

# Wahlert Catholic News

*October 1, 2020*

## Upcoming Dates:

- **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.

## 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](mailto:c4besdrivingschool@hotmail.com)  
(563) 599-2934  
(563) 583-7368
- **Dubuque Driving Academy**  
Susie Quinn, Instructor  
[dbqdrivingacademy.com](http://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 Theisen Family Courtyard, 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*

[Click here](#) for an overview of what your student can expect on the October 6th ACT test day.

*Registration Deadline: September 25, 2020 | Registration Closed  
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@holyfamilymbq.org](mailto:dlensen@holyfamilymbq.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 90<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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**

- **Clarke University (Dubuque, IA)**  
Thursday, October 8, 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 October 8th visit.
- **Creighton University (Omaha, NE)**  
Friday, October 9, 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 October 9th 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.

### **October Tips**

- Know the priority dates for filing the FAFSA at the colleges your student is applying to. Submit your student's completed FAFSA after Oct. 1 but before the priority date. ICAN can help - (877) 272-4692.
- Students are encouraged to talk to admission counselors at the colleges they're applying to and find out whether retaking the [ACT](#) or [SAT](#) would be advantageous.
- Students are encouraged to submit their admission applications to the colleges they're most interested in. Be aware of deadlines! Try to have applications submitted by Nov. 1.
- Obtain financial aid forms from colleges that require forms other than the FAFSA.

## **[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](https://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](#)**.