



WOLF CREEK ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



January 2015



Dates to Remember

Quarter 3: Jan. 20-March 31

1/19: No School-MLK Day

2/16: No School- Presidents Day

3/9 to 3/13: Spring Break

Mid Term: February 20

School Board Meetings

January 13 @ 4:00

February 17@ 4:00

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Conference Night

Thursday, January 22 - from 2-7pm



We encourage all parents and guardians to get in touch with your student's Learning Manager today!

Wolf Creek holds a formal conference night only once per year but all parents and students should understand that they are entitled to weekly communication with teachers through the Wolf Creek Learning Manager model and our Learning Management System, Moodle, that stores grades.

We encourage parents to be a part of the communication process at Wolf Creek and check student progress weekly. Remember that all student work turned in by 2 p.m. on Thursday is updated in the gradebook by noon on Friday. Friday afternoon or over the weekend is a wonderful time to check for updated grades. If you don't understand Moodle gradebook or if you're looking for information on how to login you can always ask your student's Learning Manager for one on one assistance. **We look forward to seeing you at conference night on January 22.**

WC Annual Meeting

The Wolf Creek school board has designated February 17th as our annual meeting where we will canvassing ballots and running our regular business meeting. If you wish to attend the meeting it begins at 4 pm and should adjourn about 5:30 pm. Wolf Creek's school board election runs from January 22 to February 9. Please vote as your participation is important to us. Thank you.



Enrollment Lottery Deadline

Wolf Creek Online High School will hold its' spring lottery for fall 2015 enrollment on April 28, 2015. Expect to see information on sibling preference and enrollment registrations via email and in home mail boxes by the end of March.

If you have any questions on enrollment, please contact our Dean of Students, Brenda Swanson, at bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org.

Parent Advisory Group at Wolf Creek

*We
Need
Your
Help!*

Wolf Creek is forming a parent advisory group to look at teen and charter school issues. If you are interested in being a part of this group contact Tracy Quarnstrom at 651-213-2017 or by email at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekh.org.

The parent advisory will also have a booth during conference night on January 22nd. We look forward to seeing you at Conference Night.

Exciting News for Title 1

There are currently 11 students involved with Title 1 and this past term they participated in the Careers Pathways course. We are excited that Term 3 will bring some revisions to the program including new on-campus activities. These activities will focus on Title 1 but all students can participate if they choose to.

Penny Wars - begins in February!

Start saving those pennies! On Tuesday, Feb. 24th students and staff will participate in a penny war fundraiser. Monies collected in this fun service project will be distributed through our partnership with **Free the Children**, an organization that educates, engages and empowers youth around the world to be ambassadors for change and meaningful action. So please start saving and support this cause. Thank you.



Wolf Creek Receives Prestigious Award

Wolf Creek Online High School is the recipient of the first ever awarded Board Governance award from the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools. On January 13, 2015, Wolf Creek was recognized by MACS for their achievements.

Wolf Creek Charter School was awarded the first ever Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, Board Governance Award, on January 13, 2015. To receive this award the charter school submitted a lengthy application in July of 2013 and worked with MACS to review policies and school board procedures since the application was filed in 2013. The Minnesota Association of Charter Schools announced the offering of this award in 2013 to support its mission to create high achieving charter school boards in Minnesota. It is important to note that each charter school has its own school board and board election. The role of the school board in any public school is important as the primary fiscal agenda for public funds.

MACS Executive Director, Eugene Piccolo, brought the certificate and ceremonial gavel to Wolf Creek for presentation of the award. Wolf Creek is the only charter school to receive this award and Board Chair, Jeff Vitali expressed his pride in all the work it took to receive this award. In attendance to witness the presentation were Wolf Creek staff members, board members and local dignitaries. We would like to thank Mayor Bob Gustafson, representative Rick Olseen from Representative Nolan's office and Joe Thimm representing Chisago Lakes Schools, and as Wolf Creek authorizer, for attending. Wolf Creek will be holding a board election in February and has open community at large positions. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being part of this group, please contact Wolf Creek at 651-213-2095.



TESTING



Graduation Accountability Tests and College & Career Readiness

Spring is a very important time in regards to state graduation tests. This year students are required to take the following tests:

- Grade 8 Reading, Math, Science
- Grade 10 - Reading
- Grade 11 - Math, ACT, Writing
- High School - Science (after passing 1.0 Biology credit at WC)

Please mark your calendar now for these test dates:

March 16: Grade 8 - MCA Reading
March 17: Grade 11 - MCA Math & Grade 10 Reading
March 18: Grade 8 - MCA Math
March 19: Grade 10 - MCA Reading & Grade 11 Math
March 19: Grade 11 - MCA Math & Reading Make-up
March 23: Grade 8 - MCA Reading Make-up
March 24: Grade 10 - MCA Reading & Math Make-up
March 24: Grade 11 - MCA Reading & Math Make-up
March 25: Grade 8 - MCA Math Make-up
April 13: Grade 8 - MCA Science
April 15: Grade 8 - MCA Science Make-up
April 28: Grade 11 - ACT Plus Writing (College Entrance Exam)
May 12: Grade 11- ACT Plus Writing Make-up

Students are required by state guidelines to take the MCA's. Students not passing the MCA also qualify for the GRAD retest offered every other month. Please watch for more details. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Dean of Students & Testing Coordinator, Brenda Swanson at 651-213-2037 or bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org.

