHighSchool)).
- **Instagram** - [www.instagram.com/wolfcreekhs/](http://www.instagram.com/wolfcreekhs/)



## OCTOBER WAS COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH

Wolf Creek enjoys celebrating this on campus and across our social media platforms each year to help our students start thinking about post secondary options. We provide information to students and families all month and encourage a culture of college and career readiness throughout the year by providing resources to help with college applications, scholarships, and FAFSA information.

Watch our Weekly Newsletters for more information on upcoming college and career readiness resources available to Wolf Creek students and families!

## PSEO: POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

PSEO is a program that allows high performing, college ready students in grades 10-12 to earn both high school and college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. PSEO courses are offered both online and on the campus of the college. Seniors and Juniors can take PSEO courses on a full or part-time basis; Sophomores can take one career/technical PSEO course. There is no charge for tuition, books, or fees for required items. There are eligibility and deadline requirements to meet. Students must notify their school by May 30th if they want to participate in fall and by October 31st if they want to participate in spring. Contact your learning manager, school counselor, or the school director, if you are interested in PSEO.

### WHO DO YOU CALL?



#### Enrollment, Credits & Transcripts:

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## PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED FOR WOLF CREEK SCHOOL BOARD

*Gain insight on things happening at Wolf Creek. Share ideas and help our school board make important decisions that will impact your child's education!*



Wolf Creek is looking for one or two parent representatives to serve on our school board. Parent representatives are an integral part of our school board community.

- Meetings occur once per month, typically the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm
- Responsibilities include reading board materials prior to the meeting and monthly meeting engagement

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please email Mike Hamernick at [mhamernick@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:mhamernick@wolfcreekhs.org).