



Wolf Creek Online High School Newsletter

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A New Year....

With a new year comes many resolutions or goals for each of us. As the director of Wolf Creek I am always mindful of our students needs and how we can help them be successful not only with their education but also in life.

I would like to ask that all parents and students take a minute to think about their academic goals at this time of year. We are ending Term 2 and beginning Term 3 so now is the time to ensure that your child is being successful.

If your child did not pass classes in Term 2, now is the time to investigate what needs to change for Term 3 success. We encourage all parents to partner with us to achieve their student success. Our Learning Managers are available to help parents understand the expectations of being a successful online learner and want to assist in any way possible.

As a Wolf Creek parent, it is important for you to be doing the following items to help your child succeed.

#1 - Check with your child daily/weekly on how much work has been accomplished. Full time online students should be working 20-25 hours per week on course assignments.

#2 - Read the Friday progress reports from your student's Learning Manager and ask questions when needed.

Please remember that we have conferences coming up at Wolf Creek on Thursday, January 26 from 3:00—7:00 p.m. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

If you have thoughts or concerns on any items you read in this newsletter please contact me for further discussions by calling 651-213-2017 or by emailing me at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org.

Sincerely,

Tracy Quarnstrom,

Director



Dates to Remember

- Qtr. 3: Jan. 24 to March 30
- 2/6: ACT Online Prep Session
- 2/9: ACT Lab Prep Session
- 2/14: ACT Lab Prep Session
- 2/20: President's Day; no school
- 2/24: Midterm
- 2/28: ACT Testing
- 3/7: MCA Math Prep Session
- 3/8: MCA Math Online Prep
- 3/9: MCA Math Prep Session
- 3/13-3/17: Spring Break
- 3/21: ACT Testing Make-up
- 3/30: Quarter 3 Ends

School Board Meetings

- Feb: Tuesday, Feb. 14
- March: Tuesday, March 21
- * All meetings begin at 4:15 p.m.

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Free Local Resources

If you or someone you care about is experiencing a crisis or is in need of crisis services, there are many FREE local resources available. Here are a few:

East Central Crisis Services: Call 1-800-523-3333 or go to www.canvashealth.org.

Txt4life: Text "LIFE" to 61222 for free and confidential access to crisis counselors.

Chisago County Behavioral Health Services: Call 651-213-5600

Chisago County Youth Crisis Line: 1-800-448-4663

National Alliance on Mental Illness: Call 651-645-2948 or www.namihelps.org.

Chisago County Emergency Dispatch Center: Call 651-257-4100 or 9-1-1

In an immediate, life-threatening situation, call **9-1-1** or go to the nearest emergency center to seek medical assistance.

Job Board at Wolf Creek

There is a Job Board at Wolf Creek for students interested in finding a job, whether it be for a summer job or long term. It is located outside the main labs and provides all types of jobs. Many local businesses send us information when they have positions available. Students should watch the board frequently for opportunities.

Campus Tours

Wolf Creek offers campus tours so if you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about our campus, academics, or how Wolf Creek compares to a traditional high school, please call 651-213-2095 and schedule your tour today. Our students and staff are exemplary and we're proud they are part of our WC family.

College Fair at WC

Wolf Creek will be hosting the annual College Fair on **March 9**. The ARCC, PineTech, & Century as well as many more will be here. Don't miss this event! If you have any questions, please contact Molly at mweinand@wolfcreekhs.org.

Spring Sports:

Students who reside in the Chisago Lakes School District are eligible to play sports at CLHS. For more info, contact Sean Miller at smiller@triowolfcreekhs.org. Don't wait as the deadline for sprint sports is approaching.



Transportation Assistance:

Students who would like to arrange transportation to and from Wolf Creek campus can do so by contacting the following agencies:

1. **Four Point O School Services (formerly Hunt's Transportation Bus)**
Call Liz at 651-257-5722
2. **Heartland Express, Chisago County**
Call 763-689-8131

"Attitude is a little thing

US Bureau of Labor

2-year degrees: According to the Bureau, there are 30 highest-paying jobs that require only an associates degree. Each has a median annual salary of at least \$45,000.

