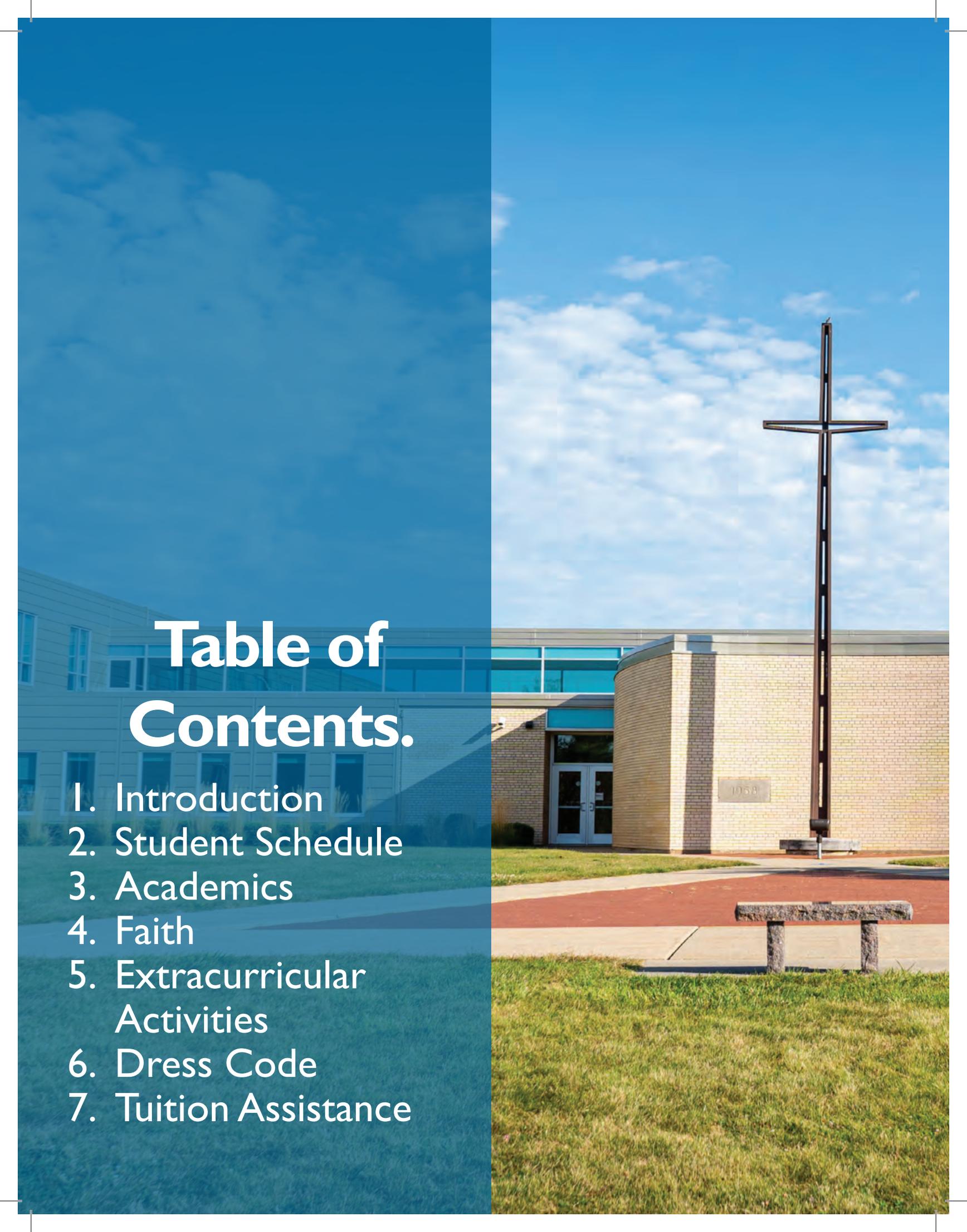


# WELCOME

to Wahlert Catholic High School





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## I. Introduction



### You'll Soar as a Golden Eagle.

Wahlert Catholic High School exists to form disciples of Jesus Christ through Catholic educational excellence. By choosing Wahlert Catholic, you are choosing a school with the highest purpose: helping you live your life to the fullest as God created you, so that you may spend eternity with Him in heaven.

Wahlert Catholic High School offers an outstanding curriculum and a rich learning environment, designed to help students excel and succeed in their journeys after high school. Our focus is on providing pathways for all students to discover their vocations, supported by rigorous academics and diverse experiential learning opportunities.

