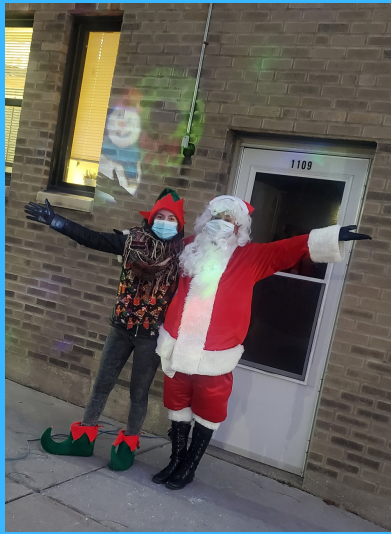


Holiday Joy at John XXIII!



The holiday spirit was alive and well at John XXIII Educational Center this year! On the evening of December 17, the Center was pleased to welcome "Santa" and his elf (left), who helped with a gift-giving event for families served by the Center. At right, two J23 middle school students contribute to the festive mood by decorating the Christmas tree near the entrance to the Center.



John XXIII Center is most grateful for our generous donors who helped make the holidays brighter for several of our families! Cathy and Joe Jaeger (left) delivered Christmas gift bags for J23 families from St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Union Grove and St. Mary's, Dover, on Dec. 10. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lauzon (center) dropped off Christmas gift bags, games and cleaning supplies from St. John the Baptist Parish in Paris and St. Francis Xavier Parish in Brighton. Ron Schumacher and Kerry Barr (right) of Barrington, IL dropped off gift boxes, which included food, clothing, and other gifts on Dec. 14. Thank you to all!

Reflection

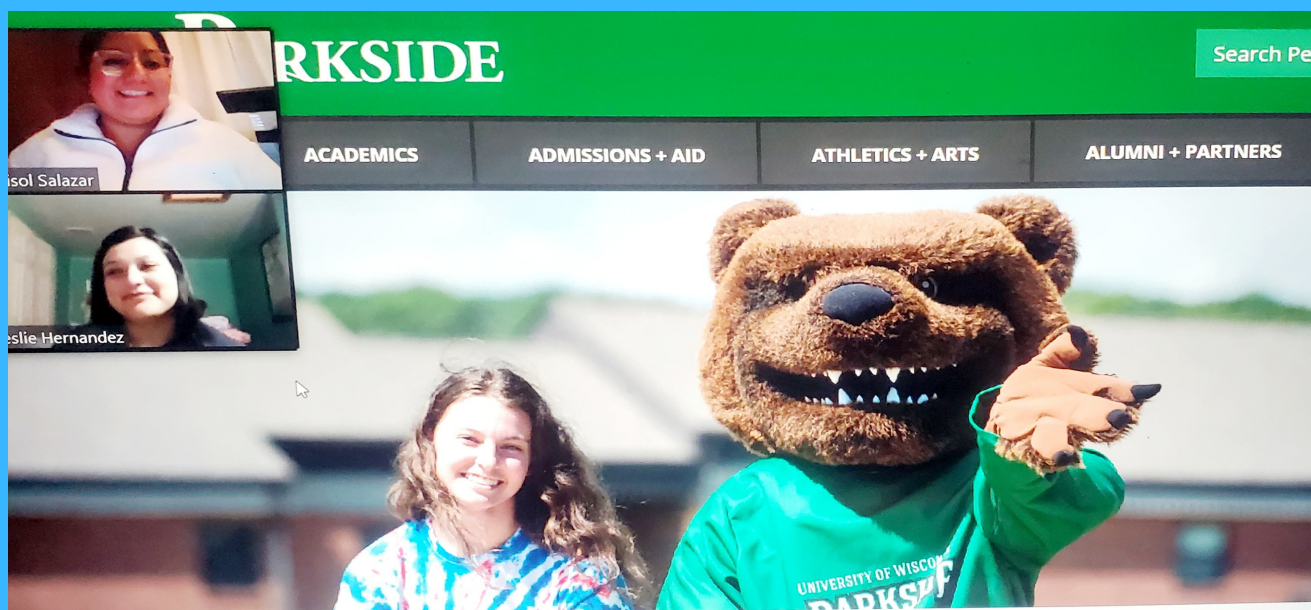
Happy New Year! So: how did your holiday season go? Doesn't it always seem like the Christmas holiday season always goes by so quickly, and here we are again, in January, at the start of this new year of 2021! I am happy that, despite the change to an all-virtual format, we were able to experience some holiday cheer here at John XXIII Center! I especially enjoyed the spirit of fellowship and warmth that we experienced at our staff Christmas gathering on December 18. This past Christmas season has been different for so many of us, but, rest assured, we walk the journey together as one! A new year is full of new beginnings and new possibilities, and, even though it is really not much more than the turning over of a new calendar page, it represents the opportunity to take stock of our lives, and to see areas in which we might be able to improve our own lives, and the lives of others. And, let us try to find ways in which we can celebrate the joy of Christmas throughout the whole year. -Br. Johnathon Emanuelson, J23 Center staff

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John XXIII Center to reopen on Jan. 19!



Ms. Mari tutors a high school student and gives her advice on college preparation.

In mid-December 2021, John XXIII Educational Center wrapped up an exciting fall semester by shifting to an all-virtual format due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff members arranged regular online meetings with students to help them learn, grow, and achieve during this exciting time. This allowed the Center to continue to serve students in need in the Racine area. Thank you to all of our dedicated staff members who went above and beyond to help the Center make this important transition! We are excited to announce that the Center will be reopening for in-person learning on Tuesday, January 19!

- 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

Students of the Month- December 2020

- **Fatima (middle school)-** Fatima is a responsible student who participates regularly in online tutoring. She is polite and has a positive attitude, and she shows up on time for all of her courses! Congratulations, Fatima!

- **Gustavo (high school)-** Gustavo has demonstrated a mature and positive attitude, and he regularly attends online tutoring at the Center. Gustavo discusses goals and priorities with his mentor before online tutoring! Congratulations, Gustavo!