

Wahlert Catholic News

May 14, 2021

Upcoming Dates:

- **May 3–7, 10–12, 14, 17:** AP Exam Week *
- **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.
- **June 4:** Deadline for **K-12 Year-End Parent Satisfaction Survey**
- **June 14:** **Wahlert Open Golf Tournament**, 1 p.m. shotgun start at Thunder Hills Country Club

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

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K-12 Year-End Parent Satisfaction Survey | Holy Family

Holy Family has created the following survey to gather families' input as they reflect on the past school year. A similar survey will be distributed to students in grades 4–12. Each of these surveys will be used on an annual basis moving forward as a tool to monitor progress toward strategic initiatives and gauge overall parent and student satisfaction in the Holy Family Catholic Schools experience. Results will be reported in aggregate to the Holy Family community over the summer.

[Click here to complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey.](#)

The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. It will remain open until Friday, June 4. Thank you for sharing your feedback!

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.

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.

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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.](#)

[College Credit & Transcript Requests | College Courses](#)

Do you have a senior who took a college course through Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) or another area college/university? Read below for information on how to request their college course transcript to be transferred to the school they are attending next fall.

Requesting Transcripts Electronically from NICC

(Please contact NICC's Registrar Office with any questions at (844) 642-2338, ext. 2217.)

- Students may access an unofficial transcript from NICC as a record of coursework prior to the completion of spring courses. Students may do this by accessing the "NICC Self-Service for Students" task on their **MyCampus portal**, and locating the "Unofficial Transcript" link under the "Academics" menu on the left side of the webpage.
- Students can request an official transcript from their NICC **MyCampus portal** by searching for "Transcript Request." If requesting a transcript prior to the completion of spring courses, students should select "Yes" when MyCampus asks, "Are you currently enrolled?". Official transcripts will be sent out as soon as possible after final grades are submitted. There is a \$5 fee to have this transcript sent.
- Please note that requesting college transcripts is the responsibility of the student, as Wahlert Catholic High School is unable to transfer college credits to a student's college or university.

Requesting Transcripts from an area College or University *(Loras College, University of Dubuque, Clarke University, etc.)*

- Students who took a college course through any college/university during their time at Wahlert Catholic High School (College Writing, Statistics, Public Speaking, etc.) are required to contact the appropriate college/university's registrar office directly to have their college credits transferred to the college/university they are attending next school year.
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Please contact Wahlert's Counseling Department at (563) 583-9771 with any questions regarding college credit courses.

Tee Up for the 44th Annual Wahlert Open

Parents, friends, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to take part in the annual Wahlert Open – a best-shot golf tournament to support the Wahlert Catholic Booster Club. Gather up a foursome and join us for this fun annual community-building event at Thunder Hills Country Club, on Monday, June 14, at 1 p.m.

- \$100 for an individual, includes green fees, golf cart, flag events and dinner
- \$400 for a foursome, includes green fees, golf cart, flag events and dinner
- \$40 per person for dinner only

Participants are invited to register online and pay at the door. Visit the [Wahlert Open webpage](#) to learn more.

Is Your Senior Looking for Summer or Full-Time Work?

Illinois Marine Towing, Inc. (IMT)

Open Interviews | Career Fair

Tuesday, May 25 & Wednesday, May 26

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

River's Edge Cafe (located in the National River Center/National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium)

IMT is hiring deckhands! If your senior is looking for full-time work upon graduation, encourage them to attend the open interview event happening on May 25 and 26. Can't make it to this event? Apply online at www.imtowing.com, or contact (815) 207-2655, with any questions.

Driver's Education Opportunities

Parents are asked to directly contact any of the two 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

Wahlert Counseling News Corner:

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Weeks | Spring 2021

It's hard to believe that we are nearly rounding the corner to May! With that comes Advanced Placement (AP) testing for your AP student who ordered an exam earlier this fall.

AP Exam Week | Spring 2021

Wahlert Catholic High School's Counseling Office wanted to reach out to you regarding this year's AP exam schedule. AP exams will take place here on campus during the week of May 3 - May 7 as well as May 10 - May 12, May 14, and May 17.

[Click here for an overview of Wahlert Catholic High School's weekly AP exam schedule.](#) Please take a close look at this schedule with your student to ensure that he/she will be on campus to take their exam.

[Click here for a detailed exam schedule - including where exams are taking place on Wahlert's campus.](#) Please take a close look at this schedule with your student to ensure that he/she knows where to report for their exam on campus.

Exam Attendance

This year, we are allowing students the option to be excused from classes before or after their AP exam. This is to give them an opportunity to solely focus on their AP exam. We know taking high stake exams can be stressful, which is why we are giving parents the option to allow their student to be excused from other courses on their exam day. Completing the permission form linked below gives your student permission to be excused from morning

or afternoon classes. It is your student's responsibility to be at school on time for their AP exam(s).

- **This completed permission form must be turned in to Wahlert's main office prior to your student's exam.**
- **Students are to report to their exam classroom at the designated exam time.**
- **We are encouraging all students to attend any AP classes still needed to prepare for future exams.**

Keep in mind... Once the AP exam has started, students will no longer be permitted into their testing room, per AP guidelines, if they arrive late. Please encourage your student to arrive at school early on the day of their AP exam.

Does your student have a schedule conflict with their AP exam date?

College Board allows students to reschedule an AP exam for a later date if it is for a reason approved by College Board (athletic event, academic contest, etc.). If your student is unable to test on their originally scheduled AP exam date, please contact Danielle Lensen as soon as possible (dlensen@holymfamilydbq.org). Our office will then look into if your student qualifies for a later exam date option. Failure to let Wahlert's Counseling Office know at least a week before your student's AP exam(s) will result in your student not being able to reschedule their exam.

Your AP student received a copy of this year's detailed AP exam schedule via their Holy Family email account on Tuesday, April 27.

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!](#)

ICAN Panel Discussion | Wednesday, May 19

College Orientation Panel Discussion

Perfect for Class of 2021 and parents

Wednesday, May 19, 5:00 p.m.

Tune in on the [ICAN Facebook page](#) or [register here for the Zoom link information](#).

College orientation is the last big step towards going off to college. In this panel discussion, hear from college representatives from Iowa State University, William Penn University, and DMACC about the college orientation process and what to expect as you prepare for your first year of college.

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.

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

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](#).