In addition to academic excellence, we fulfill our mission by offering enriching faith experiences and a wide range of clubs, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. At Wahlert Catholic, you will receive formation not only academically, but also physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Thank you for considering Wahlert Catholic, and we look forward to welcoming you into our family!



**Phil Bormann, Ed.S.**  
Chief Administrator  
Holy Family Catholic Schools



**Daniel Thole**  
Principal  
Wahlert Catholic High School



**Jamie Marshall '95**  
Assistant Principal  
Wahlert Catholic High School

### A Day in the Life

Here's your schedule at Wahlert Catholic High School.

#### O/E Block Schedule

7:40 – 8:55 a.m.	Period 1/2
*9:00 – 9:40 a.m.	Eagle Time
9:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Period 3/4
11:00 – 11:25 a.m.	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Lunch
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Mentoring
11:05 – 11:35 a.m.	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Mentoring
11:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Lunch
12:05 – 1:20 p.m.	Period 5/6
1:25 – 2:45 p.m.	Period 7/

\*Weekly Mass is held on Wednesdays during Eagle Time.

*“Everyone at Wahlert is so welcoming. We have a really respectful culture that makes it easy to connect with others. I feel comfortable asking for help, and people are always willing to share advice. If there’s a senior on one of our teams, I know I can go to them for guidance, and they’ll understand where I’m at.”*



*“Wahlert also offers a lot of great classes, including college-level courses. They’ve helped me explore subjects beyond the core curriculum and really prepare for the next steps after high school. The staff is just as supportive as the students. They’re always open to questions and ready to help when you need it with no judgment.”*

-Cal Martineau  
Class of 2027



*“The mentoring program serves as an opportunity for a teacher and their mentees to share in the constant social, emotional, academic, and spiritual growth that occurs during the school year.”*



*“Mentoring is, in my opinion, the most important part of each day because it allows for the mentor and their mentees to share in the successes and opportunities for growth each and every day.”*

*“Since mentoring has been instituted at Wahlert, I have seen students become more confident, accountable, driven, and resilient as they are able to navigate each day with the support of their fellow mentees and mentor.”*

- Cole Smith  
Wahlert Catholic  
Teacher and Mentor

## 3. Academics

### AP Courses

- Calculus AB/BC
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- Government
- English Language
- English Literature
- Music Theory
- Seminar
- Spanish Language
- US History
- World History

### Dual-Credit Courses

- 3D Modeling & Printing (MFG 149)
- Approaches to Hispanic Literature (SPAN 250)
- Certified Nurse Aide (HSC 172)
- Chemistry I/Lab & II/Lab (CHM 160/161 & 170/171)
- College Physics I & II (PHY 162 & 172)
- Composition I & II (College Writing, ENG 105 & 106)
- Computer Aided Drafting (CAD 104)
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMS 200)
- Foundations of Education (EDU 210)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II (BIO 168 & BIO 173)
- Illustrator (GRA 129)
- Intro to Accounting (ACC 115)
- Intro to Business (BUS 102)
- Intro to Chemistry/Lab (CHM 110/111)
- Intro to CNC (MFG 182)
- Intro to Health Occupations (HSC 110)
- Intro to Psychology (PSY 111)
- Intro to Religion (REL 105)
- Photoshop (GRA 139)
- Pre-Calc with Algebra (MAT 117)
- Princ. of Management (MGT 101)
- Princ. of Macroeconomics (ECN 120)
- Public Speaking (SPC 112)
- Publication Software (GRA 179)
- Statistics (MAT 156)
- Web Design (GRA 151)
- Welding Fundamentals (WEL 330)



### Academic Excellence

At Holy Family, our personalized learning approach recognizes that every student is a gift from God, and they come to us with unique backgrounds and individual needs and interests. Our teachers and school leaders partner with you to create a learning experience that will prepare you to become the best versions of yourself. The effectiveness of our programs are exemplified in the incredible achievements of our students, who continually rank above state and national averages for college preparedness.

More than 66 percent of the 2025 graduates also participated in an internship. Furthermore, students fluent in Spanish can earn up to 19 college credits in Spanish and have the opportunity to earn the Iowa Seal of Biliteracy on their Wahlert Catholic diploma.

At Wahlert Catholic, our teachers and staff prepare each student to confidently take the next step after graduation – whether in college, career, or service – through challenging coursework and opportunities to grow.

