



# Wolf Creek Online High School Newsletter

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A New Year....

I would like to ask that all parents/guardians 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/guardians to partner with us to achieve their student's 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/guardian, 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 25 from 3:00—7:00 p.m. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Sincerely,  
*Tracy Quarnstrom,*  
 Director



## Dates to Remember

Qtr. 3:	Jan. 23 to March 29
1/25:	Conference Night 3:30-7:00
1/25:	Century College here 3:30-5:30
2/6:	ASVAB Testing
2/6:	ACT Online Prep Session
2/9:	ACT Lab Prep Session
2/14:	ACT Lab Prep Session
2/19:	President's Day—No School
2/23:	Midterm
3/7:	MCA Math Prep Session
3/8:	MCA Math Online Prep
3/9:	MCA Math Prep Session
3/12-3/16:	Spring Break
3/29:	Quarter 3 Ends
4/3:	ACT Testing
4/10 & 4/12:	MCA Math & Reading
4/17 & 4/19:	MCA Math & Reading
4/24:	ACT Testing Make-up
4/24 & 4/26:	MCA Math & Reading Make-up
4/24 & 4/26:	MCA Science
6/8:	Graduation 2018

## School Board Meetings

**Feb:** Tuesday, Feb. 13  
**March:** Tuesday, March 20  
 \* All meetings begin at 4:15 p.m.

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## Youth Research Project Underway at Wolf Creek

The Center for Promise visited Wolf Creek on November 30th all the way from Boston. They are conducting a research project called the Youth Empowerment and Perceptions of Disciplinary Practices Study. This project will generate knowledge about young people's experiences with school disciplinary practices and procedures. The Center for Promise talked to Wolf Creek students as part of a national research study. Students shared feedback on the experience and noted they felt safe and that their opinions would be kept confidential but used for research purposes. Students also said they enjoyed learning about what other students thought of topics and felt the time was well spent for them. Wolf Creek is proud to be a part of this valuable research effort! The full study completed by the team will be available in the spring 2018.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

*"Success is a journey not a destination." Ben Sweetland*

**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

**Wolf Creek Shirt Orders**

Students are able to purchase T-shirts and hoodies by completing the online order form and payment by **February 22, 2018**.

[https://docs.google.com/a/wolfcreekhs.org/document/d/1TwWtffSTDliLrs8MIE9HilnGAWPzAD7VqiROno\\_QKIk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/a/wolfcreekhs.org/document/d/1TwWtffSTDliLrs8MIE9HilnGAWPzAD7VqiROno_QKIk/edit?usp=sharing)



**1st Semester Graduates**

At Wolf Creek the flexibility and independent format allows students to graduate throughout the school year. Several students graduated by completing all requirements during the first semester of the school year. It's a tradition at Wolf Creek for mid-year graduates to ring the graduation bell on campus. All students and staff take a moment to join the bell ringing ceremony and congratulate the student. Pictured below are two of our first semester graduates celebrating with staff.



*Cassandra Bosca is pictured with Learning Manager Hannah Edblad. Since graduation, Cassie entered and completed a post secondary education program and is pursuing a career in the medical field.*



*Our most recent graduate, Caleb Killian, is pictured above right ringing the graduation bell with Learning Manager Sandra Flint. Caleb is excited to explore job opportunities and enter full time employment.*

**Congratulations to all of our first semester graduates!**

**Homeless Liason Notice**

Tracy Quarnstrom serves as the homeless coordinator for Wolf Creek. Any student who does not have a fixed, regular, adequate place to stay each night is considered "homeless" under federal guidelines. If you or your child is experiencing homelessness, please know that Wolf Creek has resources for providing transportation to school and other needed supplies.

Contact Tracy Quarnstrom at [tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org) or 651-213-2017.

**Wolf Creek School Board Election**

The Wolf Creek Annual School Board election has been set for Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 4:15 pm. Prior to this time, the parents of students enrolled in the school along with staff will vote to elect directors for the next year. We currently have two open positions for parent representatives and would love to have interested parents run for those open positions.

The position responsibilities include attending a school board meeting once per month and reading materials prior to that meeting. Meetings typically occur at 4:15 pm on the second Tuesday of the month and a small stipend is available for attending each meeting. If you are interested in the position of parent representative, please contact Tracy Quarnstrom at [tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org) or call Tracy at 651-213-2017.





## WC Ugly Sweater Day

Staff and students were able to show off their holiday best with the Wolf Creek ugly sweater contest. Congratulations go out to **DJ Huffman** and **Devin Osterdyk** for winning the top prize for the student contest and to Tracy Quarnstrom for taking home the trophy for the staff contest. Thanks to all those who par-



## State/Local Scholarships

### Minnesota Masonic Charities:

This charity provides multiple scholarships each year with different requirements for each.

