

Wahlert Catholic News

October 16, 2020

Upcoming Dates:

- **October 26:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- **October 28:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- **October 29:** Parent-Teacher Conferences, 10:00am-2:00pm
- **October 29-30:** No School
- **November 2:** Senior Cap, Gown, & Diploma Order Deadline*
- **November 6:** Senior Portraits Due to Yearbook
- **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

(563) 599-2934

(563) 583-7368

- **Dubuque Driving Academy**
Susie Quinn, Instructor
dbqdrivingacademy.com

Submit your senior portrait to the yearbook (due Nov. 6)

Reserve your copy of the 2020–2021 Yearbook!

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences | Wahlert Catholic High School

Monday, October 26, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School will facilitate parent-teacher conferences virtually this Fall to continue our effort to keep everyone socially distanced and protected. Every teacher has been assigned 18 to 19 mentees with whom they meet with on a weekly basis to discuss academic, social and emotional progress.

On Monday, October 26 (4-8 PM) and Wednesday, October 28 (4-8 PM) mentor teachers will be contacting each family on their mentee list to discuss progress and concerns, if any, for all academic courses in which their mentee is enrolled. **On Thursday, October 29**, teachers of specific courses will be available through appointment to discuss specific questions or concerns you may have; conference office hours run 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. Conference appointments will be set up through a scheduling system, “Meetingbird.”

If you have a concern regarding a specific class on your child’s schedule, please click on the teacher’s name below and select a time to meet Thursday, October 29. We also encourage you to reach out to teachers at any time

throughout the year with concerns or questions. Please visit PowerSchool and/or Summit Learning to see academic progress. Let us know if you have any questions. Happy Fall!

Please Note: If you wish to meet with a teacher who does not have a link featured, please contact him/her via the email address listed below.

Meetingbird Links

Wahlert Teachers

- [David Bechard](#)
- [Aaron Behnke](#)
- [Tim Berning](#)
- [Cathy Conlon](#)
- [Sarah Conlon](#)
- [Tyler Decker](#)
- [Tim Erhmann](#)
- [Norma Fernandez](#)
- [Clay Finley](#)
- [Kay Gaul](#)

- [Sandy Gaul](#)
- [Nathaniel Gee](#)
- [Kyle Leeson](#)
- [Nancy Leonard](#)
- [Abigail Lofte](#)
- [Bob Oberfoell](#)
- [Trini Olivera](#)
- [Bailey Petersen](#)

- [Allison Pusateri](#)
- [Barb Ressler](#)
- [Ralph Rollins](#)
- [Tamra Ropeter](#)
- [Korrin Schriver](#)
- [Peter Scott](#)
- [Cole Smith](#)
- [Becky Varley](#)

Email Addresses | Wahlert Teachers

- Joel Allen: jallen@holyfamilydbq.org
- Jim Kuhl: jkuhl@holyfamilydbq.org
- Haley Martin: hmartin@holyfamilydbq.org
- Molly McAndrew: mmcandrew@holyfamilydbq.org
- Natalie Schira: nschira@holyfamilydbq.org
- Emily Schmitt: eschmitt@holyfamilydbq.org
- Heather Trees: htrees@holyfamilydbq.org

Wahlert Counseling News Corner:

Order Your Senior's Cap, Gown, & Diploma by November 2

Graduation is still quite a few months down the road; however, Wahlert Catholic High School's Counseling Office prepares for graduation throughout the school year.

Your senior was recently emailed the form and information below to their Holy Family email address. They were asked to complete and submit the form linked below no later than Monday, November 2, so that Wahlert's Counseling Office may order their diploma, as well as their cap and gown. (A version of the email sent was also mailed to senior parents.)

Please take time this week to sit down with your student to complete the form linked below. (Feel free to email dlensen@holyfamilydbq.org to check if your student has already completed this form.)

Online Form: [Class of 2021 | Cap, Gown, & Diploma Information Form](#)
Deadline: Monday, November 2

Keep in mind! Cap, gown, and diploma costs are all included in your student's tuition as a Wahlert Catholic High School student. Other than completing this form no later than Monday, November 2, no additional action is needed from you.