The 122 students in the class of 2025 earned more than **2,155** college credits during their four years at Wahlert Catholic.



### J-Term

January "J" Term at Wahlert Catholic integrates authentic learning into the student experience. Through opportunities such as internships with local business, regional or national service missions, or a number of electives tailored to various interests, students explore real-world learning as they earn additional high school and college credit.



“My time at Wahlert has surely impacted my faith journey. My freshman year, I was a person who checks all the boxes of being a Catholic, but doesn’t do anything to apply it to their life. Being open to your faith is the key to helping it grow, and Sr. Kay and Mrs. Carlson have been central to that growth. They are welcoming faces, and make you feel like you belong here.

“I have been a part of Bible Study since I walked into Wahlert. I initially went because one of the leaders at the time was a teacher that I enjoyed having. Now, I go because it is a necessity in my faith life. I also take part in Campus Ministry at Wahlert. I find that planning Mass makes me pay attention more, and even makes me more passionate about my faith. Coming to any of these events can be scary at first, but that inclination to go is a sign to take part.

“I have also participated in Kairos as a retreatant and a leader, and I have seen many people come back and enflamed with love and passion for the faith. I long to grow closer to Christ, and the opportunity to grow closer to Him is practically laid in front of me; I would be crazy not to take it! I have gone from being a lukewarm Catholic to devoting myself to Christ.”

- Joseph Noel,  
Class of 2026

## Our Catholic Identity

Our Catholic faith is our source of inspiration and guidance for all that we do at Wahlert, and our teachers and staff are committed to guiding each student on his or her individual faith journey.

We start and end every day with prayer, and religious education is taught at every grade level. Our campus ministry students take ownership of weekly Mass planning by serving as musicians, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers. Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated weekly in our school chapel, allowing students, parents, and friends the ability to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Many Wahlert Catholic students also take the opportunity to grow in their understanding of the faith through Bible study groups, elective apologetics courses, and retreat opportunities. Students are required to complete at least five hours of service to their school and communities each semester, though many strive to earn the service cord by contributing 200+ hours of service by graduation.



**\$345,720**

The community economic impact of the 9,937 service hours given by the Wahlert Catholic class of 2025.

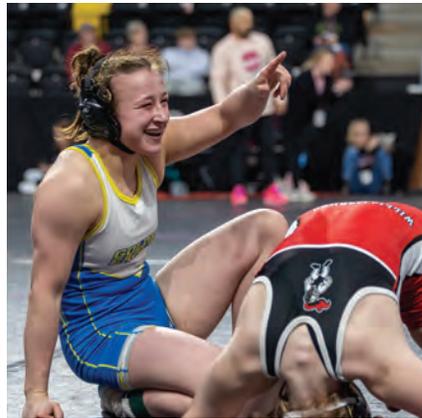
## 5. Extracurricular Activities

### Let's Go, Golden Eagles!

Wahlert Catholic is a member of the Mississippi Valley Athletic Conference and offers more than 20 sports for students to develop leadership and teamwork skills while competing among the best athletes in the state. Wahlert has a storied history of athletes and coaches who are recognized on a state and national level as well as student athletes who continue to compete at the collegiate and even professional levels.

Our athletic teams are supported by our enthusiastic student fans, dubbed "The Nest." Led by our cheerleaders and dance team, The Nest cheers loud and proud (and usually dresses in various themes) for all home athletic contests. Even our Golden Eagle mascot, Goldie, has been known to get in on the action during Homecoming and Catholic Schools Week and has been spotted spreading school spirit, high-fives, and hugs in the Holy Family elementary schools.

*Wahlert Catholic's athletic tradition has earned the school **71** team state championships since opening in 1959.*



### Women's Athletics

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

### Men's Athletics

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Swimming (Co-op)
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Wrestling

Approximately **90%** of all Wahlert Catholic students are involved in one or more co-curricular activities.



## Wahlert Catholic Arts

**Visual Arts Coursework:** Visual arts opportunities at Wahlert Catholic provide meaningful experiences that foster critical thinking and inspire creative self-expression. Current art coursework includes drawing, painting, 3D art studio, digital photography, and textile design. Additional college courses through Northeast Iowa Community College in the areas of graphic design, web design, and publications software are also available. Students are encouraged to apply their knowledge in clubs and organizations such as art club, creative writing, publications (newspaper), and yearbook.