- Web Developer—\$62,500
- Respiratory Tech—\$46,760
- Civil Engineer Tech—\$47,500
- Mechanical Drafter—\$50,360
- Radiologic Tech—\$54,620
- Computer Specialist, Network Specialist or Support Specialist all earn approx. \$59,900
- MRI Tech—\$65,360
- RN—\$65,470
- Air Traffic Controller—\$122,530

These career fields take two years or less and earn top wages. Contact your College & Career Coordinator at Wolf Creek, Molly, on how to find out more about these, or other career choices.
mweinand@wolfcreekhs.org.

New and Improved Website

Wolf Creek is proud to announce the launch of our newly revamped website. Please visit our website at:

www.triowolfcreek.com

See our new look and easily access important information for your family. Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on twitter at **#wolfcreekonlinehs**.

Wolf Creek School Board

The School Board is excited to introduce and welcome Learning Manager, Meagan Rathbun, to the Wolf Creek School Board. Meagan was elected at our annual meeting in December.

We also welcome back board members: Brian Bernier, Sandy Flint, Sue Frame, Jennifer Lake, Becki Olseen, Greg Paine and Jeff Vitali.

The board is still seeking a full time parent representative for this school year. Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:15 at the Charter School. All are welcome to attend meetings to learn more about Wolf Creek. If you are interested in the position of parent representative, please contact Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org or call Tracy at 651-213-2017.

WC Students Enjoy Bowling and More



Wolf Creek recognizes that the winter can be long and for students intent on their coursework it can be a little stressful. The Wolf Creek Council sponsored an event at Split Rocks in Wyoming where students enjoyed pizza, pop, bowling and laser tag.

Minnesota Association of Townships Scholarship

The MN Assoc. of Townships Scholarship Program is for all students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial high school or a home study program and who plan to further their education at a college, university or vocational school. Students cannot be the child, step-child, grandchild or step-grandchild, brother, stepbrother, sister or stepsister of a MAT (MN Association of Townships) director or staff member.

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it prior to May 1 along with a written essay discussing this year's topic: ***Sustainable Water: The Foundation of Minnesota's Environment, Economy, Health and Well-Being***. Essays must be between 450-500 words and must be typed with double spacing. Along with the completed application and written essay, students must submit a current transcript and a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor.

Please visit the website to download an application and read helpful information on this scholarship opportunity. Login to www.mntownships.org for samples of previous winning essays. Good luck!

Academic Integrity Statement



Being an online student and working at a distance from school allows the student both flexibility and responsibility. By signing the handbook, you are assuring the academic integrity of your work. You must know and understand that allowing another individual to complete work while signed in as you on electronic curriculum, or turning in work that was completed by another person, is a violation of school policy. Any and all work completed in handwritten format must be submitted by the student taking the course, in their own handwriting at all times. Taking another person's words without credit or plagiarizing work is also a violation of school policy. Students should be aware that cutting and pasting information off the Internet is plagiarizing. If Wolf Creek staff suspect that work has been completed by someone other than the student, the student may be required to attend campus to complete alternative coursework and/or tests to guarantee that the needed concepts and standards in the course have been mastered. In addition, if a Wolf Creek staff member believes that work has not been completed by the said student in its entirety, they will not receive credit for the class in question. Finally, if evidence exists that the academic integrity policy has been violated, students may be suspended or expelled from Wolf Creek as appropriate. Any suspicious work submitted may result in a grade of "F" or "I" until the matter is investigated and resolved. Any work that was under suspicion may not be reported on an official transcript for the student. Please note Wolf Creek utilizes academic integrity software for all written assignments, as well as video cameras and screen capture software on our campus.

