



Wolf Creek Online High School Newsletter

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Director's Dispatch:

I wanted to start by thanking our incredible staff, school board, and authorizer in helping Wolf Creek transition to a new virtual learning plan per the new Minnesota Department of Education's guidelines.

I understand that many families may not see a huge difference in services as their student was working 100% from home prior to the COVID-19 crisis in Minnesota. We want to continue to ensure that all students that were utilizing campus, and those that weren't, can have support at home in new ways. We have enacted a virtual campus help desk that is staffed by Wolf Creek staff members each Tuesday and Thursday during what used to be on-campus hours. Virtual campus help desk times are available on our website and weekly news. Staff are excited to meet students virtually and are ready to help with questions.

We also continue to stand ready to serve nutritional and mental health needs in many ways. If you feel that your student is in need of any support please don't hesitate to reach out to your learning manager or any member of the Wolf Creek administration.

Please continue to view the weekly news as this will be our main form of communication for all Wolf Creek news items. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these challenging times. Be safe and let me know if you have any questions.

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
- 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 6 - June 3
 April 14: New Student Lottery
 May 1: Midterm
 May 25: Campus closed/Holiday
 May 28: Deadline for Graduates, OLL, and Tuition-Based
 June 3: End of Quarter 4

School Board Meetings

April 14 @ 4:15
 May 12 @ 4:15

If you are interested in attending a school board meeting virtually, we can make that happen! Please reach out to Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org and we can help get you set up.

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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. We have created an improvement plan that will lead us to success by helping 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/meet opportunities with content teachers, improved curriculum options, and increased math tutoring opportunities. Please encourage your student to participate in all of these opportunities to ensure student success.

The 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



Parents—We Need You!

Wolf Creek currently has an open position for one “Parent Representative” to join the School Board. The School Board meets one per month on Tuesday at 4:15 pm. Attendance at meetings is required and a small monthly stipend is available for attending. Please contact Tracy Quarnstrom if interested, tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org or 651-213-2017.

CONGRATULATIONS to our STUDENTS of the MONTH

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



JANUARY



Samara Sandstrom is an awesome student. Samara comes to campus every Tuesday and Thursday and stays for the entire day. She is productive and uses her time wisely. Samara even successfully finished her Term 2 classes early. Overall, Samara is a respectful student and a hard worker. Keep working hard, Samara!



Jonathan Swanson is a graduating senior who had an amazing Term 2. Jonathan finished up 5 core classes he needed to graduate. We really enjoyed working with Jonathan. He worked steadily all term and actually finished the term a whole week early. We wish you the best on your journey, Jonathan and we are proud of your accomplishments here at Wolf Creek!

FEBRUARY



Alexis Peterson is determined to graduate this year so she can pursue nursing. Alexis communicates regularly with her Learning Manager to check in and ask questions when needed. She also meets weekly with Sandy via Google Hangouts for math help. She is doing well even when taking extra classes with an intense workload. We are so proud of how far she has come academically. She’s just an awesome student!



Amanda Wallin made a great decision this year to cut back her work hours and focus on school work. She also made the decision to go a slow and steady route to ensure her success, which is still a heavy workload. She has successfully completed all of her classes early each term so far this year. Amanda’s Learning Manager is very proud of the turn around that she has made in order to be successful!

Wolf Creek is Hiring a Promise Fellow Support

Wolf Creek is hiring a 20 hour a week support position for the 2020-2021 school year. This person will work with students regarding attendance concerns and creating assignment checklists, among other support tasks. This is an exciting position that includes a wage, educational reimbursement, and other possible benefits such as child care reimbursement. Contact Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org for information about this opportunity.



New Student Enrollment Lottery for Fall of 2020

Wolf Creek Online High School will hold the annual enrollment lottery for new student enrollment positions for the Fall of 2020 on Tuesday, April 14th. All returning supplemental/part-time students must re-apply. The sibling preference lottery will be held on April 13th. 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.

We Miss Your Smiling Faces on Campus

If you haven't done so already, please "Like" our Facebook page *Wolf Creek Online High School*. We want pictures of you working virtually at home, we encourage students to interact online! Feel free to "Like" and comment on each other's posts so we can enjoy our campus community remotely. Send your pictures to Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org, so she can share them.

We are excited to hear from you!

May 1: Midterm—Students should be near 50% earned in each class. Be reminded, 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 5: Teacher Appreciation Day—Your LM is your teacher, champion, your "go to" person, someone who stands with you and wishes only the best for you - so drop them an email, just a little note to say "thanks" for all they do.

Return School Materials

Please make sure to return library books, calculators, Chromebooks and any other Wolf Creek items as soon as you are finished with them or for sure before the end of the school year to avoid fees. Please reach out to your Learning Manager or Brenda Swanson at bswanson@wolfcreekhs.org if you have any questions.



Student Resource Officers on Campus

Wolf Creek is committed to providing a safe environment for all staff and students. We work with the Student Resource Officers (SRO) from the Lakes Area Police Department on various objectives. They assist with our legally required fire and lockdown drills, as well as, visit campus to check in with students and staff. Wolf Creek is providing more information this year when drills occur via our weekly email

newsletter. If you have any other questions about our safety plans, drills, or future educational plans for students, please contact Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org or 651-213-2017.



Stay Healthy Wolf Creek Families!

Everyone can work to reduce the spread of COVID-19

- **Cover your coughs and sneezes** with your elbow or sleeve, or a tissue and then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands afterwards.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom or before eating. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid touching your face**—especially your eyes, nose and mouth—with unwashed hands.
- **Stay home** if you have cold- or flu-like symptoms, for seven days after your illness onset or three days after your fever resolves without fever reducing medicine, and avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Up-to-date guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health can be found at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

Virtual Campus

We know that many of you come to campus to be able to get quick answers to your questions. We wanted to make sure those quick answers and support are still available to you while the physical campus is closed. So we created a hangout that will be available every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 to 2:00. Just like lab! And just like on campus, there will always be an LM on duty!

Some questions you can ask:

- Who is my _____ teacher?
- Do you know if my teacher is available to help me with this assignment?
 - I can't get this link/document/video to work!
 - Can you remind me when the end of term is?
- How do I set up an appointment for help on my college application?
- Did they say something about a COVID-19 Support Hangout?
 - Content area questions depending on the LM on duty!

Help is Here if You Need It

Wolf Creek has many resources available if you are in need. If you need technology assistance, food assistance, mental health support, college and career planning, or any other support, please reach out!

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