

Spring egg hunt sparkles at J23!



On Wednesday, March 31, John XXIII Educational Center welcomed the spring season and the Easter holiday with an egg hunt, pizza dinner, and movie night. Over 30 students were in attendance, and the center was filled with life and activity on this memorable evening. After the egg hunt, for which students searched for eggs hidden in J23 Center's classrooms, students had the opportunity to write thank-you notes (below, left) to express gratitude for the slew of recent donations the center has received. After supper, students gathered in the gym to watch the film "Peter Rabbit". April 5-9 was spring break week at the center, in which students took a pause from their busy schedules for rest and recreation. Food, fun, and fellowship made John XXIII Center's spring event a memorable success, and it is sure to be remembered as one of the highlights of the year by all of those who shared in it.



Students of the month- March 2021

Ca'Vana (middle school)- Ca'Vana, an eighth grade student, has been attending the center consistently throughout the year, and she has been earning high grades in her classes, including on a recent science experiment involving Mentos and Coca Cola. She brings a bright, cheerful presence to the center and shows great maturity. Congratulations, Ca'Vana!

Xiclali (high school)- Xiclali has recently begun attending center regularly. She shows great diligence and dedication as she works to complete her assignments. In addition, her warm and friendly personality add life and creativity to our high school room. Congratulations, Xiclali!

Reflection

Greetings, all! The month of April has arrived, and spring is in full swing by now- the temperatures have risen, the flowers are blooming, and the greening of the grass provides a glimpse of brighter things to come! Many of us have been waiting for things to "open up" for about a year now- I am reminded of a quote I heard recently from the nineteenth-century thinker Ralph Waldo Emerson- "Adopt the pace of nature. Her secret is patience". In the last month, there has been more activity here at the center, with more students visiting us in our afterschool program. I couldn't be more delighted, for this gives me something to feel connected to. As humans, we all long to feel connected to others, and to know that we are a part of something- a family, a social group, a school community, or a religious organization. No matter what the case, however, it takes people to establish a connection, and the increase in our attendance fills me with thoughts of new life emerging. Take some time to reflect on some of the connections that give joy and meaning to your life. -Br. Johnathon Emanuelson, J23 staff

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John XXIII Center grateful for donations



John XXIII Educational Center aims to improve the lives of middle school and high school students in the Racine area, and we would not be able to do this without the generous support of our donors. In the last month, books, calculators, backpacks, and other supplies kept pouring into the center! These donations came as the result of a giving drive sponsored by S.C. Johnson, also one of the center's major funders. John XXIII Educational Center is most grateful to all of those who have supported us in our mission of accompanying students as they grow into life-long learners and leaders in society. Several of our high school students received a calculator, which amounts to around \$80 in value. In addition, popcorn was also donated, which helped greatly in the center's movie night on March 31. In the photo at left, students pose holding some of the items that were generously donated to the center. Thank you to all of our donors!

Center hours are: Mondays through Thursdays, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Register online at:
john23educenter.org**

We are in need of tutors for math and science! Contact the Center at (262) 898-7250