MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST UPDATES AND NEWS FROM THE JOHN XXIII EDUCATIONAL CENTER

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United Way Kick Off Event

John XXIII Educational Center

A Ministry of Saint Patrick's Parish

1101 Douglas Avenue Racine, WI 53402

Tutoring Hours

Monday-Thursday

4:00-5:30 pm & 6:30-8:00 pm

ESL Classes for Adults. Please contact Claire Wagner at

262-902-6668

Important Dates:

October 26th

Center is closed

United Way kicked off their fundraising season on September 9th, at Festival Hall. At the event, groups separated and went to their prospective sites for a day of volunteering in the community. John XXIII Staff worked on the softball field at Case High School to help prepare the field for the upcoming season. John XXIII will have a fundraiser to contribute to United Way's Mission.

Thursdays at the Center

Every Thursday night, John XXIII Educational Center hosts Thursday Theme Night for the Middle School students and Breakthrough Thursdays for the High School students. Last month, for Thursday Theme Night Ms. Madison and the students played Minute to Win It Games and Loteria (in honor of Mexican Independence Day). For Breakthrough Thursdays, the students worked on making a resume (resume building) and played Jeopardy. Students who have completed their school homework are encouraged to join these enrichment activities.

Welcoming the New Staff



John XXIII Educational Center welcomes our new staff members Victoria Verikas, Jose Munoz, and Mayeli Garcia. Victoria Verikas received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. As our Outreach Facilitator, she looks forward to gaining new experiences while helping the students accomplish their goals. Jose Munoz looks forward to working with the new staff and

meeting members of the community. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside with a degree in business management. Jose is excited to apply what he has learned in his studies and gaining relevant work experience, while being able to make a difference. Mayeli Garcia is a senior at Walden III High School who is taking both Calculus and Statistics math classes. As our math tutor, she is happy to personally help those who need extra help with math and offer mini math courses to strengthen our student's math skills.

Victoria Verikas (left), Jose Munoz (center) and Mayeli Garcia (right) preparing for another day at the center.

Spotlights



High School Student of the Month

Briana Habeck is a sophomore at Trinity Lutheran, and has been attending the center on a regular basis since the beginning of the school year. She remains focused on her work, and always reaches out for assistance when she needs it. Briana always strives to do her best, and is a true example of what it means to put hard work in. Keep up the great work Briana!



Middle School Student of the Month

Elena Sosa is a 7th grade student at Mitchell Middle School. Elena has attended John XXIII regularly during the month of September, and she has shown improvement in reading, math, and science. She comes to session ready to work and always gets her homework completed. Keep up the great work Elena!



Mentor and Mentee of the Month

Ana Nunez-Gouff started mentoring at the end of last year. This year, she is continuing to build her mentor/mentee relationship with Jasmine Calvillo. They meet twice a week in the evening session. Ana works with Jasmine mainly with homework, but in between lessons they are laughing and sharing their story with each other. It is beautiful to see both, Ana and Jasmine, positively work together to help Jasmine reach her acadmic goals. As this year is the beginning of their journey together, it is an honor to announce them as this year's first Mentor/Mentee of the Month.



Tutor of the Month

Evan Schlicht is a high school student from the Prairie School who comes to the center on Wednesday afternoons. He has been a big help to the center by explaining math in different ways for the students to understand. He helps students with the trivia, a math word problem, of the week. He is very patient with the students. He is also a hero for safely letting a chipmunk out of the center after the little critter followed him in. You never know what may happen at the center, but Evan has shown that he is here for it all. Thank you, Evan! John XXIII is very grateful for you.