When completing the form, please remind your student of the following...

- Your student is to complete his/her FULL name information in the fields listed in the form linked above. This is how their name will appear on their formal high school diploma. Please double check the spelling of their name before they submit this form. The information submitted is exactly how your student's name will appear on their diploma.
- For us to order the proper sized cap and gown for your student, please include their height and weight information in the appropriate fields listed in the form linked above.

The information submitted through this online form will only be viewed by Wahlert's Counseling Office. Please contact Danielle Lensen, dlensen@holymfamilydbq.org, with any questions regarding this form.

Your Student's District ACT Exam Score Availability

If your junior or senior student completed the District ACT exam at Wahlert Catholic High School on Tuesday, October 6th, your student's test score will be available no earlier than 2-8 weeks after exam day. If your student completed the make-up ACT exam at Wahlert on Tuesday, October 20, your student's test score will be available no earlier than 2-8 weeks after that specific exam day.

Students who have taken the ACT exam before will not be notified via email or mail when their scores are available - instead, students will need to log on to their [MyACT account](#) to check in and view their scores.

If the recent district ACT exam was your student's first time taking the ACT, your student will be mailed their ACT score report in the coming

weeks, and will not be able to access their score online via MyACT (this is because your student does not yet have an ACT ID to do so).

If your student has taken the ACT exam before and does not have a MyACT account, please visit MyACT's website to create one. Once you visit the [MyACT landing page](#), there are three blue link buttons located under the "Welcome to MyACT" header - select the one that correctly identifies your student's scenario, and follow the prompts to create an account for your student.

Tracking down your student's ACT ID information...

If your student has taken the ACT exam before - take a look at their previous score reports from ACT. In the upper left corner area of their score report, you'll see their ACT ID listed. If they don't have a previous score report, they can stop by Wahlert's Guidance Office. We also have a copy and can give them their ACT ID information.

If this was the first time your student has taken the ACT exam - first time ACT examinees *WILL be mailed their score reports* from the recent district ACT exam. As a result, your student won't be able to access their ACT score directly online this time around since they don't yet have an ACT ID. Scores will be mailed out to those examinees in the coming weeks.

Additional information about the MyACT portal is available both on [ACT's website](#), as well as [here](#). Please contact Wahlert's Counseling Office, (563) 583-9771, with any questions about ACT or your student's score.

Northeast Iowa Career Learning Link Opportunities

Northeast Iowa Career Learning Link (CLL) is a program through Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) that exposes students to high-demand career areas and sets them on the pathway to career and educational success beyond high school. The program provides work-based learning opportunities for students in partnership with local businesses. [Click here](#) for additional details, and register your student today!

Sign up for a Virtual College Coach | Iowa College Aid

Iowa College Aid offers a Virtual College Coach to help students stay on top of important dates in preparation for college. Iowa College Aids offers real live coaches who offer advice about applying for college and financial aid, provide reminders of important deadlines and give personalized, one-on-one assistance to help your student through the college transition. [Click here](#) to learn more!

NCAA Eligibility Center | Navigating Initial Eligibility During COVID-19 Webinar

As a companion to the NCAA Eligibility Center's recent COVID-19 response, the NCAA Eligibility Center will be hosting a webinar for student-athletes and their families to learn more about initial-eligibility requirements students must meet and how COVID-19 impacts those requirements. Your student(s) can [register here to join](#) on Saturday, November 7, at 2 p.m. Eastern for a discussion on these important eligibility adjustments.

High School Oratorical Contest | American Legion, Post 6

Dubuque's American Legion (Post 6) invites students, grades 9th-12th, to participate in this year's High School Oratorical Contest. The American Legion's annual oratorical contest is an opportunity for students to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship.

Contest/Speech Details...

