

Wahlert Catholic News

October 18, 2019

Upcoming Dates:

- **October 20:** Bob Mundy, Notre Dame Dubuque Event*
- **October 21:** Free ACT Prep. Session - English & Reading, 6:00 p.m.*
- **October 23:** Free ACT Prep. Session - Science & Math, 6:00 p.m.*
- **October 24:** Iowa High School Press Association State Convention, Iowa City
- **October 24:** Little Shop of Horrors, Wahlert Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- **October 25:** Little Shop of Horrors, Wahlert Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- **October 26:** Little Shop of Horrors, Wahlert Theater, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- **October 26:** ACT Exam hosted at Wahlert Catholic High School*
- **October 27:** Little Shop of Horrors, Wahlert Theater, 2:00 p.m.
- **October 30:** Deadline for AP Exam Registration
- **November 3:** Tetons Scholarship Fundraiser, Wahlert Theater, 3:00 p.m.
- **November 7:** Holy Family Community Showcase Event, 5:30 p.m., Wahlert Catholic High School
- **November 8:** Yearbook Senior Portraits due
- **November 10:** Nov. **Spirit Store** order deadline (orders are placed on the 10th of every month)

** Dates listed with this symbol have additional information listed in the Guidance News Corner below.*

News & Notices:

Letters to Veterans - Student Service Project

On Monday October 28, Emma Donovan (Class of 2023) and Ella Kelleher (Class of 2023) are holding a service project in Wahlert's cafeteria at 3:00 p.m. This service project will involve writing letters to past alumni, who are now veterans, and mailing them out for Veterans Day. The group will meet a few more times after the initial event if students are still interested. Volunteers are needed and service hours will be given. We hope to see you there!

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Registration Now Open

AP exam registration due Wednesday, October 30
2019-2020, AP Exam Weeks: May 4 - May 15

Due to new processes put forth by the Advanced Placement (AP) program, Wahlert will be ordering AP exams in a different way and at an earlier date this year. Information regarding this year's AP exam week, the online exam ordering process, and cost details were emailed directly to parents of AP students on Monday, October 14th. If you have a Wahlert student enrolled in an AP course and did NOT receive information about this year's AP exams or how to order them, please contact dlensen@holyfamilydbq.org.

Wahlert to Host FREE ACT Prep. Sessions!

Wahlert Catholic High School - in partnership with ACT Certified Educator, Jason Derby - will be offering FREE ACT Prep sessions during the evenings of Monday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 23, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. (Just in time for the October ACT exam!).

Depending on the numbers attending, sessions will occur either in a classroom at Wahlert Catholic High School or in Mazzuchelli Commons. Students and parents will be made aware of the decided location as we get closer to the session evenings. Students may choose to take either

or both sessions. Please note that the sessions listed below will be available to students on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to juniors and seniors. Students will also have access to ACT Prep through ZAPS events, which will be available in the upcoming spring semester.

[Click here to register your student for a free ACT Prep session\(s\).](#)

Session 1: ACT Test Prep – English & Reading

Monday, October 21

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Session 2: ACT Test Prep – Science & Math

Wednesday, October 23

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

About Jason Derby, ACT Certified Educator...

Jason Derby has been providing ACT Test Prep since 2016. In 2019, he attended over 70 hours of training by the ACT test-makers themselves in Washington D.C., New York City, and Nashville, TN, to become an ACT Certified Educator. As of September 2019, he is one of just four educators in the country who has attended ACT Certified Educator trainings for all four required ACT subjects: English, math, reading, and science. In addition to providing private ACT Prep for individuals, he teaches a semester-long ACT prep class at Cuba City and visits a number of area schools to provide ACT prep, including: Hempstead High School, Senior High School, Wahlert Catholic High School, and Beckman Catholic High School (Dyersville). He loves working with students, and helping them have as many options as possible as they look toward their next steps after high school.

Please contact Wahlert Catholic High School's Counseling Office, (563) 583-9771, with questions.

[Join us for the First Holy Family Community Showcase](#)

Thursday, November 7, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Mazzuchelli and Wahlert Catholic campus

Our Holy Family middle and high school campus will be open for all to see the impact Catholic education has on our students, our community and our larger world. Meet with current students and teachers to discuss how the

education received at Holy Family is preparing the next generation to be ethical, engaged and ready to take on their future. Guided tours will be available upon request. All are welcome! **Online registration** is encouraged, but not required.

