

Wahlert Catholic News

November 8, 2019

Upcoming Dates:

- **November 8:** Yearbook Senior Portraits due
- **November 8:** Registration Deadline | December ACT Exam*
- **November 15:** Wahlert Catholic Performing Arts Musical Theatre Bonanza, 7:30 p.m.
- **November 16:** Wahlert Catholic Performing Arts Musical Theatre Bonanza, 7:30 p.m.
- **November 22:** Nov. **Spirit Store** order deadline (extended for final delivery before Christmas)
- **November 22:** Late Registration Deadline | December ACT Exam*
- **November 27-29:** No School | Thanksgiving Break
- **November 28:** **47th Annual Turkey Trot**
- **December 14:** ACT Exam*

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

News & Notices:

Wahlert Catholic Performing Arts Musical Theatre Bonanza

Join us for a cabaret-style night of song featuring performers from first-year students to seniors.

Where? The performance will be held on the Wahlert Gymnasium Stage - Wahlert Catholic High School.

When? Friday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. & Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket Information:

- Adults/Students: \$5
- Tickets available at the door 60 minutes before curtain
- Doors open 30 minutes before curtain

Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Summer Online Course Northeast Iowa Community College

During the summer of 2020, Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) will be offering an online Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) course for students. This tuition-free course will focus on medical terminology, dosage calculations, and nutrition. Wahlert Catholic High School is currently collecting information on how many Wahlert students would be interested in this online course opportunity. If you have a student interested in this, please email klenart@holyfamilydbq.org for additional information by Friday, November 15.

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.

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.

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:

Stay tuned here for upcoming colleges and universities visiting Wahlert Catholic High School this fall.

For Your Information...

Upcoming ACT Exam Information

December ACT Exam Information

Exam Date: December 14

Registration Deadline: November 8

Late Registration Date: November 22

February ACT Exam Information

Exam Date: February 8

Registration Deadline: January 10

Late Registration Date: January 17

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

To register your student for the ACT exam, learn more about exam day and registration/late registration fees, please visit actstudent.org.

Business After School | Dubuque Chamber of Commerce

Today's Students, Tomorrow's Workforce.

Business After School (BAS) is a weekly event throughout the month of November that creates experiential and work-based learning opportunities for students, educators, and teachers. Focus will be centered on the high-demand job sectors of engineering, skilled trades, and healthcare.

IIW – Engineering

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

Cartegraph – Engineering

November 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

UnityPoint Health, Dubuque – Healthcare

November 18, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Statera Integrated Health & Wellness – Healthcare

November 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

[Click here to learn more and register today.](#) For information or questions, please contact the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce at (563) 557-9200 or **office@dubuquechamber.com**.

Explore the Trades Night

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Hempstead High School Auditorium

Students are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about what it takes to have a career in advanced manufacturing and construction. Students will also learn about important courses to take in high school to prepare for a career in this field. There will be a panel discussion, as well as apprenticeship programs, colleges, and businesses available to answer specific questions after the panel discussion. No registration is required. More information can be found **[here](#)**.

Explore Healthcare Careers Night

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.

Hempstead High School Auditorium

Students are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about what it takes to become a lab technician, nurse, doctor, or other medical professional. Students will also learn about important courses to take in high school to prepare for a career in this field. There will be a panel discussion, as well as colleges and businesses available to answer specific questions after the panel discussion. No registration is required. More information can be found **[here](#)**.

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: **[Sue Bausch Memorial Scholarship | Dubuque/Delaware County Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)**

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