

Wahlert Catholic News

January 8, 2021

Happy New Year!

Upcoming Dates:

- **January 15:** Last Day of 1st Semester
- **January 18:** No School | Professional Development
- **January 19:** First Day of 2nd Semester

Social Justice Club Drive for Opening Doors



Lydia and Lilah dropped off donations at Opening Doors that Wahlert's Social Justice Club collected for the people served by that local ministry. Thanks to all who contributed to make a difference in the lives of others this Christmas!

Thank you! Wahlert Catholic High School's staff and teachers want to extend a special thank you to our Teacher Appreciation Committee, as well as all of the families who have contributed donations to the committee! This Christmas, each



Wahlert teacher and staff member was gifted a sweet treat from Betty Jane Candies, as well as a HyVee gift card. Wahlert's teachers and staff appreciate our families, as well as the work of

the Teacher Appreciation Committee - thank you for all you do!

Reserve your copy of the 2020–2021 Yearbook!

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your hard-to-buy-for teen? How about purchasing a yearbook for them? Cost is currently \$52. The price will increase after Dec. 31, 2020. Books can be ordered and paid for online at wahlertyearbooks.com.

Not sure if you've purchased a book? Email Ms. Gaul (sgaul@holyfamilydbq.org) and she can check. Act now before the price goes up!

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

Wahlert Counseling News Corner:

Class of 2021 Memorabilia | Jostens

Is your family or Class of 2021 graduate interested in ordering apparel, graduation announcements, or other graduate memorabilia? [Click here](#) for information on how to order items directly from Jostens this year.

Please keep in mind that your senior's cap/tassel and gown are already ordered and covered in your student's overall tuition cost. Seniors will receive their cap/tassel and gown towards the final months of the spring semester. For any questions about this, please contact Wahlert's Counseling Department at (563) 583-9771, or email dlensen@holyfamilymbq.org.

Double-check Your Student's AP Exam Order through AP Classroom

If you are a parent of a Wahlert student currently enrolled in an AP class this semester - your student's AP Classroom was updated with the AP exams they are enrolled in and scheduled to take in May. Please note AP Psychology exam payment information and registration will be due by March 5th as it is a second semester only course. More information on registration and payment for this AP exam is to come.

Under the guidance of their AP teacher, your student has been asked to log in to their AP Classroom to ensure that the exams they are registered for are correct. **Please take a moment with your student this week to also log into their AP Classroom with them to ensure that their AP exams are listed correctly on their dashboard.**

You can do so by having your student log on to their AP Classroom and following the steps below...

1. Ask your student to log on to their AP classroom at myap.collegeboard.org.
2. Under the blue “AP Classroom” header, confirm that each AP class your student is enrolled in has an exam date showcased in the right column. If you do not see this for an exam you know you paid for/your student plans to take, please contact dlensen@holyfamilydbq.org right away.

If you see any discrepancies in the exams listed online for your student, please email dlensen@holyfamilydbq.org, or contact Wahlert Catholic High School’s Guidance Department directly at (563) 583-9771, as soon as possible

Upcoming ACT Exam Opportunities

National and District ACT exam dates are coming up this winter and spring. National exams happen on Saturday mornings throughout the state, and district exams happen on Wahlert's campus during the school day (specifically for our students). Below are a few upcoming options.

- **The next national ACT exam will take place on Saturday, February 6.** Wahlert is **not** hosting this exam, so more information on how to register online and which Eastern Iowa testing centers are available can be found on act.org. Payment and registration for this particular exam is done completely online at act.org. Deadline to register for this exam is January 8th (late registration deadline for this exam is January 15).
- **Wahlert will be hosting a national ACT exam on Saturday, April 17.** This exam will be hosted at Wahlert the morning of April 17. Payment and registration for this particular exam is done completely online at act.org. Deadline to register for this

exam is March 12 (late registration deadline for this exam is March 26).

- **Wahlert will be hosting a district ACT exam on Tuesday, March 2, for our junior class.** Wahlert is hosting this exam for our juniors during the school day/on our campus. Payment and registration for this exam is **not** done online, since it is Wahlert's own district exam - payment is submitted via your family's [**online Holy Family eFunds account**](#). More communication on registration deadlines, exam cost/eFunds, exam day details, etc. will be communicated to families and students via email and Wahlert's newsletter at the start of 2nd semester.
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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!

High School Summer Artificial Intelligence Program

Online summer AI program opportunity organized by Stanford PhD students.

AI Scholars Live Online is a 10-session (25 hours) pre-college enrichment program that exposes high school students (Grades 9-12) to fundamental AI concepts and guides them to build a socially impactful project. Taught by a [team](#) of graduate students from Stanford University, students receive a personalized, interdisciplinary learning experience with a student-teacher ratio of 4:1. Students with prior programming experience are placed in an advanced cohort. Multiple dates and times for their Summer Break and Spring Semester programs are offered. Students may apply [here](#). Additional information can be found in their [flyer](#) and [brochure](#), or on their [website](#). Please contact Lucas Hornsby at lhornsby@stanford.edu or at (917) 371-8971 with any questions.

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

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 a career event.

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](#)

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.](#)

[Click here](#) for tips and information from the Federal Student Aid Office on how best to approach the FAFSA process.

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!

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.

Your Student's Scholarship Resources.

Scholarship Feature Friday

This week's featured scholarship:

[R.W. Hoefer Academic Scholarship Program | DuPaco Community Credit Union](#)

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](#)**.