

Wahlert Catholic News

September 25, 2020

Upcoming Dates:

- **September 27:** **Wahlert Booster Club Spirit Store** Orders Close
- **September 28 - October 2:** Homecoming Week
- **October 1:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens
- **October 2:** No School | Teacher Professional Development
- **October 6:** ACT Fall District Exam, Wahlert | Junior & Seniors*
- **October 8-11:** *A Year with Frog & Toad* | Wahlert Theatre Fall Production
- **October 14:** PSAT Exam, Wahlert | Sophomore & Juniors*
- **October 26-29:** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **October 29-30:** No School
- **November 25-27:** No School | Thanksgiving break
- **December 23-31:** No School | Christmas break

*Items above with this symbol have additional information listed below in the Guidance Corner portion of this newsletter.

Spirit Wear On Sale

Show your Golden Eagle spirit and support Wahlert Catholic athletics and activities by ordering your spirit apparel through the Wahlert Booster Club spirit store. The first order will close on September 27 at midnight.

Please note: Apparel will not be available for purchase at sports events or on-site at Wahlert this year.

Shop Wahlert Booster Club Apparel

2019-2020 Yearbook Orders

- Students or their parents who ordered a 2019-2020 yearbook may pick the book up in the Wahlert Main Office during business hours.
- For students who are in school this year, we will try to deliver it to them during 8th period.

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.

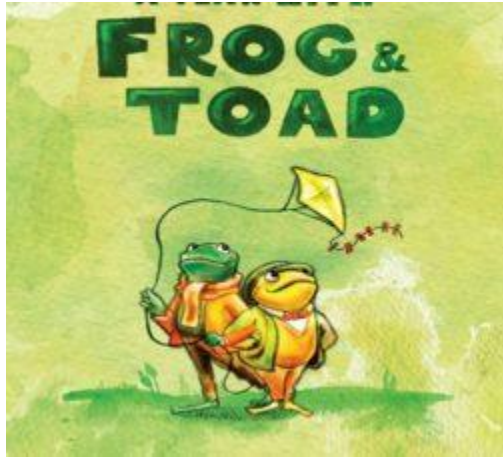
- **A-Tri State Driving School, Inc.**
Kent Paca, Instructor
(563) 583-3003
- **4BES Driving School, LLC**
Craig Forbes, Instructor
c4besdrivingschool@hotmail.com
(563) 599-2934
(563) 583-7368
- **Dubuque Driving Academy**
Susie Quinn, Instructor
dbqdrivingacademy.com

A Year with Frog & Toad Wahlert Catholic Fall Production

Book & lyrics by Willie Reale
Music by Robert Reale

Wahlert Catholic High School's fall production of *A Year with Frog & Toad* will be the first ever outdoor theatre performance in the brand new Wahlert Garden, located behind the R.C. and Celeste Wahlert Theatre! Based on Arnold Lobel's well-loved books, this whimsical show follows two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad – through four fun-filled seasons. Waking from hibernation in the Spring, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding and learn life lessons along the way. The two best friends celebrate and rejoice in

the differences that make them unique and special. Part vaudeville, part make believe, all charm - *A Year with Frog & Toad* tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons.



Production Dates & Times

Thursday, October 8 - 4:45pm

Friday, October 9 - 4:45pm

Saturday, October 10 - 4:45pm

Sunday, October 11 - 4:45pm

Ticket information to come! Visit [Wahlert's Performing Arts website](#) for additional details.

Wahlert Counseling News Corner:

ACT District Exam Hosted at Wahlert | Juniors & Seniors

Fall ACT District Exam

Tuesday, October 6th

Registration Deadline: September 25, 2020

Exam fee: \$59.50 (payments to be turned into the Guidance Office by September 25th; checks can be made payable to "Wahlert Catholic High School.")

Fall exam available for: Wahlert juniors and seniors only.

In an effort to ensure that every Wahlert junior and senior has an opportunity to take the ACT exam this fall, Wahlert is now a district testing site for the fall ACT exam (with writing). This means that Wahlert will administer the ACT exam (with writing) during the school day and at Wahlert on Tuesday, October 6, for juniors and seniors who are registered to participate in this particular exam.

- Registration for the October 6th ACT exam at Wahlert is not completed online - students are to drop off their exam payment directly to the Guidance Office by September 25th to register. There is no online registration component at all with ACT for district exam registration - payment is instead to be handed in directly to Wahlert's Guidance Office. We have reserved tests for all juniors and seniors to take the October 6th exam, so students do not need to worry about registration being a first-come-first-serve basis. However, payment is due no later than Friday, September 25, to the Guidance Office as we try to limit classroom sizes due to COVID-19. Wahlert is only offering the ACT exam with writing for the October district exam. Students should expect to participate in and be prepared to take the ACT with writing on October 6. However, if a student prefers not to take the writing portion of the ACT exam (they've taken it before, their college/university doesn't require it, etc.), they can opt out of that particular portion of the exam on October 6th during test day.
- The cost to take the ACT exam (with writing) in October is \$59.50 per student. Checks can be made payable to Wahlert Catholic High School and must be turned in to Wahlert's Counseling Office no later than Friday, September 25th.