**Music:** Wahlert Catholic recognizes the power of music in enhancing students' self-esteem and supporting cognitive development. Coursework offered includes chorale, chamber choir, concert band, guitar ensemble, roots of rap, revolution of rock 'n roll, and AP music theory. Students may also join jazz band, show band, show choir, marching band, and orchestra.

**Theater:** Wahlert Catholic provides ample opportunities for budding artists to participate in the performing arts with a fall production, spring musical and student-led winter production. Musical theater is offered for credit, and students may also join the thespian troupe and/or drama club.

## Clubs & Activities

- Art Club
- Band
- Battle of the Books
- Bible Study
- Campus Ministry
- Cheerleading
- Color Guard
- Creative Writing Club
- Dance Team
- Dramatics/Thespians
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Interact Club (Service)
- LEAP (Leaders of Environmental Action and Protection)
- Math Club
- National Honor Society
- Quill and Scroll Society
- Publications (Newspaper)
- Respect Life Club
- Robotics
- Show Choir
- Sisters of St. Francis "Pals"
- Social Justice Club
- Student Senate
- Trap Shooting
- Wellness Club (Leader in Me)
- Yearbook



## 7. Dress Code



## Dress for Success.

Students at Wahlert Catholic High School follow a school dress code. The purpose of the dress code in Holy Family Catholic Schools is to aid in providing a focused learning environment and minimize comparison among students.

Crested (branded) polos, crew neck sweatshirts, cardigans, and jackets in the school colors of navy, royal blue, gold, white, gray, and black can be purchased online from the Holy Family e-store or Land's End. Pants, shorts and skorts must be solid colors of khaki, black, navy, or gray. On Fridays, Wahlert Catholic students are encouraged to show their school spirit by participating in Eagle Pride Fridays. Uniform shorts and pants are still required, but students may wear any Holy Family or Wahlert Catholic branded t-shirts or sweatshirts.

An annual uniform recycle event during the summer months provides families the opportunity to donate gently used or outgrown uniform wear to Holy Family Catholic Schools. Any family may visit the uniform recycle event to pick up free dress code items for the upcoming school year — with no limit on the number of items!

To view the complete Wahlert Catholic dress code, visit [holyfamilydbq.org/apparel](https://www.holyfamilydbq.org/apparel).

# You Can Afford Catholic Education.

Catholic education is a gift worth sacrifice, yet Holy Family is committed to affordability. While our tuition is a universal rate aligned with the cost to educate, we understand that every family's circumstances are different, so our model isn't "one-size-fits-all."

### Three Ways to Reduce Out-of-Pocket Tuition Costs:

- **Parish subsidies** are available to active members of a local Catholic church.
- **School Tuition Organization (STO)** – All families are invited to apply for assistance and scholarships via the FACTS application at [holyfamilydbq.org/tuitionassistance](http://holyfamilydbq.org/tuitionassistance).
- **Iowa Education Savings Accounts (ESA)** can be used by Iowa students toward tuition at accredited non-public schools, like Wahlert Catholic. To receive the ESA, families must apply via the Odyssey application at [holyfamilydbq.org/esa](http://holyfamilydbq.org/esa) by June 30.

### Types of Tuition Assistance for Wahlert Students

- Wahlert Scholarships for Current Mazzuchelli 8th Graders
- New Student Scholarships
- Continuing Catholic Education Scholarships\*
- Need-Based Scholarships
- Parish Scholarships
- School Tuition Organization (STO)

\*Open to students from area Catholic middle schools other than Mazzuchelli Catholic.



*"What I love about the community at Wahlert is that it's so much more than just academics. There are so many opportunities to branch out and explore your interests. I really think our administrators are fantastic—they're willing to work with you if you have an idea. As long as you advocate for yourself, almost anything is possible."*



*"One of my favorite parts of Wahlert is the staff. They take the time to have real conversations with me and see me as more than just a student. They meet me on my level and engage in intellectual discussions, both academically and beyond. Just being seen and respected gives me the confidence to branch out."*

*"I'm especially grateful for my mentor, Mr. Berning, and my coaches. It's amazing to have those core people in my corner. Even if I just see them in the hallway on a rough day, they'll give me a smile and ask how I'm doing. Knowing that someone supports me helps me stay present at school and inspires me to be that light for someone else."*

*- Evelyn Tranel  
Class of 2027*



**Wahlert** CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL



**Questions about enrollment or tuition?**

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**We can't wait to welcome you to our Golden Eagle community!**