

Wahlert Catholic News

April 9, 2021

Upcoming Dates:

- **April 17:** National ACT exam hosted at Wahlert*
- **April 23-25:** **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown | Spring Musical**
- **April 25:** NCYC registration forms due **
- **April 30-May 2:** Youth Ministry Event | *The Wilderness***
- **May 3–7, 10–12, 14, 17:** AP Exam Week *
- **May 8:** Post-Prom Party (juniors/seniors), 7:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
- **May 19:** Senior Assembly, Wahlert Gymnasium, 1:15 p.m.
- **May 19:** Baccalaureate Mass, Church of the Nativity, 7:00 p.m.
- **May 23:** Graduation, Wahlert Gymnasium, 2:00 p.m.

* *Additional information found in the Guidance News Corner below.*

** *Additional information found in the Campus Ministry News Corner below.*

Graduation Events | Wahlert Catholic High School

Wahlert Catholic High School is excited to celebrate the graduation of our Class of 2021 in the safest way possible. It has been an unprecedented academic year, and we feel grateful to be able to celebrate your graduating senior. Due to the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wahlert Catholic High School will be taking every precaution to be able to celebrate the Class of 2021 – all while keeping the safety of our students, families, and community members our utmost priority. Please save the date for the following important events for your graduating senior.

- **May 19:** Senior Assembly, Wahlert Gymnasium, 1:15 p.m.
- **May 19:** Baccalaureate Mass, Church of the Nativity (1225 Alta Vista Street, Dubuque), 7:00 p.m.

- **May 23:** Graduation, Wahlert Gymnasium, 2:00 p.m.

Details regarding this year's Senior Assembly, Baccalaureate Mass, and Graduation Ceremony were emailed to senior parents on Thursday, April 1. Your senior also received this email on Thursday, April 1, to their Holy Family email account.

Please [click here](#) for complete details regarding this year's graduation events for the Class of 2021.

Reserve your copy of the 2020–2021 Yearbook

Don't forget to order your 2020-2021 yearbook!

- Books can be ordered and paid for online at wahlertyearbooks.com
- Not sure if you've purchased a book? **Email Ms. Gaul** and she can check.

Post-Prom Party | Wahlert Catholic High School

Saturday, May 8

7:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Wahlert Catholic High School

Tickets: \$10 (can be purchased in the Wahlert Cafeteria during the lunch periods, May 3-7)

Due to Covid, unfortunately, only current Juniors and Seniors will be allowed to attend the Post Prom this year on Saturday, May 8.

It's hard to believe we are planning for the end of the year!

While there will not be a prom dance this year, we are planning a post-prom party!

Post Prom is sponsored by parents and friends of Wahlert Catholic High School. This will be a safe, fun, and chaperoned event that will take place at Wahlert. Once inside Post-Prom, everything is free for the students including food, drinks, games, inflatables, and a hypnotist show - all with fabulous

prizes to be won at the end of the night! Only Wahlert students may attend. We will be wearing masks, social distancing, and using hand sanitizer at every station.

We are in need of donations!

Since this is a parent-sponsored event and we are providing food, drinks, games and prizes, we are in need of donations of cash and/or gift cards to be used as prizes, which can be dropped off or sent in an envelope, marked “Post Prom” at the Wahlert Office. Checks can be made payable to Wahlert Catholic High School – labeled Post Prom. We appreciate any donation and are hoping to receive them by Friday, April 20th.

We are also in need of many volunteers!

We are in need of volunteers to set up on Friday, May 7, from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. We're also in need of workers at the event on Saturday, May 8, from 7:00pm – 10:30pm. It is a fun evening watching the excitement and energy the kids have enjoying themselves – we're sure this year will be more than ever! You can sign up by clicking on the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA8AF2EA0FD0-onesweet>

Thank you for your support of this fun and safe event for our students! If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Huntington (huntington@bernardtel.com) or Julie King (tjandjulieking@gmail.com)

Congratulations, Wahlert Eagles!

Wahlert's Own Awarded Eagle Award

Congratulations to **Joseph Schlickman** who recently passed the Eagle Board of Review. The Eagle award is the highest achievement in scouting and requires many steps and a project to improve his community. Joseph's project was the construction of a bridge at the Dubuque Arboretum. Congratulations, Joseph!

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

Kent Paca, Instructor
(563) 583-3003

Dubuque Driving Academy

Susie Quinn, Instructor
dbqdrivingacademy.com

4BES Driving School, LLC

Craig Forbes, Instructor
(563) 599-2934; (563) 583-7368

Campus Ministry News Corner

Dubuque Area Youth Ministry Spring Break Event | The Wilderness

Join the Dubuque area youth on a camping retreat!

The retreat date has changed and will take place April 30-May 2 at New Wine Park. All 9-12 graders are welcome to join us for a weekend of outdoor fun and some time to reflect on God's presence in our lives.

Registration forms can be found [here](#), or hanging to the right of Mrs. Jones' office door (Campus Minister at Wahlert and Mazzuchelli, room 105 at Wahlert). Registration can be given to Mrs. Jones or one of your parish youth ministers by April 26.

