

Wahlert Catholic News

March 5, 2020

Upcoming Dates:

- **March 13:** AP Students - deadline for any Advanced Placement (AP) exam order changes. *
- **March 16-20:** No School | Spring Break
- **March 23:** ZAPS ACT Test Prep Seminar, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wahlert Classroom TBD *
- **March 24:** ZAPS ACT Test Prep Seminar, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wahlert Classroom TBD *
- **March 14:** SAT Exam*
- **March 26:** Tuition Assistance Help Night, Holy Family Central Office, 4:30 p.m.
- **March 28:** 11th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Grand River Center, 5:30 p.m.

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

News & Notices:

COVID-19 Virus Planning & Precautions | Holy Family Catholic Schools

Earlier this week, families should have received our system guidance on the COVID-19 virus plan at school. Please assist us in keeping our students healthy by emphasizing the importance of regular and effective hand washing (20 seconds with soap and water, or with hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available) to limit the spread of germs. Also, make sure to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow. Lastly, keep your student home when feeling sick. Please contact Wahlert's Main Office, (563) 583-9771, with any concerns.

Interested in Personalized Learning at Wahlert Catholic High School?

Do you know a future 9th grade family who might be interested in our personalized learning program? Please send them our way! We are thrilled to report that we are getting closer to offering two 9th grade sections for 2020-2021! Reach out to Ron Meyers or Lisa Krapfl, (563) 583-9771, if you are interested or know anyone who would like to learn more about the program.

Share Your Photos with the Yearbook!

Parents: Have you ever taken a picture of your student and their friends that you think is yearbook worthy? You can now share those photos with the yearbook staff for consideration. Just upload your photos to www.ShareYearbookPhotos.com. You can search for Wahlert by name or use our school number: 86265. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Gaul by email: sgaul@holyfamilydbq.org and thanks for sharing!

Got a Yearbook?

If you haven't yet ordered a yearbook for your students, you can now order online at www.wahlertyearbooks.com. If you are unsure as to whether you've ordered or not, contact Ms. Gaul at sgaul@holyfamilydbq.org first, and she can check for your student's name. You may also send a check for \$55 made payable to "Wahlert Yearbook" to Ms. Gaul's attention at:

**Wahlert Yearbook
Attn: Sandra Gaul
Wahlert Catholic High School
2005 Kane St.
Dubuque, IA 52001**

Volunteers Needed

Resurrection Elementary School Carnival

Thursday, March 5 - Event Set-up Volunteers Needed

Friday, March 6 - Games/Activities Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Resurrection Elementary School's upcoming Carnival event. This is a great event for high school students to earn service hours. Volunteers are needed for set-up, as well as carnival activity help. [Click this link to sign up for a volunteer time slot.](#) This is a huge event with lots of moving pieces, so your volunteer time is greatly appreciated!

St. Joseph the Worker | Holy Family Childhood Center

*Would you like to earn a \$100 credit toward your child care account?
It's simple!*

Holy Family's St. Joseph the Worker Early Childhood Center is currently hiring full and part-time staff and need your help with referrals. If you know of someone that would like to join our team, please let them know that Holy Family's St. Joseph the Worker is hiring! Upon hire of your referral, we will credit \$100 to your childcare account. High school students who are able to work afternoons after school until 5:30 p.m. are encouraged to apply!

Tuition Assistance Help Nights

The FACTS tuition assistance application for 2020-2021 school year is open and our first help night will take place soon! At this time, we do not anticipate a second round of STO applications for current families. Therefore, it is important that you submit your application by the April 15, 2020 deadline.

To apply for any tuition assistance, families first need to complete an online FACTS application at online.factsmgt.com/aid. Parents will need to provide their 2019 federal tax return. If you need help uploading your tax return, families can bring it to the Holy Family central office at 2005 Kane Street, or your student's school office.

