

# WOLF CREEK ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

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Spring 2010 No. 7

## Dates to Remember - Mark on your Calendar!



- April 6- Term 4 starts
- April 10- Graduation Forms due
- April 13- Last day to buy Prom tickets
- April 13- 1pm MCA II Written  
Comp (9)
- April 14 - 1pm: MCA II Reading(10)  
and Math (11) Segments 1 and 2
- April 14 - 1pm: MCA II Reading(10)  
and Math (11) Segments 3 and 4
- April 20& 22 - 11am: Make-up MCA II  
Written Comp(9)
- April 20& 22 - 11am: Make-up MCA II  
Reading(10) and Math(11) Segments  
1,2,3 & 4
- April 20 - BST writing @11
- April 21 - BST Math @ 11
- April 23 - Science Deadline –weeks 1 &  
2 disappear
- April 22 - BST Reading @ 11
- April 24 - Prom

### Upcoming School Board Meetings

- April 13 - WC Learning Suite 4 p.m.
- May 11 - WC Learning Suite 4 p.m.



## Help Us Spread the Word About Wolf Creek

Wolf Creek as a charter school entity needs to market our school to potential students. Unlike a district school, our student body is not determined by boundaries and where students live, so we are honored that each student who decides to enroll at Wolf Creek does so by their own choice. Due to the need to market we are asking for your help in referring any students to Wolf Creek who may be interested in enrolling for Summer 2010 or beyond.

The number one way that we market to other interested students is through word of mouth advertising. It is the goal of the Wolf Creek school board to keep all state funds in the school for educational purposes and to find low cost ways to market and spread the news of our great school.

Our lottery date for new students is April 13<sup>th</sup> with sibling preference occurring on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, Wolf Creek has hired a marketing intern, Kevin Backlund, to work with our marketing committee and find low cost ways to market our school to students who may be interested in enrolling with Wolf Creek in the future. Kevin may be present in our lab areas during the month of April and may ask students questions such as the following:

- Why did you choose to come to Wolf Creek?
- How did you hear about Wolf Creek?
- What is the best part about being a student at Wolf Creek?

If you do not want your student to be involved in discussions about marketing or with this intern please let the Director Tracy Quarnstrom know as soon as possible.

If you have an idea on a great low cost way to market Wolf Creek please contact Tracy Quarnstrom or Sandra Flint, the chair person of the marketing committee.

One final note on marketing: we do not anticipate a larger enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year than we are currently experiencing but we will have our largest graduating class ever on June 11<sup>th</sup>. It is with great pride that we will graduate as many as 50 students in June but we know we must find more students to enroll for the fall to fill those student enrollment spots at Wolf Creek.

## Changes in Science Classes for Term 4

Starting in Term 4, science courses will have new weekly deadlines.

**Assignments will disappear** on the deadline and they will not be available for students to complete.

For Weeks 1-2 all assignments will disappear in Week 3 (April 23<sup>rd</sup>)

For Weeks 3-4 all of the assignments will disappear in Week 5 (May 7<sup>th</sup>)

*Essentially if students have not completed any assignments in their science classes by Week 5 (May 7<sup>th</sup>) they will not be able to pass the class.*

*(Individual situations will be considered when applying this procedure. Special considerations will be given to seniors who need to graduate and also need to pass a science class in Term 4.)*

Deadlines are something that have been tried in various ways at Wolf Creek over the years and has been a frequent request by

both parents and students on past surveys; this small amount of students will be a pilot to see how deadlines may work in the future.

Students who work with these science course deadlines in Term 4 will be surveyed via SurveyMonkey at the end of Term 4 for feedback that will be shared with the board of directors.

Students will be notified via email, mail, and TWC news about this change to the science classes.

