



# Wolf Creek Online High School Newsletter

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From the Director:

Greetings from all of us at Wolf Creek. The school year is once again moving ahead quickly and I can hardly believe it is Term 4 already.

Term 4 brings lots of activity at Wolf Creek. During this busy time of the year we encourage all families to read the newsletter and also subscribe to the Campaign Monitor each week to get the most up to date information from us.

April will be testing season and we need the support of all families to get students to Wolf Creek on required testing days, on time and ready to test. April will also bring this year a variety of activities from prom to our annual spring picnic. That is why it is so important to continue to stay up to date with our communications.

Finally, we know that Term 4 also brings our graduation ceremony to be held on Friday, June 9th. We want to ask families to again encourage students who need that extra nudge to get through courses and notify the student's Learning Manager if extra assistance is needed to make graduation a reality.

I welcome any comments or questions you may have so please feel free to contact me by email at [tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org](mailto:tquarnstrom@wolfcreekhs.org) or call 651-213-2017. Enjoy the warmer weather and have a great close to the 2016-2017 school year.

Sincerely,  
*Tracy Quarnstrom,*  
Director



### Dates to Remember

- Term 4: April 4 - June 7
- April 14: Campus closed/Holiday
- April 27: Prom forms due
- May 5: Midterms
- May 6: Prom
- May 11/12: Lab Closed/Staff Dev.
- May 18: Lab open until 7:00 pm
- May 25: Deadline for Seniors, OLL, and Tuition-Based
- June 7: End of Quarter 4
- June 9: Graduation

### School Board Meetings

- April 11 @ 4:15
- May 16 @ 4:15

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## Spring Picnic on May 30

Wolf Creek will host its annual Spring Picnic for students and faculty on Tuesday, May 30 from 11:30-1:00. This is a time for students to enjoy a good meal, get outside, play yard games, and 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. A great time to celebrate student success and friendships.



Testing Information



MCA Testing for all 10th and 11th Graders

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

1. These tests help measure student progress toward MN's academic standards and meet the requirements of federal and state legislative requirements.
2. Math MCA test - 11th grade: **Tuesday, April 4, Thursday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 11**  
**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 Thursday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m.
3. Reading MCA test—10th grade: Plan for at least 2 hours of testing.  
**Tuesday, April 4, and Thursday, April 6**  
**From 12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.**  
 \*Make up sessions for this test will be on Tuesday, April 11 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/>



ASVAB Testing on May 2

The test is an aptitude test to gauge a student's abilities in specific areas that may be relevant to a job, either civilian or military. The test does not commit you to anything but it does meet the high school graduation assessment requirements for reading and/or math and it will help you explore career planning and give you insight into what your career strengths are. Take the ASVAB... it not only helps you make decisions about your future but it will meet your graduation assessment requirement. Students considering a military career are required to take the ASVAB.

Students planning to take the ASVAB must pre-register with Brenda Swanson by 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28 to be eligible to take the ASVAB test on May 2. Contact Brenda Swanson to pre-register: 651-213-2037 or

Higher Education and Military Opportunities

**Military Jobs :** There are several branches of the military including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp and the Coast Guard. For a "glance" at various job descriptions, login to [www.military.com](http://www.military.com). There are many jobs that do not require travel, front lines or going to another country. If you are unsure of your career path, the Military is a great way for you to be trained in an area you are interested in such as technology, security, electrician, crane operator, and many more. They even have openings for cooks and various health fields. The best part is you will gain not only an education but real life experience on the job so that when you are discharged you can go right into a career field. Veterans have "Veteran's Preference" when applying for jobs. If you'd like to meet with a recruiter, talk to the Wolf Creek Career and College Counselor, Molly. There are recruiters you can meet with right on the Wolf Creek campus. It's never too early to start your future.

## Muske Company Community Support

It is with gratitude that Wolf Creek would like to thank the Muske Company Community Support Foundation for their generous donation and support of student needs. Their generous donation will go far to help make sure all students have their basic needs met and are able to be successful in school. We encourage everyone in the Wolf Creek community to investigate ReMax/Forest Lake if you are in need of real estate services. They truly care about our students, families and community.



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

### Important Dates

**May 5:** Midterm— Students should be at the minimum near 50% earned in each class. You must earn at least 65% and complete all the required assignments in each class to pass. Please check with your LM if you have any questions.

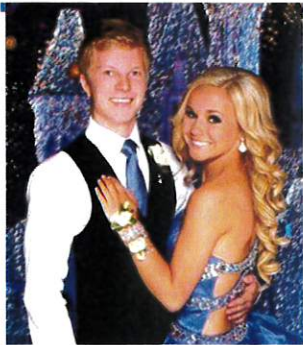
**May 6:** WC/CLHS Prom

**May 9:** Teacher Appreciation Day—Your LM is your 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.

**May 11 & 12:** Lab will be closed due to Professional Development for staff. There will be no grading updates on May 12.

**May 18:** Late Lab open until 7:00 p.m. Plan ahead now to attend this great way to get coursework completed.

### ~ 2017 Junior-Senior Prom ~



Prom 2016-2017 will be held Saturday, May 6 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Tickets to attend prom will go on sale at Wolf Creek on Thursday, April 13. Ticket prices are \$50 each. Tickets will need to be picked up at Wolf Creek by Thursday, April 27. All students attending prom will need to follow the Wolf Creek policy which is different than Chisago Lakes High School. For Wolf Creek students, you must

be demonstrating adequate academic progress in order to participate in prom activities. Academic progress will be reported by the Learning Managers to Wolf Creek 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. Both therapists are available Tuesdays and Thursdays on campus 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 2017

The 2017 Wolf Creek Commencement ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 9** at **6:30 PM** at **Chisago Lakes Performing Arts Center (PAC)**



## Graduation Requirements

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. Complete a minimum of 26 course credit requirements in specified classes, as established by the school board; see list below.
2. 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\***.
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 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 were mailed their graduation plan; please review it. 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.

**\*Students have the option to provide proof that they took any of the tests below to earn a “Met by Alternate Pathway/Pass.”** There are no cut scores on any of these tests to meet graduation requirements. Wolf Creek must receive official documentation that the test was taken by the student.

- A. ASVAB (Military Entrance Exam) can be taken by contacting a military Recruiting office
- B. ACCUPLACER (Community College Entrance Exam) can be taken by contacting a college admission office.
- C. The ACT (College/University Entrance Exam) The writing portion is required if the GRAD Written Composition has not been passed.

## College Fair

TRIO Wolf Creek held a College Fair on campus with many students and families attending to take advantage of this opportunity. There were representatives from many local colleges on campus to answer questions and provide information. A welcome visitor was a Wolf Creek alumni, Michael Heinen, currently attending Pine Technical with his robotics project. Special thanks to Michael and all our college representatives. This is an annual event, free to the public and a great way for students to explore both colleges and career fields all while conveniently located on Wolf Creek’s campus.



### 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
- 8.25 credits Electives