



Wolf Creek Online High School Newsletter

The 2016-2017 school year began in earnest with many new staff, new students, returning students and more innovative courses offered. Each year core teachers review and update course material to provide our students the best education possible. We're excited to offer a new addition to our staff this year as part of the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows that assist students significantly improve their academic, social, and emotional outcomes by overcoming challenges during the school year.

Wolf Creek offers many resources for our students and families. Watch for the Wolf Creek Online News emailed each Monday for additional information on programs and resources.

If you have questions about anything happening at Wolf Creek please don't hesitate to contact me at 651-213-2017 or tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org.

Sincerely,
Tracy Quarnstrom,
Director



Dates to Remember

Mark it on your calendar!

Second Qtr:	Nov. 8 - Jan. 19
No School:	Nov. 7, 23-25
Mid Term:	Dec. 16
No School:	Dec. 22 - Jan. 2
ASVAB:	Dec. 13

School Board Meetings

December 13 @ 4:00
January 10 @ 4:00

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Weather Related School Closings



If the weather is forcing schools to close, there will be notifications on **Channels 4, 5, 9 and 11**. If you don't catch one of these television stations, you may also call the main office at 651-213-2095. In the event we have to close school, a message will be left at that number. The important thing during a winter storm is safety.

Also, please dress appropriately for the changing weather. We do



Safe School Reporting

Wolf Creek embraces the Safe and Supportive Schools Act. We are committed to having a campus and online environment that is safe of threats and bullying.

To view the Wolf Creek School policies, go to:

<http://wolfcreek.chisagolakes.k12.mn.us/policies.php>. *See **Policy 514—Bullying Prohibition Policy**.

Please note that official reports of bullying will be taken seriously and can be filed with the Charter School Director, Tracy Quarnstrom at 651-213-2017 or email at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org. A "bully button" (a.k.a. "Safe School Reporting") is provided on our website. If you do use this button, please note that it will only allow for limited follow up by Wolf Creek administration due to the limited information that you can submit by using the Safe School Reporting button.

*Wolf Creek will be reviewing this policy for possible revisions at our school board meeting on November 15. If you see needed changes or want to give feedback on the policy, please contact Tracy Quarnstrom at the contact information provided above.

Mark your Calendar for the ASVAB!



The ASVAB will be offered to seniors on **Tuesday, December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Wolf Creek Campus. This is a three hour multiple choice exam proctored by military personnel. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is offered to high school students as part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. The program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning, in both the civilian and military worlds of work. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is FREE of charge.

The ASVAB is considered an equivalent assessment at Wolf Creek. By participating in the ASVAB, students will meet graduation assessment requirements for reading and mathematics.

The ASVAB Testing Program recommends that examinees take a solid core of courses in math, English, and science in high school. Such academic preparation will help with performance on the Arithmetic Reasoning, Math Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Word Knowledge, and General Science subtests. Taking technical courses will also help with performance on the Auto Information, Shop Information, Electronics Information, and Mechanical Comprehension subtests. You can complete practice tests at this website:

<http://www.asvabpracticetests.com/>

Please direct any questions you may have to Brenda Swanson, Dean of Students at bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org or by calling 651-213-2037. This is a great opportunity you don't want to miss out on. See you on Dec. 13!



Join us for a Campus Tour

Do you know someone who might be interested in enrolling at Wolf Creek? Invite them for a campus tour on one of the scheduled dates below or they can call us to set up an individual tour. All tours begin at 4:00 p.m. Please call the main office at 651-213-2095 with any questions you may have or to set up another day and time.

November 15, 2016

January 12, 2017

March 23, 2017

December 13, 2016

February 14, 2017



Tell A Friend Campaign

Wolf Creek currently has openings for Term 2 so tell a friend to get their application in soon.

Our best marketing resource is the word of mouth from our successful students. We ask you to help spread the word to others who may be interested in Wolf Creek that we are here to serve students and help them be successful in school and on track for graduation.

We are always willing to give tours or answer questions for prospective students at any time.

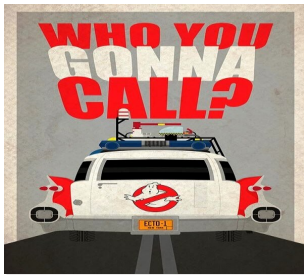
To enroll, go to our website at triowolfcreek.com and click on "Enroll Now".



Pictures for Social Media Needed

Students - We need pictures for social media. You are our best subjects! Submit pictures to Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org that are school appropriate and show you on campus or working independently at home on school work. Submission could earn you community awareness credit or the best submissions each term will win cool gift cards.

Ideas for submissions - Submit a pic while on campus of positive things you see happening. Maybe you see a piece of garbage in the parking lot and you could make a quick 10 second video of picking it up and throwing it away in the garbage we have outside; OR a group of students eating together at lunch; OR a pic with your Learning Manager with a post about "why I like my LM" and the Wolf Creek model. The ideas and prizes are endless!



WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

For Attendance: 651-213-2095
Testing Coordinator: Brenda Swanson @ 651-213-2037
Transcripts and credits: Brenda Swanson @ 651-213-2037
Truancy Coordinator: Tracy Quarnstrom @ 651-213-2017
Homeless Liaison/Coord: Tracy Quarnstrom @ 651-213-2017
504 Coordinator: Tracy Quarnstrom @ 651-213-2017

STUDENTS of the MONTH for SEPTEMBER

Wolf Creek Learning Managers select two outstanding students monthly who are achieving their personal goals.