Math and Reading GRAD Retest Schedule!

*Computerized test,
Reading Grade 11,12 & 12+
Math Grade 12 & 12+*

February 3 & 5: Grade 12 GRAD Math and Reading Retest

April 2015

April 6-8 = MAP testing Make-up
April 7 = GRAD Math & Reading Retest OR
April 14 = GRAD Math & Reading Retest Make-Up
April 8 = GRAD Written Composition Paper Retest or
April 15 = GRAD Written Composition Paper Retest Make-Up

May/June 2015

June 2 = GRAD Math and Reading Retest

ACT Test Information

Test date is Saturday, April 18 - You must register by March 13 to avoid a late fee, however you can register between March 14-27, but a late fee is required. To register go to: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/>

Prom 2015: May 2, 2015

Tickets to attend the 2015 prom will go on sale at Wolf Creek on Thursday, April 9 through Thursday, April 23. Tickets will need to be picked up at Wolf Creek by Thursday, April 30. All students attending prom will need to

follow the Wolf Creek policy which is different than Chisago Lakes High School. For Wolf Creek students, you must be demonstrating adequate academic progress in order to participate in prom activities. Academic progress will be reported by the Learning Managers to Wolf Creek administration. The report will be completed prior to administration approving the participation agreement for any student's prom attendance. If you have questions about your academic progress please see your Learning Manager.

School Choice Week

National School Choice Week is January 25-31. National School Choice is a non-profit organization that believes parents and students should be empowered to choose the best educational environment. During School Choice Week students will have the opportunity to share their personal stories about choosing to attend Wolf Creek and the impact it has had on their education in the OTIS, or homeroom course, that most students are enrolled in at Wolf Creek. The symbol of School Choice Week is a yellow scarf and students on campus will be given scarves to wear and show their pride for being able to choose their school of enrollment. Students who work at a distance from school should contact Sheryl Palmquist if they wish to receive a scarf while supplies last at spalmquist@wolfcreekhs.org. We are proud of our students!



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Graduation 2015

The 2015 Wolf Creek Commencement ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 5** at **6:30 PM** at **Lakeside School in Chisago City**



Graduation Requirements

TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School diplomas will be granted when the student meets all graduation requirements and/or obligations. Per policy #613, to graduate and receive a diploma, a student must:

1. Pass the MCA/GRAD tests in reading, math, and written composition, per state requirements or higher guidelines. Or show proof of equivalency exams listed below.
2. Complete a minimum of 26 course credit requirements in specified classes, as established by the school board; see list below.
3. Return all materials and pay all fines, charges, etc.

Only students that have earned at least 21.0 credits by the end of term 3 will listed in the commencement documents. For students to participate in the commencement ceremony, they must complete at least 25 credits by the **May 28th senior deadline**. Seniors will be mailed their graduation plan in February; please review it. 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 Ed.
- 1.0 credit Art
- .5 credit Careers
- 1.0 credit Health
- .25 credit OTIS
- 8.25 credits Electives

Seniors who have not passed the MCA tests have these options to meet graduation requirements:

1. **Continue to take GRAD retests.** These are offered in February and April.
 - A. Student needing the Written Composition GRAD must pass the retest to meet graduation requirements.
 - B. Student needing the Reading GRAD must pass the retest to meet graduation requirements.
 - C. Student needing the Math GRAD can pass the retest or can earn an *exemption* to meet graduation requirements.
(Per school policy, students must remediate (pass a math class) between tests. In order to meet this *exemption* and earn the "Met by Alternate Pathway" they must complete the sequence of: original test, remediate/pass a math class, GRAD retest #1, remediate/pass a math class, GRAD retest #2. For the "Met by Alternate Pathway/ Pass" there is not a cut score on these math tests; Wolf Creek must document that the all tests and remediation's were met.)
2. **Students have the option to provide proof that they took any of the tests below to earn a "Met by Alternate Pathway/Pass."** There are not cut scores on any of these tests to meet graduation requirements. Wolf Creek must receive official documentation that the test was taken by the student.
 - A. ASVAB (Military Entrance Exam) can be taken by contacting a military recruiting office.
 - B. ACCUPLACER (Community College Entrance Exam) can be taken by contacting a college admission office
 - C. The ACT (College/University Entrance Exam) The writing portion is required if the GRAD Written Comp has not been passed.