*Deadline: 2/15/18*

See more at:

[www.mnmasoniccharities.org/what-we-do/scholarships/](http://www.mnmasoniccharities.org/what-we-do/scholarships/)

### Empower Scholarship

**Application:** Administered by Courage Kenny Foundation, it encourages and supports ethnically diverse students who are pursuing a career in a medical or rehabilitation field. See more at: <https://www.allinahealth.org/courage-kenny-rehabilitation-institute/programs-and-services/volunteer-opportunities/empower-scholarships/>

- Open to ethnically diverse students who have been accepted to or enrolled in a post-high school program and have a financial need
- Resident of Minnesota or Western Wisconsin or attending school in Minnesota or Western Wisconsin
- Volunteer hours
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 on 4.0 scale

### Wolf Creek Scholarship:

Wolf Creek High School graduates who plan to pursue a post-secondary education and have earned a 2.0 or higher grade point average. This universal application may be used for other applicable scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded during the graduation ceremony.

## Scholarships

Did you know over 100 million dollars in scholarships go unawarded in the United States every year? Scholarships are a great opportunity to make college more affordable and to graduate college with less debt. Unlike student loans, scholarships do not need to be paid back. It is FREE money! Each scholarship has its own criteria students need to meet in order to be considered. Some are more general and are open to all high school students, while others have very specific criteria including program of interest, gender, extra-curricular activities, height (yes, height), and place of residence. There are many great resources to find scholarships online.

You may also find scholarships from your employer, your parent or guardian's employer, and the college you are planning on attending. If college is in your future after high school, consider applying for scholarships. It is good to apply to multiple scholarships so you have more options. Be sure to do your research ahead of time so you can be prepared with what is required. See the side note for current scholarship options. Best of 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 if 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.

## 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 director 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](mailto:smatheson@wolfcreekhs.org) or by calling 651-213-2055.

## Mark Your Calendars for MCA testing!

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) help measure student progress towards Minnesota's academic standards and federal accountability requirements, and college & career readiness. They are also used to determine whether schools have made adequate yearly progress toward all students being proficient, based on academic scores and participation scores. The MCA tests are state mandated in the following areas: Reading (grade 10), Mathematics (grade 11), and Science (after passing HS biology).

### MCA dates:

4/10 & 4/12 MCA Math 9-11:30 am; MCA Reading 12-2:00 pm  
4/17 & 4/19 MCA Math 9-11:30 am; MCA Reading 12-2:00 pm  
4/24 & 4/26 Make-up MCA Math 9-11:30 am & Reading 12-2:00 pm  
4/24 & 4/26 MCA Science 9-11:30 am

Attendance is critical. Wolf Creek must receive written notification indicating parent refusal for your student to take the MCA test prior to test dates.

## 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 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 for all 11th grade students who completed the Educational Benefits form; 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 April 3 and April 24.

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](mailto:bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org) or call Brenda at 651-213-2037 to secure a seat for one of these test dates.

### ACT + WRITING:

**Tuesday, April 3rd from 8 am - 1 pm** OR **Tuesday, April 24 from 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](http://www.act.org).

## CONGRATULATIONS to our STUDENTS of the MONTH

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

### NOVEMBER

#### Caleb Killian and Cayson Phommasy



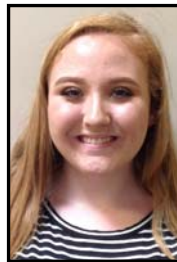
**Caleb** is a senior who graduated this term! Caleb consistently comes to campus and completes amazing work. This term he has worked hard to meet his goal with even better grades than in the past! Caleb is planning to pursue the trades after graduation and is looking into pipefitting. Keep up the good work Caleb!

**Cayson** had an excellent Term 1, made significant improvement in his classes, passing all his classes with high grades! Cayson communicates well with his learning manager and responds quickly. We are proud of you Cayson and keep working hard!



### DECEMBER

#### Mackenzie Karas and Tessa Franer



**Mackenzie** is new to Wolf Creek this year and has done an excellent job organizing her schedule at home and on campus and regularly checks in with her LM, asking questions about courses and staying on track. She is very motivated and takes pride in her work. She started volunteering last month and is planning a college visit this month. Congratulations Mackenzie, we are really proud of you!



**Tessa** is a senior that will be graduating early after this term. She struggled at first but after coming to lab, she turned things around and worked hard to finish strong. We are proud of you Tessa. Congratulations on your graduation!