



Wolf Creek Online High School Newsletter

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Director's Dispatch:

Wolf Creek staff are making an effort to ensure that all students have ample campus time to get work accomplished, but it must be noted that when campus is closed, our school is not closed. All campus closure days are still instructional days as staff and curriculum are fully available to students. All students should be working online and should not be depending solely on campus hours to complete school work. Two days per week of school attendance is not sufficient to ensure that students are making satisfactory progress or completing work by the end of term to be on track to graduate.

We need the assistance of families to ensure that students are able to work from home and are supported in doing so. If working from home is not an option, we suggest work at a local library or other safe location. Being an independent and successful online learner takes effort, not just on the part of Wolf Creek but for students and families as well.

If you have questions about your student's progress, please contact their Learning Manager or myself today at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org or call 651-213-2017.

Sincerely,

Tracy Quarnstrom,
 Director



Crisis Resources and Who to Call

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.

- East Central Crisis Services: 1-800-523-3333 / www.canvashealth.org
- Txt4life: text "LIFE" to 61222—Free and confidential access to counselors
- Chisago County Behavioral Health Services: 651-213-5600 or
- NAMI MN—National Alliance on Mental Illness: 651-645-2948 or on the web at www.namihelps.org.
- Chisago County Emergency Dispatch Center: 651-257-4100 or 9-1-1.

In an immediate, life-threatening situation, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency room to seek medical assistance. Wolf Creek also has Therapeutic Services Agency and Family Based Therapy Associates counselors available. Please call 651-213-2095 to schedule time.

Dates to Remember

- Term 4: April 1 - June 5
- April 19: Campus closed/Holiday
- April 30: Lab open until 6:00 pm
- April 25: Prom forms due
- May 3: Midterm
- May 4: Prom
- May 23: Deadline for Seniors, OLL, and Tuition-Based
- May 24: Campus closed/Staff Dev.
- May 27: Campus closed/Holiday
- May 28: Lab open until 6:00 pm
- June 5: End of Quarter 4
- June 7: Graduation

School Board Meetings

- April 9 @ 4:15
- May 14 @ 4:15

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MCA Testing for all 10th and 11th Graders

MCA tests are state mandated tests in Reading (grade 10) and Math (grade 11).



These tests help measure student progress toward MN’s academic standards and meet the requirements of federal and state legislative requirements.

Math MCA test - 11th grade: Tuesday, April 9, Thursday, April 11, Tuesday, April 16, and Thursday, April 18 From 9:00 am–11:30 am. Please plan for 2.5 hours of testing. (Students will need a calculator and headphones) *Make up sessions for this test will be on Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Reading MCA test—10th grade: Plan for at least 2 hours of testing. Tuesday, April 9, Thursday, April 11, Tuesday, April 16, and Thursday, April 18 From 12:00 noon–2:00 pm *Make up sessions for this test will be on Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 25 at 12 noon.

If you need to attend on a make-up date, or have any questions, please contact Brenda Swanson, Dean of Students, at 651-213-2037 or bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org.

Attendance is critical. These tests are lengthy and every effort will be made to makeup a test if the student is absent. Student academic scores and participation scores are ranked for each school. Students assigned to test will be notified via mail and email. If your student is not able to attend testing dates Wolf Creek must receive written notification indicating parent refusal for your student to take the MCA test prior to test dates! Students should consider preparing for the tests by taking sample tests at the following websites:

<http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/reading/>
<http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/itemsamplers/math/>



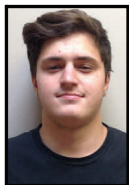
CONGRATULATIONS to our STUDENTS of the MONTH

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

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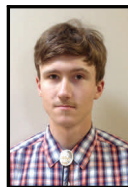


Samantha Brewer is a senior in her first year at Wolf Creek. Samantha has been doing a great job of keeping up with her classes, communicating, and putting in the extra effort. Samantha is very ambitious and decided to take the maximum number of credits allowed each term this year. Keep setting your goals high, Samantha!



Brandon Good is a junior and is new to Wolf Creek this year. Brandon has been a rock star from the start. He works hard to earn good grades in his classes. Brandon also does an awesome job with communicating with his Learning Manager, working ahead in his classes, having a positive attitude always, and completing extensions to boost his core grades since he usually has extra time at the end of the term. Keep up the great work, Brandon. You set a great example for students here at Wolf Creek!

FEBRUARY



Jake Guzik comes to campus consistently and asks for help when needed. He works from home on assignments he is able to complete independently and works on assignments he needs help with on campus. Jake is new this year; has adjusted to Wolf Creek well and is really liking it so far. Jake continues to make progress in his classes and is on track. Keep working hard, Jake!



Collin Pechman is a 9th grader that started at the beginning of the year. He was pretty sure that traditional school would not work for him and thought that online school would suit him better. He has done great since starting. He completes his work and is on track every week. He is a very good kid who wants to succeed in life. We are so proud of you, Collin!