An email was sent out to all junior and senior parents (as well as students) with information and additional details regarding Wahlert's fall district ACT exam on Wednesday, September 2.

Please call (563) 583-9771, or email dlensen@holyfamilydbq.org, for additional details or questions regarding the upcoming district ACT exam hosted at Wahlert.

[PSAT Exam Hosted at Wahlert | Sophomores & Juniors](#)

PSAT Exam

Wahlert Catholic High School

Wednesday, October 14

Registration Deadline: October 7th

Exam fee: \$17 (payments to be submitted electronically using e-Funds - see below for more details)

- **What:** The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) national exam
- **When:** 7:40 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020
- **Where:** **Juniors** registered for the PSAT will take the exam on campus in Wahlert Catholic High School's O'Connor Athletic Center (OAC) - located in the lower level of the high school near the athletic training room. **Sophomores** registered for the PSAT will take the exam on campus in Wahlert Catholic High School's gymnasium - located on the first floor of the high school near the athletic offices.
- **Why:** The PSAT/NMSQT is a great practice test for taking the SAT. As juniors, students can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The test also gives students insight into which AP courses they may be ready to take. Although sophomores cannot qualify for the National Merit Competition, they can essentially take a "practice" PSAT to be better prepared for the PSAT and SAT junior year. The test also gives students insight into which AP courses they may be ready to take.

We strongly recommend sophomores who typically score in the 90th percentile or above on standardized tests, and/or are planning to take the SAT, to sign up for the PSAT. Not all sophomores are required or recommended to take the PSAT exam.

If your student would like to learn more about what to expect while taking the exam, please review the following website: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/inside-the-test>.

Exam Cost

The fee to take the PSAT is \$17 per exam, due no later than Wednesday, October 7th. *New this year! Payments for the PSAT exam are to be submitted using your Holy Family e-Funds account. [Click here](#) to log in to your e-Funds account, select or add your student, select “Pay for Optional Fees”, and select “PSAT Exam” to submit payment. [Click here](#) for a step-by-step guide to using e-Funds if this is a new program for your family.* All payments for PSAT exams are to be submitted electronically using e-Funds no later than Wednesday, October 7th. Wahlert has a limited amount of PSAT exams, so please reserve your student’s exam soon! Your payment alone solidifies your student’s spot on exam day - no additional registration steps are required.

Remind your child... He/she will receive a *PSAT Student Guide* from Wahlert Catholic High School’s Counseling Office upon payment of the exam. Please have your child stop by the Counseling Office to pick up this guide after you submitted your online payment. This guide provides sample questions and test taking tips along with an explanation of the National Merit Competition.

Please contact Wahlert Catholic High School's Counseling Office with questions regarding this year's PSAT exam.

Exploring Program | Fall 2020

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.

A variety of topics are explored, including: architecture and civil engineering, conservation and wildlife management, culinary arts, diesel mechanics, engineering and technology, firefighting, law enforcement, law and government, nursing, radio broadcasting, as well as sports marketing.

This year, the Exploring Program is excited to announce the launch of the **Health Careers Exploring** program, in partnership with UnityPoint Health Finley Hospital! This program has converted to a virtual program where students will be given live tours and ask questions in various

departments each month. There is no limit to the number of students allowed in the program, and the program will be run through Microsoft Teams. Additional information about the Health Careers Exploring program, including registration information, is attached to this email.

Visit exploringdubuque.org/programs for the full 2020 Career Exploring Guidebook, in addition to details on how to register your student for an career event.

ZAPS ACT Online Test-Prep Seminar

Seminars are available six days a week - during school, after school, weekends, and more.

Seminar Fee: \$95 per student

[Register online here.](#)

This seminar will help your student...

- Learn tips to improve scores in all subtests
- Practice strategies to eliminate wrong choices
- Take short practice tests that mirror the real test experience
- Reduce test anxiety and gain confidence
- Receive extensive materials for home practice
- (and more!)

Reserve your student's spot today! Visit <https://www.doorwaytocollege.com/> to register your student for an online seminar.

College Admission COVID-19 Updates

Class of 2021 Parents - Check out the links listed below for area college admission COVID-19 updates. Check in with these links for your student(s) applying for Fall 2021 college admission next year. Additional schools will be added frequently, so check in weekly. If a school your student is interested is not yet included in the list below, please visit that particular college/university's admissions office webpage for additional information.

