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HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



April 2015



Dates to Remember

Quarter 4: April 6-June 4

- 5/8: Term 4 Midterm
- 5/21: Annual Spring Picnic
- 5/21: Late Lab
- 5/22: No School—Staff Dev.
- 5/25: No School—Memorial Day
- 6/4: Last day of school

School Board Meetings

April 14 @ 4:00

May 12 @ 4:00

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Notes from the Director



Greetings to all of our families at TRIO Wolf Creek. It is hard to believe that yet another school year has flown by and we are already entering term 4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff members for an amazing year. The school year saw an addition of a new pilot 8th grade program as well as many events that students enjoyed from participating in *We Day* to watching the original *Star Wars* movie in lab just last week to celebrate the contributions made to the *Penny Wars* project.

As we enter Term 4 and spring finally arrives, please work with staff members to ensure that students stay focused on school work until the last day of school. This is needed to ensure that students graduate and continue to see academic success.

The Wolf Creek school board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the charter school to conduct school business. All meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. The board held its annual meeting on February 17, 2015. At this meeting we welcomed a new school board member, Sue Frame. Sue comes to us as a former Chisago Lakes teacher and Quality Compensation Coordinator. We would also like to thank our community at large representative, Jim Green, for his time on the board and his input that helped us make many decisions over his 1.5 year term on the board. Jim is a local financial planner and chose not to run for another board term based on other obligations that he fills in many areas of the community. Wolf Creek would also like to make known that we do have a vacant community at large position open on the board that we need to fill. If you know of someone who would be interested in serving on our board and learning more about charter school board governance please have them contact Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org.

Wolf Creek is very proud of our work in our pilot 8th grade program this year and we have learned a lot about providing curriculum to middle school age students. At the March school board meeting it was determined that we would not offer 8th grade enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year but that we will continue to investigate more offerings in the future that make sense for the community needs and charter school budget. I welcome any comments or questions you may have so please feel free to contact me at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org or by calling 651-213-2017.

Sincerely,

Wolf Creek Spring Picnic on May 21

Wolf Creek will host its annual Spring Picnic for students and faculty on May 21, 2015. This is a time for students to enjoy a good meal, get outside, play yard games, and mingle and spend time together. The spring picnic is a favorite tradition of the school and one of the final events that marks the end of the school year. A great time to celebrate student success and friendships.



8th Graders Assist at Family Pathways

The Wolf Creek 8th graders worked together at Family Pathways while learning about needy and homeless families in our community.

They packed 175 Easter meals for families in need. Students previously wrote letters to Chisago City Fire Department requesting a donation for the meals. Next week we will be writing thank you letters to the fire department, Brinks, and Dominoes (who provided free pizza to the students) for their assistance and support.

We are proud of our students for helping and supporting this much



WBWF—World's Best Work Force

There is extensive information available about the World's Best Work Force on our school website at:
<http://wolfcreek.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/docs/WBWFReport.pdf>
There are also fun videos from real people about shaping your future at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/MNDeptofEd>.

The office of Higher Education has tons of info on preparing, choosing and paying for higher education (aka college). In fact, in many cases, depending on your overall income, tuition is waived or decreased. Check out this site for more info:
<http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/>. Financial aid information can be found at the official site: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Penny Wars

Students and staff had fun while raising over \$60 for *Free the Children*, an organization which engages & empowers youth around the world to be ambassadors for change and meaningful action. Students, as well as the winning and losing Learning Managers, were recognized while students enjoyed snacks and beverages while watching the Star War Movie on campus. Thank you to all who participated in this fun and rewarding event.

Youth Job Fair

Wolf Creek High School in Partnership with Central MN Jobs & Training, invite you to attend the youth job fair. This event is FREE and open to the community's youth. Several area employers will be on site. If you are in search of a job, plan to attend.

Thursday, May 14 at 1:00—4:00 pm

Held at Wolf Creek Online Hybrid School Campus,
10363 Liberty Lane, Chisago City, MN 55013

2015-2016 PSEO

(Post Secondary Enrollment Option)

PSEO is an advanced program option for juniors and seniors. Interested students need to know this enrollment process occurs in the semester before you plan to attend as a PSEO student and can take up to two months. Students must meet college and high school requirements to be eligible.

Applications are due to WC by Thursday, May 28, '15.

See the Wolf Creek website at:

<http://wolfcreek.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/pseo.php>
for more detailed information.

College Fair

TRIO Wolf Creek held a College Fair on campus and many students and families stopped to take advantage of this opportunity. There were representatives from many local colleges on campus to answer questions and provide information. This is an annual event, free to the public and a great way for students to explore both colleges and career fields conveniently located at Wolf Creek campus. Thank you to family and students for attending this event.



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
- High School-Science (after passing 1.0 Biology credit at WC)

Please mark your calendar now for these test dates:

April 7: High School GRAD Reading, Math Re-test
April 8: High School Written Comp Re-test
April 13: 8th Grade MCA Science
April 14: High School MCA Science
April 28: ACT with Writing
May 3: Grade 11 - ACT with Writing Make-Up date
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 bswan@wolfcreekhs.org.

The Accuplacer

This test can be used in place of graduation assessments, including the Math and/or Reading MCA/GRAD test and will be given at Wolf Creek campus by Pine Tech on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:00. Please arrive at 12:45 and bring your photo ID. This test is completed online and you should plan for at least 3 hours. This test measures your knowledge in math, reading and writing. For full details go to: www.accuplacer.org. There are also practice tests available. For more info, contact Brenda Swanson at bswan@wolfcreekhs.org.

ACT Test Information

Test date is **June 13, 2015** - You must register by May 8 to avoid a late fee, however you can register between May 9-22, but a late fee is required. To register go to:

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/>



Prom 2015 will be held Saturday, May 2 at the Aria Event Center in Minneapolis. Tickets to attend the 2015 prom will go on sale at Wolf Creek on Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 23. Ticket prices are \$50 each. 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.

Enrollment Lottery for 2015-2016

The Wolf Creek school board has selected the following dates for the enrollment lottery for fall 2015. Monday, April 27th for sibling preference and Tuesday, April 28th for full lottery for open enrollment positions for grades 9-10-11-12.

Word of mouth is our best form of marketing for Wolf Creek. We ask all families that are satisfied with Wolf Creek to tell other families who may be interested about these lottery dates. Please help us spread the word!

Note: current students do not need to participate in the lottery and have an enrollment place for all of 2015 unless you notify us differently.



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www.triowolfcreek.com



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 were mailed their graduation plan; 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.**
 - 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. It will be offered at WC campus on April 14 at 1:00. Arrive at 12:45 and bring a photo ID. The test will take approximately 3 hours.
 - C. The ACT (College/University Entrance Exam) The writing portion is required if the GRAD Written Composition has not been passed.