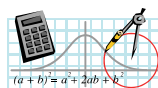
## Math MCA Preparation Sessions and Class

All 11<sup>th</sup> graders and 12<sup>th</sup> graders (who have not passed the MCA Math GRAD test) are invited to attend the following Math MCA Test Preparation Help sessions:

- April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Learning Suite on Campus
- April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Online session at Adobe Connect Now (Go to <http://connectnow.acrobat.com/triowolfcreek> and sign in as a guest)

In addition, there will be two more Test Preparation Help sessions for 12<sup>th</sup> graders as listed below:

- April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Learning Suite on Campus
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 in the online session at Adobe Connect Now (Go to <http://connectnow.acrobat.com/triowolfcreek> and sign in as a guest)



Students currently enrolled in the course MCA Math Prep A during Term 3 will be given automatic extensions in this class unless they have completed all of the coursework. For 11<sup>th</sup> graders, the extension will end on April 14<sup>th</sup> after the second day of testing. For 12<sup>th</sup> graders, the extension will end after the second GRAD retake day on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The course will not show up on the transcript/report card for 11<sup>th</sup> graders if they do not achieve a grade they are satisfied with. 11<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to enroll next week in this class if they haven't started it yet to prepare for the MCA test.

## STATE REQUIRED TESTING

State required testing is a part of every student's graduation requirements. For students to graduate from Wolf Creek they must earn 26 course credit requirements in various classes and standards, as established by the school board and pass the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments/GRAD (MCAII) in written composition (grade 9), reading (grade 10), and mathematics (Grade 11) as per state requirements or higher guidelines.

Students enrolled fulltime at Wolf Creek in grade 9, 10, and 11 are required to take their respective test. The reading and mathematics tests consist of 4 separate segments. Students must complete all four of these segments. Please mark your calendars now for these very important tests!

### Grade 9: Written Composition

Tuesday, April 13 @ 1 pm

(Make-up Dates)

Tuesday, April 20 @11 am

Thursday, April 22 @11 am

### Grade 10: MCAII Reading

Tuesday, April 13- Segments 1 & 2 @ 1 pm

Wednesday, April 14 - Segments 3 & 4 @ 1 pm

(Make-up Dates)

Tuesday, April 20 @11 am - Any or all of Segments 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be available

Thursday, April 22 @11 am - Any or all of Segments 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be available

### Grade 11: MCAII Mathematics

Tuesday, April 13- Segments 1 & 2 @ 1 pm

Wednesday, April 14 - Segments 3 & 4 @ 1 pm

(Make-up Dates)

Tuesday, April 20 @11 am - Any or all of Segments 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be available

Thursday, April 22 @11 am - Any or all of Segments 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be available

## What can you do to prepare for the MCA II / GRAD?

Preparation for MCA II tests involves the attainment of knowledge and understanding over the course of a student's academic career.

**Be Prepared** - Create a study schedule for the test. The better prepared you are, the better you will do on the test.

**Sleep and Eat Well Before the Test** - Helps you concentrate and perform your best

**Bring the Right Supplies** - Pencils/pens, calculator, eraser, anything that is allowed

**Arrive Early** - Will help you focus and reduce stress

**Have a Positive Attitude** - Goes a long way towards success

**Read the Directions** - May avoid careless mistakes and give clues to find correct answers

**Review the Whole Test** - Helps with time management

**Answer Easy Questions First** - May help with more difficult answers

**Answer All Questions** - Gives you a chance for questions you don't know

**Double Check Your Work** - Did you answer all the questions, mis-mark any questions, proofread spelling, grammar, decimal points?



## GRADUATION

Wolf Creek staff and board members are busy preparing for the 2010 graduation commencement ceremony. The graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, June 11th, 2010 at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will be held at Lakeside School (located at 10345 Wyoming Ave., Chisago City, MN). Each graduate who is participating in the ceremony is required to attend graduation practice on June 11th at 11:00 am at Lakeside School. After practice graduates will be given their cap, gown, and tassel; as well as treated to lunch.



**Only Wolf Creek students who have completed at least 25.00 credits by noon on June 3, 2010 are allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.** 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. They are considered one-time-use; therefore they may be kept by the graduate after the ceremony. (*Note: there is no charge for these*).

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. *Pass the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments or Minnesota Basic Standards Tests in reading, mathematics, and written composition as per state requirements or higher guidelines.*
2. *Complete 26.00 course credit requirements and standards in specific areas, as established by the school board.*
3. *Return all materials and pay all fines, charges, etc.*

The Graduation Form and the fee are due by April 10th. Please review your graduation plan to ensure you are on track for graduation.