- [Clarke University](#)
- [Coe College](#)
- [Cornell College \(Mt. Vernon, IA\)](#)

- [Creighton University](#)
- [Iowa State University](#)
- [Kirkwood Community College](#)
- [Loras College](#)
- [Luther College](#)
- [Mount Mercy University](#)
- [Northeast Iowa Community College \(NICC\)](#)
- [St. Ambrose University](#)
- [St. Louis University](#)
- [University of Dubuque](#)
- [University of Iowa \(Admissions/Testing Updates; COVID-19 Updates\)](#)
- [University of Northern Iowa](#)
- [University of St. Thomas \(St. Paul, MN\)](#)
- [University of Wisconsin - Platteville](#)
- [University of Wisconsin - Madison](#)

College Visits at Wahlert | Fall 2020

Wahlert Catholic High School is excited to still offer opportunities for students to meet with college and university admissions representatives - virtually!

Wahlert will host virtual college representative visits for students during our regularly scheduled Eagle Time. College visits will be hosted via Zoom, and students will gather in Wahlert's Schrup Family Boardroom (next to the library) to meet with representatives virtually. Students are asked to bring their computers with them to each virtual meeting in the boardroom, and will be sent any QR codes, videos, informational information, and/or forms from the college ahead of the meeting. Due to COVID-19 safety regulations and board room capacity - students are required to sign up for Mrs. Lensen's section of the Eagle Time Google Classroom to reserve their spot for upcoming college rep. virtual visits.

Upcoming Virtual Visits

- **Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)**
Monday, September 28 during Eagle Time A

Schrup Family Boardroom (next to the library)

* Students - reserve your spot under Mrs. Lensen's name in the Eagle Time Google Classroom for the September 28th visit.

- **Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI)**

Tuesday, September 29 during Eagle Time A

Schrup Family Boardroom (next to the library)

* Students - reserve your spot under Mrs. Lensen's name in the Eagle Time Google Classroom for the September 29th visit.

Iowa College Access Network (ICAN)| Career & College Planning Resources

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 2021 Senior Alerts, Class of 2022 Alerts, or ICAN e-alerts. You can also check out the ICAN College and Career blog [here](#).

Upcoming ICAN Webinars

For many the school year is beginning, and others have another week or two. For some you're returning everyday, for others it's a few days each week and then learning online. ICAN is committed to helping students succeed in whatever environment learning presents itself this fall. ICAN will host **FREE** webinars throughout September on Wednesdays at 3pm and on select evenings at 7 pm. All live events will be recorded and available for viewing on both the ICAN Facebook page and the [ICAN website](#). You can stream these events live from any device and ask questions of ICAN student success advisors during the presentations.

September Tips for your Senior | ICAN

ICAN is an online college and career planning website whose mission is to help prepare students for future success. Check out ICAN's "September Tips" for your graduating senior. Additional information and tips can be found at icansucceed.org.

- Check out an ICAN Center and work on your college and career plan. Call (877) 272-4692 to schedule.
- Register now to take the [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#). Pick up a study guide at a local bookstore or library, or review online resources.
- Begin writing essays for admission applications.
- Ask adults to write letters of recommendation.
- Be aware of deadlines. Research college scholarship days and deadlines at the schools you've applied to. Fill out any additional scholarship forms before the deadlines.
- Visit [ICANSucceed.org/FAFSAreadyia](https://www.icansucceed.org/FAFSAreadyia) to find a FAFSA Ready Iowa event near you. Volunteers will help your student complete and file their FAFSA for free.
- Schedule your FAFSA appointment with ICAN for after Oct. 1 at [ICANSucceed.org/apt](https://www.icansucceed.org/apt).

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Available October 1

ICAN Succeed's website is a great resource for additional information and details regarding the FAFSA. [Click here to check it out.](#)

October is just around the corner! The beginning of October marks the time period that parents should be thinking about and working on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This form is used to apply for federal student aid such as loans, grants, and work-study at both two-year colleges as well as four-year colleges. The FAFSA is the first step to receiving financial aid and must be completed for each year of college. Students can use the myStudentAid app, file online at fafsa.edu.gov, or request a printed form by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID. This form is very important for you and your child to complete together so that your child is able to receive student financial assistance. Contact Wahlert's Counseling Office with any questions or for additional information.

Your Student's Scholarship Resources.

Scholarship Feature Friday

This week's featured scholarship:

[Schultze Entrepreneurship Scholarship Program \(St. Thomas University\)](#)

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.

College Planning eBulletin Board

A great online resource for scholarship opportunities and college events.

Available on Wahlert's website, the [College Planning eBulletin Board](#) is a resource for students and parents to use when planning out scholarship opportunities. This online hub focuses on details regarding scholarship information - all of which are organized by topic, school, and/or career field. This page is frequently updated by the Counseling Office as we receive weekly scholarship information and college admission news (so check in weekly as the school year rolls on!). [Click here](#) for quick access to the eBulletin Board, or find it listed in the Quick Links section on [**Wahlert's homepage**](#).