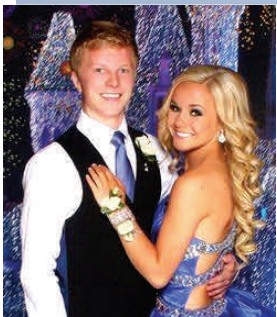
Transportation Options at Wolf Creek

- The Heartland Express is for Chisago County residents and can be set up by calling 651-213-5790.
- The Chisago Lakes School bus is available for students who reside in the Chisago Lakes School District #2144 and can be set up by calling 651-213-2020.
- The Forest Lake van has limited availability for residents of Forest Lake. Advanced notice is needed for this option and can be set up by contacting Tracy Quarnstrom at 651-213-2017 or tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org.
- Families can coordinate a carpool with other families. Wolf Creek cannot be responsible for setting up these rides but encourage families to ask others about this option.



New Student Enrollment Lottery for Fall of 2019

Wolf Creek Online High School will hold its yearly enrollment lottery for new student enrollment positions for the Fall of 2019 on Tuesday, April 9th. All returning supplemental students must re-apply. The sibling preference lottery will be held on April 8th. Enrollment positions at Wolf Creek especially for supplemental enrollment fill quickly, so we encourage all interested applicants and supplemental students to apply before the lottery date. Current students must affirm their need for an enrollment position in an advisory lesson in Moodle during Quarter 4. Please contact Brenda Swanson at bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org with any questions.



~ 2019 Junior-Senior Prom ~

(with Chisago Lakes High School)

Prom 2018-2019 will be held Saturday, May 4 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Tickets to attend prom will go on sale at Wolf Creek from Thursday, April 11. to Thursday, April 25.

Ticket prices are \$50 each for the dance or \$80 each if including dinner. Forms and payment are due to Wolf Creek by Thursday, April 25 at 2 pm. All students attending prom will need to follow the Wolf Creek policy which is different than Chisago Lakes High School. Wolf Creek students must be demonstrating adequate academic progress in order to participate in prom activities. Academic progress will be reported by the Learning Managers to administration. The report will be completed prior to administration approving the participation agreement for any student's prom attendance. **Please do not buy a ticket or dress/tuxedo until you have Wolf Creek administrative approval.** If you have questions about your academic progress please see your Learning Manager, or the Director, Tracy Quarnstrom.

May 3: Midterm—Students should be at the minimum near 50% earned in each class. 60% must be earned and the required assignments complete in each class to pass. Please check with your LM if you have any questions.

May 7: Teacher Appreciation Day—Your LM is your teacher, cheerleader, your “go to” person, someone who stands with you and wishes only the best for you - so drop them an email, a note, or stop in just to say “thanks” for all they do.



Mental Health Counselors

Wolf Creek collaborates with mental health agencies that provide these services in the school setting. Tasha Barnes from Family Based Therapy Associates is available Tuesdays and Thursdays on campus. Tracie Houle from Therapeutic Services Agency is available on campus on Tuesdays at differing times. If you would like to meet with a mental health professional, please call Wolf Creek at 651-213-2095 to schedule an appointment.



Graduation 2019

The 2019 Wolf Creek Commencement ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 7** at **6:30 PM** at **Chisago Lakes Performing Arts Center (PAC)**

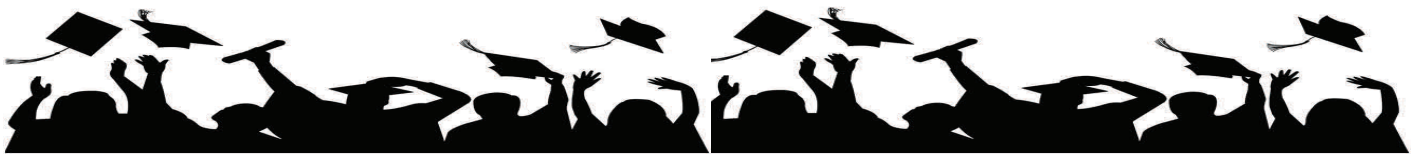


Graduation Requirements

Graduates will **earn a TRIO Wolf Creek Charter School accredited diploma**. Diplomas will be granted when the student has met all graduation requirements and/or obligations. The requirements to receive a diploma are:

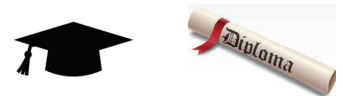
1. *Complete 26.00 course credit requirements and standards in specific areas, as established by the school board.*
2. *Return all materials and pay all fines, charges, etc.*

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 23rd senior deadline**. Seniors were mailed their graduation plan to review. 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.



Improvement Plan in Place to Increase Graduation Rates

Wolf Creek has been identified under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) guidelines as a school in need of comprehensive support and improvement. Wolf Creek has been working with advocates from the Regional Centers of Excellence since June of 2018 and has created an improvement plan that will lead us to success in having students pass courses and graduate with an accredited high school diploma. We have implemented many interventions over the past few years including but not limited to increased Google hangout opportunities with content teachers, improved curriculum options, and increased math tutoring opportunities. Please encourage students to participate in all of these opportunities to ensure student success. Our improvement plan document can be found on our website www.triowolfcreek.com under the About Us section, under ESSA Plan. We are always seeking input from families and want stakeholders to be on our ESSA Improvement Committee. If you are interested in these opportunities, please contact Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@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 Advisory
- 8.25 credits Electives