Graduates that choose not to participate in commencement can pick up their diploma on campus during the week following commencement. Students short on credits may register for summer school 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact either of us at your convenience. We look forward to working with you regarding Graduation 2010!

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### Seniors- Signing up for Money for College



Getting money for college can be a scary process but don't fright, there is a great tool to assist you! Once your parents have filed your taxes, or if you are an independent and have filed your own taxes, you can apply for financial aid. Financial aid will give you access to federal grants, loans, and work study. To complete, go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. For additional information or assistance, please contact Cassie or Stacy.

### Juniors, Start Preparing for the ACT

It is time to start thinking about the ACT! At this time of the year, the next step is to sign up for the ACT. The ACT is an entrance exam that is needed in order to be accepted into a college or university. You will be tested on math, reading, English, and science reasoning with the option to also take a writing component.

To sign up, go to [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) and follow the directions to sign up for the test. TRIO Wolf Creek's school code is- 241-342 Please review the chart below for testing and registration dates:

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8 – 21, 2010

## Need to earn some extra credit?

### Summer School is here!



Summer is not far away! It is time to start thinking about summer session and what classes you might want to take.

Summer session will run June 29 – August 3, 2010. Campus will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. for all students.

Students will be allowed to enroll in one full credit (or two classes) for summer session 2010.

#### Summer Session 2010 Dates:

- First day of Summer Term 2010: June 29th (New student orientation June 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Last day of Summer Term 2010: August 3rd (All work due at 9 a.m.)
- Campus will be open for students on the following Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.:  
June 29 and July 6, 13, 20, 27

The following courses will be offered to all students for summer session 2010:

#### Classes Offered:

Artist Intensive	Careers	Foods
Child Development	Creative Writing	Health I
Current World Issues	Sociology	Health II
Digital Photography	MN Mammals	
Diverse Perspectives	Personal Fitness	
Intro to Studio Art	Physical Education	
Literary Explorations	Music Appreciation A	
Marriage and the Family		

(Core classes are by arrangement only)

In addition, if you know of anyone who is interested in Wolf Creek for summer session or next fall please let them know that the time to apply for admission is now. Wolf Creek's sibling lottery will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on our website at [www.triowolfcreek.com](http://www.triowolfcreek.com).

If you have any questions about the summer session admissions, please attend the summer term information session on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm or contact either of us at your convenience.

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## Important Information About Prom:

The following information regarding prom should be read carefully. Return the completed forms along with payment to the front desk when you register for prom. Parent/Guardian signature is required to attend prom. Keep this page for your records.

### A. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

One member of the couple must be a JUNIOR or SENIOR currently enrolled and attending Chisago Lakes or Trio/Wolf Creek. Guests attending prom must be a minimum age of 9<sup>th</sup> grade and a maximum age of 20. A "Guest Agreement" must be completed if a person going to prom is not a student at Wolf Creek or CLHS. An Over Age form must be completed for those 19-20 years of age. Guests over the age of 20 will not be allowed to attend prom.

### B. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Date:	Saturday, April 24, 2010
Theme:	"Masquerade"
Location:	Union Depot in St. Paul – 651-224-6000 214 East Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
Times:	2:00 – 4:00 – pictures 4:00 p.m. – Grand March @ CLHS in the west (new) gymnasium 8:30 – 11:30 p.m. dance at the Union Depot
Portraits:	Pictures are payable at time of photo. Portraits will be taken by Bachman's Photography in the P.A.C.
Cost:	\$80 per couple/\$40 per person Appetizers, desserts & beverages will be provided at the Union Depot at no additional cost.

### C. SUPERVISION/EXPECTATIONS:



Chisago Lakes faculty, administration, and Lakes Area Police officers will be supervising the grand march and prom.

NO tobacco allowed.

All Chisago Lakes High School and Minnesota State High School League rules will be enforced.

All students and guests will be required to pass a breathalyzer screener to be admitted in to the prom.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND PROM BY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>