

January Newsletter

Latest Updates and News from John XXIII Educational Center

By Theresa Havelka

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

Contact Us: (262) 898-7250

ESL Classes for Adults:

Please contact Claire Wagner at:
(262) 902-6668

Important Dates:

Mon., Feb. 18: JUNTOS High School
Workshop at 6:30-8:00pm

Sat., March 2: 1st Annual Basketball
Tournament at 11:30-2:30pm

Sat., March 9: 1st Annual Soccer
Tournament at 11:30-2:30pm

JUNTOS PROGRAM: A FAMILY WORKSHOP

JUNTOS provides Latino high school students with knowledge and skills to be successful in school and achieve academic success! Collaborating with UW-Extension, John XXIII Educational Center will be hosting a workshop for high school students. Parents can attend if they want to.

There is no cost to attend, and a free light meal will be provided. There will also be a raffle held for those that attend the workshop. Parents can contact **Sara Hawks at (262) 767-2916 or John XXIII Educational Center at (262) 898-5665 to register or ask questions.** Registration is required to attend.

When: Monday, February 18th at 6:30-8pm

Where: John XXIII Educational Center, 1101 Douglas Avenue Racine, WI 53402

CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December, our students and their families celebrated the holidays at John XXIII Educational Center. Everyone enjoyed playing games, eating together, and meeting Santa. Thank you to all our families, staff, and volunteers who made this event a success. John XXIII Educational Center wishes everyone a happy new year!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Marisol Martínez

We are excited to welcome our newest staff member, Marisol Martínez. She acts as a Middle School Program Supervisor and works as an Outreach Facilitator at our local middle schools.

Marisol has been involved with John XXIII Educational Center since it was first opened in 2009. She attended the center from eighth grade until she graduated from high school. She was a part of the first cohort to graduate from the *Countdown to College* program. She received a full four year ride to St. Mary's University of Minnesota (SMU), which was an opportunity presented to her through the center. During her undergraduate career, she came to visit the center to do homework on breaks. She graduated in May 2018 with a Bachelor's in Psychology and signed up to be a mentor at the center. She has spent half her life involved with the center. Her experience working with youth and children facing emotional and social challenges has led her to begin working for John XXIII.



Theresa Havelka

We are also welcoming Theresa Havelka as our new Lasallian Volunteer for the year. She works as a High School Supervisor for the after-school program and as an Outreach Facilitator at our local middle schools.

She graduated in December from Christian Brothers University (CBU) in Memphis. She received her Bachelor's in Psychology with a minor in Cognitive Neuroscience. While in college, she gained experience working with those struggling with social and emotional problems and with several non-profits in the Memphis area.



SPOTLIGHTS

Middle School Student of the Month

Gustavo, or Gus, is an eighth grader at John Paul II. He has attended the center since the sixth grade. He is a very diligent worker and a creative student. He always has a positive attitude and helps other students at the center. He works well with his mentor and stays focused on his work. Outside of center, he takes karate, loves puzzles, and is constantly learning new languages. Keep up the great work, Gus!

High School Student of the Month

Alicia is a freshman at Walden High School, who has consistently shown her dedication to John XXIII Educational Center. She remains focused on her assignments and gets her homework done. She is always willing to help the staff during center and center events. She sets an excellent example to her peers by her positive attitude and work ethic. Congratulations Alicia! Keep up the great work!

Tutor of the Month

This is Maureen Martínéz's first year as a tutor at the center. She tutors the middle school evening sessions two Mondays a month. She is always very helpful to our students. She has a running riddle with the students to find out a food that you cannot eat with chocolate or cheese. Maureen always brings her positive energy to the center, so thank you for helping our students! Congratulations!

Mentor of the Month

Dave Easley has been at the center since the beginning. He is a proud veteran, and he helps students at Starbuck prepare for their careers. He has been a mentor to one of our students for about two and a half years. He always has a positive attitude and is ready to help those that need it. He is focused on keeping his mentee on track with his grades. Thank you for all the work you do and keep up the great work with our students!