



Wolf Creek Online High School Newsletter

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Director's Dispatch:

Over the past few weeks, I, along with most of our nation, have watched the news in horror as we viewed pictures of a school shooting in Florida and many threats to schools right here in our backyard. I want to assure you that Wolf Creek is taking all steps possible to keep your student safe.

We are proud to have a reliable crisis management plan and procedures in place to keep all people safe on campus and at home on their computers. That being said, no amount of policies or drills will ensure 100% safety in any place in our nation today. We are asking all families to discuss the need to be aware of their surroundings with their student and to let us know if you feel there are any threats that are pertinent to Wolf Creek. Together we can keep Wolf Creek a small and safe environment for all who attend and work here.

I welcome any comments or questions you may have so please feel free to contact me by email at tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org or call 651-213-2017. Enjoy the warmer weather and let's have a great close to the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Dates to Remember

- Term 4: April 3 - June 6
- April 5: Campus closed/Staff Dev.
- April 26: Lab open until 6:00 pm
- April 26: Prom forms due
- May 4: Midterm
- May 5: Prom
- May 24: Lab open until 6:00 pm
- May 24: Deadline for Seniors, OLL, and Tuition-Based
- May 25: Campus closed/Staff Dev.
- May 28: Campus closed/Holiday
- June 6: End of Quarter 4
- June 8: Graduation

School Board Meetings

- April 10 @ 4:15
- May 8 @ 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 10, Thursday, April 12, Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19 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 24 and Thursday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Reading MCA test—10th grade: Plan for at least 2 hours of testing. Tuesday, April 10, Thursday, April 12, Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19 From 12:00 noon–2:00 pm *Make up sessions for this test will be on Tuesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 26 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/>

If you **CANNOT** be on Time,

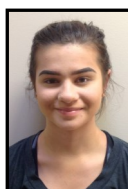


Then Be **EARLY**

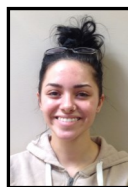
CONGRATULATIONS to our STUDENTS of the MONTH

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

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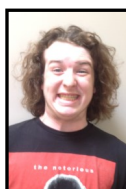


Jordan Wald is in her first year at Wolf Creek. She is a Junior balancing college courses at Northwestern University, a credit load at Wolf Creek, and a part-time job. She is very motivated and organized. Jordan does an excellent job at initiating communication with teachers. She asks questions as needed, strives to do her best work, and sets goals to meet in her future.

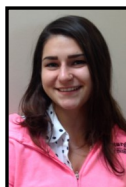


Nina Hertaus is a senior who will graduate one term early this year. She has been with Wolf Creek for over a year and has grown in her online skills each term and is an exceptional student. Nina communicates well with her Learning Manager and has plans to attend college this fall. She has been accepted at Hamline University but is still looking into other colleges.

MARCH



Cole Littlefield is in his third year at Wolf Creek. He is a kind, helpful, independent young man. Cole manages his school work on his own and lets his learning manager know where is at each week. He has been on track in his courses and works hard to make sure his work is submitted and complete. He asks for help when needed, attends Math Lab, and follows through on his word.



Briannah Erickson is in her second year at Wolf Creek. Briannah is a sweet, unselfish young lady who always puts others before herself. This year she has been working extremely hard to catch up on credits and graduate in June. Briannah is a valued member of the Wolf Creek Council and is always willing to help with school activities. After graduation Briannah will attend Century College.

Construct Tomorrow Field Trip

Wolf Creek students attended the Construct Tomorrow program in Hinckley in February. The Construct Tomorrow team brought representatives from multiple trades to provide hands-on experiences for the students who got to work side-by-side with apprentices and journey-level workers to wire circuits, trowel cement, set tile, and more. While at the event students even had a chance to meet with Rick Olseen who was there representing Rep. Nolan’s office, as he is an advocate for students learning more about careers in the trades. Students felt it was a fun day and a great opportunity to learn more about careers in the trades. A big thanks to our school counselor, Lindsay Miller for setting up career and college events.



Spring Picnic on May 29

Wolf Creek will host its annual Spring Picnic for students and faculty on Tuesday, May 29 from 11:30-1:00. This is a time for students to enjoy a good meal, get outside, play yard games, mingle, and spend time together. The spring picnic is a favorite tradition of the school and one of the final events that marks the end of the school year. It’s a great time to celebrate student success and friendships.



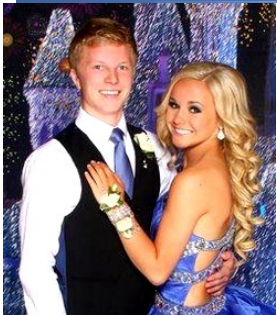
May 4: Midterm—Students should be at the minimum near 50% earned in each class. 60% must be earned and the required assignments complete in each class to pass. Please check with your LM if you have any questions.

May 8: 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, stop in just to say “thanks” for all they do.

~ 2018 Junior-Senior Prom ~

(with Chisago Lakes High School)

Prom 2017-2018 will be held Saturday, May 5 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Tickets to attend prom will go on sale at Wolf Creek on Thursday, April 12.



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 26 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.

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. Matthew Beaver 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 2018

The 2018 Wolf Creek Commencement ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 8** 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. *Take or pass the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments in reading, mathematics, and written composition as per state requirements or higher guidelines or meet testing requirement through ACT, ACCUPLACER or ASVAB options.*
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 24th 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.

Graduation Rates

Wolf Creek is striving to increase our graduation rates. The graduation rates released from the Minnesota Department of Education in February 2018 show we have a large increase in our graduation rate. Last years recalculated rate was 40%. Our new graduation rate that includes spring 2017 graduates is now 52.94%. We are excited to keep moving this rate in the right direction but to do so we need the support of all parents and others in these students lives. Please know that we take the attainment of an accredited high school diploma very seriously at Wolf Creek and want to help your child succeed. That being said, all families play a role in this success as well. That means, no matter the age of your student, that we need assistance in setting expectations at home around work completion and following through on consequences when needed. If you wish to meet with school officials to discuss a plan for success further, please let your student's learning manager know. Together we will ensure that all Wolf Creek students receive their diploma!



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 OTIS/Advisory
- 8.25 credits Electives