We have scheduled two help nights to assist families with their FACTS application:

- Wednesday, February 26, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and
- Thursday, March 26, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

These sessions will take place in the Holy Family central office at 2005 Kane Street, Dubuque. Parents can drop-in anytime during either session. If you are applying for the first time, we are offering an optional informational meeting which will be held during the first thirty minutes both nights. We will go over the various types of tuition assistance and how to apply. Childcare will be provided during the help nights if needed.

If you plan to attend the informational meeting and/or need childcare, we kindly ask that you RSVP to Katie Tracy at ktracy@holyfamilydbq.org. For general tuition assistance questions, please **visit our website**. If you have questions about your FACTS application, you can contact either the FACTS call center at 866-315-9262 or Katie Tracy, Tuition Coordinator, at 563-582-5456 or ktracy@holyfamilydbq.org.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Wahlert Catholic High School

You are cordially invited to Wahlert Catholic High School's 11th annual Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 28, at Dubuque's Grand River Center. Social hour and cash bar will begin at 5:30 p.m., with prayer and dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. The induction ceremony will follow dinner. Cost is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children.

This year's inductees include...

Barney Boland

Mel Cushing

Craig Gansen

Kari L. Hammel

Teresa McClain-Cullen

Jim Reilly

If you would like to attend, please send your reservations with payment to Mary Jo Brandt in the Activities Office by Wednesday, March 11.

Start Making Plans Now for Next Year's Teton Science School Trip

The 2020 Teton Science School Trip will be November 15-21. Registration materials are now available to all students; however, current juniors have priority to register for the trip until Friday, February 14. After February 14, the current sophomores will be given the opportunity to register without the possibility of being "bumped" by a current junior. Anyone requesting registration materials can get them from Mrs. Schriver, or join the Google Classroom page with code: 80guk1b.

Quick reminders...

- For safety reasons, if Holy Family schools are delayed or cancelled on a Friday, there will not be 7:00 a.m. mass at Wahlert Catholic High School.
- Please have your Wahlert students' registration(s) for the 2020-2021 school year turned in to the Holy Family Office or Wahlert's main office. If you have any questions, please call (563) 583-9771.

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

March 18

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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!](#)

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.

St. Ambrose University (Davenport, IA)

Monday, March 9, 9:00 a.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School Counseling Office

Capri College (Dubuque, IA)

Monday, March 9, 1:00 p.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School Counseling Office

Iowa State University (Ames, IA)

Tuesday, March 10, 1:30 p.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School Counseling Office

University of Wisconsin - Platteville (Platteville, WI)

Thursday, March 26, 11:00 a.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School Counseling Office

Mt. Mercy University (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Wednesday, March 25, 12:50 p.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School Counseling Office

For Your Information...

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

March 13 Deadline

If you have a Wahlert student currently taking Advanced Placement classes who plans on taking AP exams in May, please have your student log into their AP dashboard to ensure that it correctly lists the AP exams they plan to take. Per AP guidelines, if your student cancels their exam by March 13, you will be charged \$43 for the unused exam. If your student is cancelling an AP exam, please **complete this form** and have your student hand it in to the Guidance Office by March 13.

AP Exam Cancellation

After March 13, the test cancellation window for all AP exam orders will be closed. Students will be required to take all exams they initially registered for in the fall semester, or forfeit the cost of the exam.

Mark your Calendar!

Advanced Placement (AP) testing will occur during the weeks of May 4 - May 15 this year. Please view **Wahlert's 2020 AP exam schedule** to ensure your student is able to attend their AP exam(s) during exam week.

Contact Wahlert's Guidance Office at (563) 583-9771, or email dlensen@holyfamilydbq.org, regarding any questions about your student's AP exams.

ZAPS ACT Test Prep Seminar | Doorway to College

March 23 & March 24

6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School, Classroom TBD

Seminar cost: \$95

Doorway to College's strategy intensive seminar is the perfect companion to content-based test preparation your student may be utilizing. Students will learn tips to improve scores in all subtests, practice strategies to eliminate wrong choices, and learn ways to reduce test anxiety and gain confidence. Learn more and register your student today at doorwaytocollege.com.

