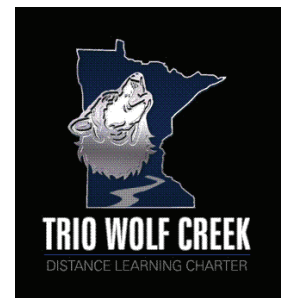


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Dates to Remember - Mark on Calendar!

Term 3 Dates

- 1/26 -Term 3 Begins
- 2/4- Healthy U-Improv Group
- 2/11- Conferences
- 2/11- College Fair
- 2/15—Open House
- 2/16- Healthy U Fair
- 2/22- Mid term week
- 2/23—Crock Pot Class
- 2/25—Crock Pot Class
- 3/2 - GRAD Re-testing
- 3/4 - GRAD Re-testing
- 3/8-3/12- Spring Break
- 3/25—Late Lab
- 4/1- Term 3 Ends
- 4/6- Term 4 Begins

School Board Meetings

- 2/9— 4:00 p.m.
- 3/16 — 4:00 p.m.

Campus Open:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
7:30 am - 2:00 pm

Main Phone Line:

651-213-2095

Attendance Line:

651-213-2032

Fax Line:

651-257-0576

Website:

www.triowolfcreek.com

Staff Email:

FirstInitialLastname
@chisagolakes.k12.mn.us

CONFERENCE TIME IS NEAR !

What: Parent-Teacher Conferences

When: February 11, 2010 from 7:30 am– 6:00 pm

Where: Wolf Creek Online High School campus

It is that time again when the Learning Managers would like to meet with our student's parents to discuss their child's progress. This is a great time to review the student's Individual Graduation Plans (IGPs) and make plans for the rest of the school year.

Contact your student's Learning Manager, through email or phone, to schedule a 15 minute conference. We look forward to seeing you and, of course, students are welcome to attend!



February 11, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Events on February 11th:

- * Keynote Speaker @ 4:30
Chisago County District Judge
- * How to Get Money for College @ 5:30
presented by Pine-Technical College
- * College Fair with 6 colleges
available all night!
- * Career Assessments and Consultation

Colleges in Attendance:

- Anoka-Ramsey Community College
- Globe/Minnesota School of Business
- Jamestown College
- Lake Superior Community College
- Marine Corps
- Pine Technical College

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College Prep Night

Parents and Students

Invited to:

“Future Choices—
How They
Influence You”

Presented by:

Chisago County District
Judges McBride and
Rancourt

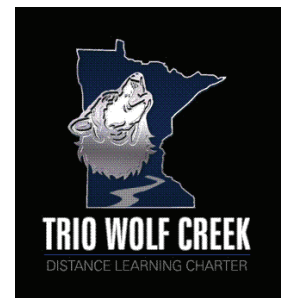
February 11, 4:30 p.m.

Same night as the College
Prep Night



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MEET WOLF CREEK'S NEW STAFF MEMBER

My name is Becki Olseen, and I am thrilled to be joining the Wolf Creek team!

Since graduating from Northwestern College of Iowa with my Bachelor's in History and Secondary Education, I have worked in a variety of settings, ranging from a rural Mississippi school to an urban Minneapolis charter program. I have also applied my love of history and government to managing a successful state senate campaign and working for two U.S. representatives.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy photography, theatre, and volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club.

As an educator, I believe that teaching stretches far beyond a classroom wall and curriculum. I embrace a holistic teaching philosophy that builds on students' strengths, addresses challenges in their lives—academic and personal, and unites the broader community (parents, administrative staff, community members and organizations) in empowering our next generation to achieve their goals and dreams.

Martin Luther King Jr said, "Intelligence plus character, that is the true goal of education." Thank you for the opportunity to work toward this goal as part of Wolf Creek.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Wolf Creek staff members have named the following "Students of the Month" for November and December. These students received a certificate and letter of congratulation for their achievement. They will also be commemorated on the Student of the Month plaque. Students are recognized each month for their dedication to academics and for pursuing their online education with perseverance at Wolf Creek.

Paul Lessner is new to Wolf Creek this year and has embraced the Wolf Creek model. He attends Wolf Creek campus weekly and completes a substantial amount of work each week in his classes. Cassie Gaede, Paul's Learning Manager comments, "He is such a joy to talk with; he is always willing to share a laugh." Paul is a hard worker and well deserving of this recognition. Great work Paul!

Sarah Olding has truly caught the "Wolf Creek" spirit. She is focused on graduation and is finding success in all her classes. She passed all of her classes last term with great grades. Not only is Sarah on track in all of her classes, but she takes the time to turn in artistically creative and high quality work. Stacy Bender, Sarah's Learning Manager explains, "I am so proud of Sarah!" We are all proud to have Sarah at Wolf Creek. Good luck in reaching your goals!

Cyrus Aluni has been an outstanding student at Wolf Creek since he started as a freshman. "He is working on his 6th term with us and although he is not excited about the subjects he is taking this quarter, he has continued to excel in them and exhibits an exemplary dedication to his school work," explains Cyrus's Learning Manager Emily Stull. Cy is a well-rounded student, participating in

a local theater group, skateboarding, and teaching snowboarding in his spare time, all the while remaining on the honor roll every term. What an exceptional student!