Students interested in participating must create a speech related to some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, such as the right to vote or any other amendment. Dubuque's local oratorical contest will be held on **Sunday, December 6th**. Prizes will be awarded by students who are selected as 1st place (\$100), 2nd place (\$75), and 3rd place (\$50). The first place winner

will move on to the County Oratorical contest later in the month with similar prizes. The oration-speech must be the original preparation, research, and organizational effort of each contestant. Each contestants' speech needs to be at least 8 minutes long, but not exceeding 10 minutes. There will be point penalties if the speech is under or over time limit. At the county and local level, 3x5 cards with notes are allowed during the speech.

Next Steps...

If your student is interested in this contest, please stop by Wahlert's Guidance Office for paperwork that needs to be completed. Paperwork will need to be received by Legion Post 6 by the day of the contest. Additional details about this contest can be found on [Wahlert's College Planning eBulletin Board](#).

For additional information, or questions, please contact John Zeiment (Oratorical Contest Chairman) at [**jpzman@aol.com**](mailto:jpzman@aol.com), (563) 590-8483.

Virtual Career Exploration Opportunities | NICC

Did you know that Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) is part of a community collaboration with Wahlert Catholic High School to provide our students with a variety of career and college-planning options?

Each month, NICC will host three webinars to highlight different career industries and one other topic that will benefit students and parents. These will be held at 6:30 p.m. on various days of the week so parents and their students can attend. Virtual job shadow opportunities are also available – see details below for more info!

Meet Ms. Joni Knopp - Wahlert's NICC Success Coach



Northeast Iowa Community College's Success Coaches assist students in finding work-based learning opportunities, schedule a campus visit, complete an application for admission, answer financial aid questions, and provide details on program requirements. **Ms. Joni Knopp is Wahlert Catholic High School's Success Coach liaison.** Students can reach out to her via text, email, or phone to schedule a time to meet. Ms.

Knopp can connect when it works best for your student, even before or after school, virtually via Zoom, by phone, or in person when possible.

Email: knoppj@nicc.edu

Call: 844.642.2338 ext. 2216

Text: 563.663.9082

October Virtual Career Exploration Dates | Northeast Iowa Community College

Virtual Job Shadow: Sales

October 20, 10:00 AM

Register at: https://bit.ly/shadow_sales

Career Exploration Webinar: Healthcare Careers

October 20, 6:30 PM

Register at: https://bit.ly/web_healthcare

Recorded Virtual Career Exploration Webinars | Northeast Iowa Community College

Click the links below for recorded virtual job shadow events that recently occurred over the past weeks.

Virtual Job Shadow: Marketing, Graphic Design and Social Media

[Click here to view!](#) (recorded 10/8/20)

Career professionals from the Kendall Hunt family of companies discuss careers in marketing, social media, and graphic design.

Career Panel: Advanced Manufacturing, Utilities and Mechanical Careers

[Click here to view!](#) (recorded 10/8/20)

Representatives from local companies and colleges discuss careers in welding, CNC, gas utilities, power distribution, and diesel mechanics.

Virtual Job Shadow: Business Administration

[Click here to view!](#) (recorded 10/14/20)

Career professionals from the Kendall Hunt family of companies discuss careers in human resources and accounting.

Career Panel: First Generation College Students

[Click here to view!](#) (recorded 10/14/20)

Learn more about the college process as a first generation college student from Donna Lowen with the Dubuque College Access Network. Sergio Perez, the Loras College Diversity Officer, Jodi Kremer with TRIO Student Support Services at Northeast Iowa Community College and Jackie Hunter from the Multicultural Family Center.

[Student Panel Opportunities | University of Notre Dame](#)

The University of Notre Dame is offering a variety of student panel discussions on a various topics throughout the fall - **[click here](#)** to learn more and register your student today!

[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

- **Cornell College (Mt. Vernon, IA)**
Friday, October 23, 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 23rd visit.
- **Dordt University (Sioux Center, IA)**
Tuesday, October 27, 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 27th 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, 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.

Upcoming FAFSA Ready Iowa Events

FAFSA Ready Iowa is ICAN's initiative to increase the FAFSA completion rate and help more students access financial aid. Each event offers free assistance for students and families to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). [Click here](#) for upcoming virtual events!

Your Student's Scholarship Resources.

Scholarship Feature Friday

This week's featured scholarship: ?

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Program

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**](#).