Upcoming ACT Exam Information

April ACT Exam Information

(The April ACT Exam will be hosted at Wahlert Catholic High School.)

Exam Date: April 4

Registration Deadline: February 28

Late Registration Deadline: March 13

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

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

Upcoming SAT Exam Information

March SAT Exam Information

The March SAT Exam will be hosted at Dubuque Senior High School.

Exam Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Doors Open: 7:45 a.m.

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 14

Late Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 3

The SAT exam is 3 hours long and costs \$49.50. If you add the optional essay, the test is 3 hours, 50 minutes and costs \$64.50. Late registration, or a change to an existing registration, costs an extra \$30.

To register your student for the SAT exam, or learn more about exam day and registration/late registration fees, please [click here](#).

ICR Future Career & College Fair Event

Students of every age have something to gain at ICR Future. From learning about different career fields from Iowa employers, to speaking with more than 100 colleges, universities, apprenticeship representatives, and career experts, there's something for everyone. There are even breakout sessions on employer expectations, career training, college planning, Iowa's job outlook and more. Take advantage of this opportunity to speak one-on-one with school representatives from across the country and with Iowa business leaders about the jobs of tomorrow.

ICR Future Career & College Fair
The Hotel at Kirkwood Center
7725 Kirkwood Blvd, Cedar Rapids
Sunday, March 29, 2020
12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In addition to an expansive selection of colleges and universities, ICR Future will also feature the 6 Career Clusters represented by Iowa businesses, breakout sessions on career and college planning topics, as well as a section of exhibitors that specialize in 'Earn As You Learn' apprenticeship programs, and college and career planning and preparation. Visit www.ICANsucceed.org/icrfuture for all the event details and updates of exhibitors and breakout sessions.

Summer Courses Available

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC), Peosta Campus

Take a summer class and earn college credit!

Summer is a great time to get ahead by taking a class or two for career exploration, to transfer to a four-year college, or to apply to a NICC program of study. Classes are online or face-to-face, including NICC's online Z Courses, which are only eight weeks long and zero textbook costs. Classes start May 20!

Contact Jennifer Wood at woodje@nicc.edu, or (844) 642-2338, ext. 2318, for more information.

Future Ready Iowa Texting Program Now Available

This month, Iowa College Aid launched the Future Ready Iowa Texting Program, which provides support to college-bound students and new college students, as well as access to one-on-one coaches.

Students who opt in to the program will receive tips and reminders about applying for college and financial aid and about making a smooth transition from high school to college. Iowa College Aid will customize text messages based on a student's grade level and location. For instance, high school seniors might receive a reminder that a college fair is coming up at their school.

This texting initiative particularly targets prospective and current Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship and Future Ready Iowa Grant recipients, but will be available to all students in Iowa.

Students can opt in to the Future Ready Iowa Texting Program at IowaCollegeAid.gov/Texting.

Skilled Trades Job Expo Truck Country Corporate Training Center

Saturday, April 4

Students and Parents: 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

General Public: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

10819 Wood Gate Drive, Dubuque (next to Miller Logging along Hwy. 151)

Discover new and exciting career paths in skilled trades from area businesses. The expo aims to connect area manufacturing companies seeking employees who are exploring future career opportunities. More than 20+ manufacturing/skilled labor companies will be available to meet with you and discuss their current job needs, as well as products and services they provide.

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: [Speech/Scholarship Contest | Dubuque County Right to Life](#)

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.

A-Tri State Driving School, Inc.

Kent Paca, Instructor
(563) 583-3003

Dubuque Driving Academy

Susie Quinn, Instructor
dbqdrivingacademy.com

Pearson's U - Drive Right

Pete Pearson, Instructor
(563) 599-6669
Email: pearsonsudriveright@yahoo.com
Website: pearsons-u-drive-right.business.site