Mariah Ireland started with us this past summer and has really taken off in her classes this term. This entire quarter she has worked consistently in all of her classes and is working above expectations in all of them! Emily Stull, also Mariah's Learning Manager, describes Mariah, "Her quiet and cheerful demeanor is always a pleasure in lab." We are very proud to have Mariah at Wolf Creek.



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HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships, whether with family, friends, or dating partners, can be a very fulfilling aspect of life. It is human nature to form meaningful connections with others. But what makes a relationship meaningful?

Mutual respect – Relationships should be give and take. Partners must hold each other in high regard and be willing to compromise.

Open communication – You should feel that you can be open and honest in your relationships. If you do not feel comfortable expressing your thoughts, you may be in an unhealthy relationship.

Trust and security – It is very important that always feel safe with your partner. Healthy relationships will not put you in danger or threaten your well-being in any way.

Self-worth boosting – Meaningful relationships should make you feel good about yourself. If you feel undervalued or overly drained, you should reevaluate your relationship.

Trust your feelings and intuition about your relationships. We often know when we are in an unhealthy relationship. If you are concerned about any of your relationships, seek the support and advice of trusted adults. Additional resources are listed below:

Advocates for Youth

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/youth/health/relationships/index.htm>

Just for Teens

<http://www.wcstx.com/teens.htm>

TAKE THE HEALTH CURRICULUM SURVEY

Parents of Wolf Creek students:

We would like to request your assistance in taking a quick survey for the Human Sexuality and Health Committee .

The Committee members would greatly appreciate your input at Wolf Creek Online High School. We need your thoughts and any feedback you can offer. We are conducting the survey to help us provide better curriculum, resources, and information to our students both on and off campus.

Please visit the following link and participate in the survey by February 15th: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YXTSBVM>

Thanks in advance for your input!

Sheryl Palmquist
Human Sexuality and Health Committee Chair



FEBRUARY IS HEALTHY “U” MONTH

Wolf Creek Online High School will be conducting Focus Month activities that students at campus will be required to participate in during the following times:

Thursday February 4, 2010 from 10-11 Improv Group

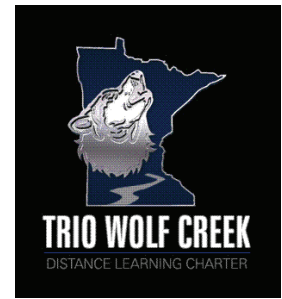
Thursday February 26, 2010 from 11-1 Health Fair

Speakers will include discussion topics around human sexuality and responsibilities.

If you wish to have your student opt out of the above activities please email Tracy Quarnstrom at tquarnstrom@chisagolakes.k12.mn.us by February 1, 2010

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2010 GRADUATION PLANS

The staff and board members are preparing for the 2010 Wolf Creek Graduation Ceremony. The evening of June 11th, at 6:30 pm has been set for the graduation ceremony.

All course work for students participating in the graduation ceremony is due by June 3rd. For students to be listed in the commencement documents they must have earned at least 21.0 credits by the end of term 3. For students to participate in commencement ceremony, they must complete at least 25.0 credits by the June 3rd deadline.

Graduates will earn a TRIO Wolf Creek Charter School NCA and CITA accredited diploma. Diplomas will be granted when the student meets all graduation requirements and/or obligations.

To receive a diploma, a student must:

1. Pass the MCAII in reading, mathematics, and written composition as per state requirements or higher guidelines.
2. Complete 26.0 course credit requirements in specified classes, as established by the school board.
3. Return all materials and pay all fines, charges, etc.

Commencement is a voluntary event in which students may choose to participate. Each student in the ceremony will be required to wear a graduation cap and gown; these will be ordered soon. *Note: there is no charge for these items.*

Wolf Creek colors are royal blue, white, and silver.

Students short on credits may register for summer school 2010.



New
Baby..

Congratulations to Emily Stull, Wolf Creek's Art Specialist, on the birth of her baby girl.

Francis Ardell was born on January 18th, she was 7lbs. 6 oz. and 21 inches.

Emily will be taking some time off during term 3 to enjoy her new little miracle.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Under federal law, all men must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. The Selective Service System now also accepts early submission of registration information by 17-year-old men. Selective Service holds their registration information and automatically enters their data into the system when they turn 18. Registering with Selective Service can qualify you for student loans and grants, job training, and federal employment. To register, log onto www.sss.gov or contact Cassie at cgaede@chisagolakes.k12.mn.us for more information.



EDUCATIONAL TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE

Tax time is right around the corner and we remind all Wolf Creek families to investigate the educational credit tax deductions that may be available to you. We encourage you to discuss these items with your tax specialist to see if you qualify. The following is general information on what is allowable under the tax credit. Each individual will need to consult with your own tax specialist to see if you qualify for the educational credit.

Examples: Computer hardware and educational software maximum \$200 for subtraction and \$200 for a credit (if income qualifies). Software purchased to access the internet but not monthly service providers like AOL or MSN.

Cited from <http://nvo.com/verbout/mneducationdeductions/>