Teton Scholarship Fundraiser

Documentary Showing: *The Trouble with Wolves*

Sunday, November 3, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wahlert Theatre

Wahlert Teton Students are proud to host "The Trouble with Wolves" documentary on Sunday, November 3, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Wahlert Theatre. The documentary shows a balanced view, from multiple perspectives, on the wolf reintroduction into Yellowstone Park and how returning wolves to Yellowstone has affected inhabitants and the ecosystem. Along with the documentary, former and current Teton students will share their story of the Tetons Science Trip and the value the trip added to their time at Wahlert. We are accepting donations for the viewing which will be used to establish a scholarship fund for students that would like to participate in the trip but are unable to due to financial hardship. We will also accept winter clothing donations, new or gently used (jackets, snow pants, hats, gloves, etc.) for those who cannot afford the gear necessary to attend.

FAFSA Now Available

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! The FAFSA is the first step in the financial aid process and gives students access to need-based aid and federal student loans. The **online FAFSA form** is used to apply for federal student aid such as loans, grants, and work-study at both two-year and four-year colleges. This form is an important step in the college application process; one that you and your student are encouraged to complete together so that your student is able to receive student financial assistance. The application is completely free and students can begin completing the form the fall before they plan to begin college. The official federal deadline for the FAFSA is June 30th of the same

year your student wishes to attend school; however, your student will want to check **school state requirements** as they may recommend or require earlier submission. Make it a priority to file early as some funding is provided on a first come, first served basis. Visit fafsa.ed.gov for additional information and to complete the FAFSA today. Feel free to take advantage of **ICAN (Iowa College Access Network)** as an additional FAFSA resource!

(Don't forget the FSA ID)

Setup your FSA ID and be ready to go with your FAFSA username and password. Visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov> to set up your username and password.

- Student will need an ID
- A parent will need an ID
- If parents have filed the FAFSA for an older child, they might already have a FSA ID.
- Make sure that you write down your username and password after you set it up, and keep it in a safe place so that you can find it when you're ready to file the FAFSA!
- Learn more about the FSA ID Process - icansucceed.org/fsaid.

FAFSA Completion Events

Visit a FAFSA Ready Iowa site near you for professional FAFSA help and no appointment necessary. Events hosted at NICC's Peosta campus are listed below. Learn more at icansucceed.org/fafsareadyiaevents

Northeast Iowa Community College (Peosta Campus)

8342 NICC Drive, Peosta

Peosta Main Building, Student Services Office

November 13, December 18, January 22, February 19, March 18

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wahlert Theatre Presents: Little Shop of Horrors

R.C. & Celeste Wahlert Theater

Wahlert Catholic High School

October 24: 7:30 p.m.

October 26: 2:00 p.m. (understudy cast) & 7:30 p.m.

October 27: 2:00 p.m.

Adults/Students: \$10 (Tickets available online [here](#) from October 7 at 12am, until two hours before the show on show days. Tickets are also available at the door 1 hour before curtain.)

The meek floral assistant, Seymour Krelborn, stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down-and-out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination! Visit [Wahlert Catholic High School's Performing Arts site](#) for additional information about this fall's production.

Dates for Shorts Eliminated

Holy Family Catholic School Student Services has rescinded the "Oct. 15 / Apr. 15" rule for students wearing shorts to Wahlert Catholic High School and Mazzuchelli Middle School. Students in our climate-controlled building may wear shorts at any time during the school year. We encourage our students to make wise weather-based clothing choices throughout the year.

Yearbook Senior Portraits Due November 8

Senior portraits for the yearbook are due Friday, November 8. An actual photo may be submitted to Ms. Gaul in Room 231 OR an electronic version in JPEG format can be sent to Ms. Gaul's email at sgaul@holyfamilydbq.org

- JPEG's need to be at least 300 dpi. (Not sure what that is? Then submit a 5 x 7 version of the picture.)
- Portraits should be vertically oriented, head and shoulders shots. (Any horizontal portraits will be cropped to vertical.)
- Portraits should not have props in them and should have a non-distracting background.

For additional information, please visit [Wahlert's homepage](#) and look under Quick Links section towards the bottom of the page. Please email sgaul@holyfamilydbq.org with any questions.

Newspaper Staff to State Convention

Some members of Wahlert Catholic High School's student newspaper staff will be attending the Iowa High School Press Association's state convention in Iowa City on Thursday, October 24. While there, students will hear speakers sharing their knowledge about journalism and will learn ways to enhance their own publications.

Exploring Program

The Exploring Program is a great opportunity for your student(s) to identify career possibilities while having fun in an exciting and informal environment. Designed for students ages 10-20, this program provides an opportunity to learn about a variety of careers and network with professionals already working in those fields. Students will get hands-on experiences to determine whether or not a particular career field is right for them. [Click here for more information, or to register your student today!](#)

Did You Know...