National Catholic Youth Conference | Fall 2021

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will take place from November 18-21, 2021. NCYC is an incredible opportunity for high schoolers to encounter Jesus, grow in their faith, and witness the larger Catholic Church. Current students, grades 8-11 are welcome to attend this conference. The Dubuque Area Youth Ministers are organizing groups to attend. If your student is interested, the initial registration form is due by April 25. **A copy of the form can be found here**, or physical copies can be found outside of Mrs. Jones' office (room 105). Completed registration forms can be returned to your student's youth minister or Mrs. Jones. Ask your parish youth minister for more information, or attend one of the following informational meetings.

- April 6th at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony in O'Malley Hall
- April 7th at 7:00 pm at Cathedral in Cathedral Center
- April 8th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph the Worker
- April 11th at 7:00 pm at Resurrection in the Social Space

Wahlert Counseling News Corner:

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Weeks | Spring 2021

Wahlert Catholic High School's AP exam weeks will take place on May 3-7, May 10-12, May 14, and May 17. Exams will be administered on Wahlert Catholic High School's campus, and all students registered for an AP exam will be required to be on campus to take their AP exam(s) on their scheduled exam day.

More details regarding exam schedule, assigned classroom details, and additional information will be emailed to parents and students in the

upcoming weeks. Please contact Wahlert's Counseling Department, (563) 583-9771, with any questions.

FAFSA Frenzy | Step-by-Step Guide to Completing the FAFSA

Click here for Iowa College Access Network's (ICAN) recording of the FAFSA Frenzy Virtual Event that was held on Wednesday, March 3rd. This event walked parents and students through a demo of how to successfully complete the FAFSA. Common questions and situations that arise for students/families were also discussed.

ICAN Tip of the Week | Financial Options for College

This week's Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) tip of the week provides tips for parents and the options students have to pay for college. **Click here to view!**

NCAA Eligibility Center Spring Webinar for College-Bound Student Athletes

Does your student want to compete in college sports? Join the NCAA Eligibility Center for their spring webinar for college-bound student athletes and their families on Thursday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m., Eastern. This webinar will teach families about the initial eligibility requirements students must meet in order to study and play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school. **Click here to register.**

Summer Course Discount | Northeast Iowa Community College

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) is offering continuing high school students a 20% discount on Summer 2021 courses. This discount applies to current high school freshman-juniors. Students who have not previously taken courses with NICC will need to apply to the college as a

non-degree seeking student before registering with an NICC enrollment advisor - more information can be found at <https://www.nicc.edu/admissions/apply/>.

Students may also connect with Joni Knopp, Career Learning Link Success Coach, with questions or to set up a registration appointment. Joni can be reached at knoppj@nicc.edu or (844) 642-2338, ext. 2216.

International Relations Summer Program | Harvard Foreign Policy Initiative

For the first time, the Harvard Undergraduate Foreign Policy Initiative will be hosting an international relations summer program for high school students around the world. The three-day virtual program, happening June 17-19, will consist of discussions with Harvard professors, experienced policymakers, government officials, and regional experts. 9th - 12th grade students are encouraged to apply!

Students accepted into this program will have the opportunity to learn...

- Real-world policy writing skills
- Cross-cultural leadership
- Ways to address global challenges from all sectors of international relations

Students will learn from workshops led by Harvard professors and experienced policymakers, government officials, and regional experts. Confirmed experts already include the President of Brookings, U.S. Ambassadors, and senior White House officials.

Additional information, including the online application and program cost, can be

found at harvardforeignpolicy.org/harvardirscholarsprogram. Early application deadline is April 1, with May 1 as the final deadline. Full or half financial aid will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact Wahlert Catholic High School's Counseling Office, (563) 583-9771, with any questions.

Virtual Career Exploration | Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC)

While Northeast Iowa Community College was unable to host in-person career events this year, virtual versions are available for students and parents to check out.

Click here for a series of videos that highlight several career opportunities and how NICC can help your student further their interests in a specific career field. Videos are updated to this playlist often! Careers highlighted include...

- Nursing
- Welding
- Athletic Training
- Engineering
- Medical Assistant
- Graphic Design
- Banking
- ..and much more!

For more information about NICC, as well as the programs and degrees it offers the community, visit their website at www.nicc.edu.

Exploring Program | Spring 2021

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.

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

Northeast Iowa Career Learning Link Opportunities | NICC

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.

This program allows students (and parents!) to save time and money by knowing the career path to follow after high school. Career coaches work with students to explore the right post-graduation plan, in addition to helping find job shadow, internship, and career mentoring opportunities. For a full list of upcoming virtual events and opportunities, [click here](#).

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 in 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 scholarships:

- **Mary Kay Theisen Bondy Scholarship**
- **Father Paul Weis Memorial Scholarship**
- **John Farnan Memorial Scholarship**
- **William T. and Deborah L. Coakley Scholarship**
- **O'Connor & Thomas Trust Scholarship**

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 new scholarship opportunities 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**.