2nd Quarter Graduates

Wolf Creek Online High School is proud to announce that we had 12 students graduate in Term 2 from the online charter school option.



One of the graduates, Brad Bernier, stated "Wolf Creek is not only a school, a campus to come to for school work, it's an escape from what would be considered a chore. Wolf Creek makes school and getting an education something to enjoy."

Other graduates also noted the flexibility at Wolf Creek and the



support of their Learning Managers were key to helping them be successful. Some of the graduates from Term 2 graduated early while others had seen their graduation dates pass but had the determination to come back and get their diploma. WC serves students grades 9-12 and up to age 21 with a variety of options from coming to our physical campus two days a week or to working 100% from home. Please visit our website at www.triowolfcreek.com.

Parents: Help your Student get Better Grades for Life

Helpful tips for parents to help their child succeed:

- Make sure that school comes first with your child
- Listen when your child talks about the school day
- Meet your child's friends and watch them as carefully as you do your own children.
- Visit the school often, and if you think there's a problem at school, talk to the teachers and principal immediately.

Math Assistance in Lab Available

Shelli Matheson is on campus to help students with any math homework or concerns on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30-2:00 p.m. If students don't attend labs, they can contact Shelli to meet via Google hangouts anytime that works for the student's schedule. Virtual tutoring from FEV tutor in math and other courses is also available free of charge by contacting Shelli Matheson at smatheson@wolfcreekhs.org or by calling 651-213-2055.

Mark Your Calendars!

On **Tuesday, February 14** the following will occur:



- All Term 2 coursework will be discarded by WC staff. If you want any work you turned in you must pick it up prior to Feb. 14.
- Last day to withdraw from a Term 3 class without penalty. Please work with your Learning Manager to make a graduation plan (IGP). The credit minimum for a full time student is 1.25 credits per quarter.

The secret of getting ahead is getting started

-Mark Twain

ACT + Writing Offered to all 11th Graders

Students in grade 11 (or 12th graders who did not previously test) have the opportunity to take the ACT + Writing for **FREE** at Wolf Creek campus. Students **MUST** pre-register and complete the non-test portions prior to test day.

The ACT + Writing test is optional this year. The test is free; the registration fee will be taken care of by Wolf Creek and MDE (Minnesota Department of Education). Students can take the test as many times as they want to (at their own expense), but the free test is administered at the Wolf Creek campus on February 28 and March 21.

The ACT + Writing exam will be offered the following days, students must pre-register to attend and must plan for at least 4 hours of testing.

Due to limited seating, **ONLY 25** students will be allowed to test on each day. Please contact Brenda Swanson at bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org or call Brenda at 651-213-2037 to secure a seat for one of these test dates.

ACT + WRITING:

Tuesday, February 28 @ 8 am-1 pm OR **Tuesday, March 21 at 8 am-1 pm.** Students will need a calculator, #2 pencil and picture ID. Take advantage of the practice material available at www.act.org.

Graduation 2017

The 2017 Wolf Creek commencement will be held on Fri., June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Performing Art Center at CLHS. 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 courses credit requirements in specified classes, as established by the school board.
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 be listed in the commencement documents. For students to participate in the commencement ceremony, they must complete at least 25 credits by the May 25 senior deadline. Seniors will be mailed their graduation plan this spring, please review it. If you have questions, contact Brenda Swanson, Dean of Students at 651-213-2037 or bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org.

*Seniors who have not passed the MCA tests have these options to meet graduation requirements via Equivalency exam. Wolf Creek must receive official documentation that the test was taken by the student to earn an **equivalency exam score**. There are not cut scores on any of these tests to meet graduation requirements.

ASVAB (Military Entrance Exam) can be taken by contacting a military recruiting office.

ACCUPLACER (Community College Entrance Exam) can be taken by contacting a college admission office. ACT (College Entrance Exam) The writing portion is required if the GRAD written Comp has not been passed.