CONGRATULATIONS to Ciara Knight and Brooke Kurkowski



Ciara is an exceptional student! She is completely on track in her classes and is completing awesome work. She balances working and school very well. Starting Wolf Creek as a Junior last year, she will graduate this year. She is looking into applying at Northwestern College and has plans to become an Elementary Education teacher. Ciara advocates and communicates well with her Learning Manager and all her teachers. Congratulations Ciara and have a great year!



Brooke came to Wolf Creek mid-year last year. This year, she is very motivated and taking 5 classes in Term 1. She is doing well in all classes and coming to campus often. Outside of school, Brooke works at her family's restaurant. After graduating from Wolf Creek, she would like to pursue a career in Cosmetology. Congratulations Brooke and have a great year!

Questions about Chemical Usage?

Join us for a presentation by Chemical Health Specialist, John Maclin, on **Thursday, November 17th at 10:30 a.m.** John will be speaking to us about prevention and consequences of chemical usage. Snacks will be provided. Earn Community Awareness Credit.



ELECTION for BOARD

All families will have an opportunity to vote for upcoming School Board candidates via email on approximately November 21.

If you cannot vote via email, and wish to have a ballot mailed to you, please contact Tracy Quarnstrom, Director at 651-213-2017.

The Wolf Creek Board of Directors has set its annual meeting to be held on December 13 at 4:00 p.m. The election results will be certified at that time.

See below for open positions.

Open Positions for Wolf Creek School Board

This could be what just what you're looking for. Wolf Creek currently has open positions for "Parent Rep" and "Community-at-Large" persons to join the School Board. The school board meets once per month on a Tuesday at 4 p.m. Attendance at meetings and reading of the board information prior to the meeting is required of these positions. A small monthly stipend is available for attending meetings and serving in these positions.

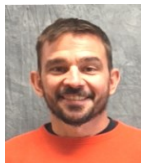
If you have questions or want to find out if you are eligible for the positions, contact Tracy at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org or by calling her at 651-213-2017.

**Deadline to apply is
 Monday, Nov. 12, 2016
 at 12:00 noon.**

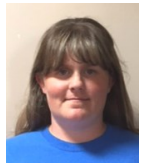
Meet our Mental Health Counselors and New Staff



TASHA BARNES: Tasha 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, where she sees individuals, couples and families who have a wide range of presenting problems. Tasha believes in accepting students with their academic success by addressing mental health concerns in a supportive environment. Contact Tasha Barnes at 651-213-2095.



SCOTT GRAHAM: Scott is a licensed Social Worker with a minor in Human Relations from St. Cloud State University. Prior to joining Therapeutic Services Agency (TSA), he spent 14 years as a school social worker. He has a relationship focus and is dedicated to assist in bringing positive change in the lives of children/families. Scott's particular interest is in school based mental health practices. He is excited to work within the innovative culture of Wolf Creek and hopes he can make a positive impact on students' educational experience. Contact Scott at 651-213-2095.



JOLENE LAUDERBAUGH: Jolene is a lifetime resident of Chisago County and lives with her husband and two sons. They like to hunt, fish, camp and participate in mud truck events. Jolene is an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow assisting Wolf Creek students reach their potential by giving them extra support. Jolene offers assistance to students to help keep them on track for graduation. You can reach Jolene at 651-213-2060 or jlauderbaugh@wolfcreekhs.org.



CHRIS WALLIN: Chris lives in the metro area with his wife and two kids. He enjoys spending time with his family which usually involves sports such as hockey, baseball and soccer. Chris has a lot of experience in Education and enjoys helping students succeed both in and out of the classroom. He enjoys flying and hopes to someday obtain a private pilot license. You can contact Chris at 651-213-2036 or email at cwalling@wolfcreekhs.org.



JOY PECK: Joy joined Wolf Creek in August 2016. She works part time as a clerical/tech helper. Joy previously worked for many years with the Chisago Lakes School District. Joy and her husband moved to the Wyoming area in 1987 and raised three sons, numerous cats and a dog or two along the way. Contact Joy at 651-213-2097 or jpeck@wolfcreekhs.org.

Wolf Creek is proud of our experienced and caring Learning Managers and staff... thank you for serving our students.

Mental Health & Socio-Emotional Health

At Wolf Creek, we believe the mental health and socio-emotional health of students is as important as academic success. We also believe that once we achieve a balance in these areas, that it can often eliminate barriers and lead to academic successes.

Due to this belief, Wolf Creek partners with Family Based Therapy and through a school based mental health grant with Therapeutic Services Agency to ensure that students can access mental health workers on site, free of charge.

Tasha Barnes, from Family Based Therapy, is available on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Scott Graham from TSA is available only on Tuesday from 8-12 noon. See the "Staff Intro" above for a quick bio regarding Tasha and Scott. Contact the front desk at 651-213-2095 if you'd like to make an appointment.

PSEO - Postsecondary 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, non-sectarian courses at eligible participating postsecondary institutions. Most PSEO courses are offered on the campus of the college; some courses are offered online. Each college or university sets its own requirements for enrollment into the PSEO courses. Seniors and Juniors can take PSEO courses on a full- or part-time basis; 10th graders may take one career/technical PSEO course. There is no

charge for tuition, books or fees for items that are required. There are eligibility requirements to meet and funds are available to help pay for transportation for qualifying students. Students must notify their schools by May 30 if they want to participate. For current information about the PSEO program, please visit the Minnesota Department of Education's PSEO webpage at www.education.state.mn.us under 'Student Success' and then 'College Ready'.

Students would need to meet with the Dean of Students for paperwork and course approval. Wolf Creek guidelines can be found at triowolfcreek.com and search "PSEO".