Northeast Iowa Community College's high school partnerships offer a variety of ways for students to earn college credit while still enrolled in high school through PSEO (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options), concurrent enrollment (classes taught within your high school), career and technical consortiums and through articulations.

\$50 per credit hour is awarded to 2019 high school seniors for every successfully completed Northeast Iowa Community College concurrent enrollment course. The student must enroll with NICC for Fall 2019 and pursue a two-year transfer degree (AA or AS); earn a grade of C- or above in concurrent classes, and enroll in a minimum of six credit hours (maximum award of \$1,500 or 30 credit hours).

Benefits of earning both college and high school credits simultaneously include:

- Reduce duplication of courses.
- Save time by getting a head start on your college education.
- Save tuition dollars.
- Develop career focus and achieve academic and personal goals.
- Provide an opportunity for students to smoothly transition into college.
- Establish a college transcript that leads to an NICC degree or transfers to a four-year college or university.

Please contact Wahlert Catholic High School's Counseling Office, at (563) 583-9771, for further information. Additional information can also be found on [NICC's website](#).

Wahlert Guidance News Corner:

Upcoming College Visits/Events:

To ensure proper room reservations...

Students interested in visiting with college representatives are to either complete [this online form](#), or stop by the Counseling Office prior to the events listed below for their pass to attend.

Clarke University (Dubuque, IA)

Monday, October 21, 1:00 p.m.

Wahlert Counseling Office

Coe College (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Thursday, October 24, 11:45 a.m.

Wahlert Counseling Office

For Your Information...

Bob Mundy, Former Notre Dame Admissions Director, Visits Dubuque

Timmerman's Supper Club, Palisades Room

7777 Timmerman Dr, East Dubuque

Sunday, October 20

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Cash bar and hot hors d'oeuvres (\$10 offering at the door)

5:30 p.m. - Presentation by Bob Mundy

Bob Mundy, recently retired Director of Admissions at the University of Notre Dame, will be giving a summary of exciting new developments and happenings on Notre Dame's campus. He then will discuss the admissions process at Notre Dame followed by a question/answer period. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of Dubuque. Any questions, please contact Julie at (563) 543-6675 or mhjh15@gmail.com.

Fall ACT Exam Information

ACT Exam to be held at Wahlert on October 26.

Registration Deadline: September 20

Late Registration Date: October 4

Test Fee: \$52 (exam without writing) | \$68 (exam with writing)

The October ACT exam date will be hosted at Wahlert Catholic High School on Saturday, October 26. To register your student for the ACT exam, learn more about exam day and registration/late registration fees, please visit actstudent.org.

Sign up for the ICAN Tip of the Week!

Are you a junior or senior who wants more information on college and career planning? Sign up to get the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) Tip of the Week and other college and career planning alerts. ICAN offers several

forms of email communications to help you stay on top of the planning process for life after high school. Click [here](#) to register for the ICAN Tip of the Week, *Class of 2020 Alerts*, or *ICAN e-alerts*. You can also check out the *ICAN College and Career blog* [here](#).

Online Scholarship eBulletin Board

Is your student looking for scholarships to apply for as they plan for next year?

Available on Wahlert Catholic High School's website is an online hub for you and your student to browse available scholarship opportunities, as well as different college events. [Click here](#) to check it out, or visit the Quick Links section of Wahlert's home page for easy access. Scholarships are organized by type and will be updated frequently, so be sure to check in often!

Scholarship Feature Friday

Weekly scholarship news emailed directly to your student.

This week's featured scholarship: [Iowa Equine Scholarship | Iowa Horse Council](#)

Scholarship Feature Friday is a weekly email from Wahlert's Counseling Office designed specifically for seniors as a resource for them to learn more about available scholarship opportunities. Each Friday, the Counseling Office will highlight a new scholarship opportunity and email it directly to your student's Holy Family email address. Specific details regarding scholarship type, who should apply, how to start the application process, and scholarship amount will all be highlighted. Students will use these emails as a way to learn, discover, and apply for new scholarships each week as they plan their years after high school. Learn more about these scholarships, and more, by visiting Wahlert's [College Planning eBulletin Board](#).

Driver's Education Opportunities

Parents are asked to directly contact any of the three local driving academies listed below if interested in registering their student(s) for driver's education.

4BES Driving School, LLC

Craig Forbes, Instructor

c4besdrivingschool@hotmail.com

(563) 599-2934

(563) 583-7368

A-Tri State Driving School, Inc.

Kent Paca, Instructor

(563) 583-3003

Dubuque Driving Academy

Susie Quinn, Instructor

dbqdrivingacademy.com