

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST UPDATES AND NEWS FROM THE JOHN XXIII EDUCATIONAL CENTER

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## 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:**

Dec 12 No center night session

6:30-8:00 pm

Dec 20 Christmas Fiesta Celebration

6:00-8:00 pm

Dec 21 – Jan 2: Center is closed

## Juntos Workshop

The Juntos Program took place at Cristo Rey Hall over the course of five weeks. Juntos was offered to John 23<sup>rd</sup> and ACTS families by UW-Extension. The goal of the Juntos program is to provide families with information on how to guide their middle school student through their middle and high school career and towards higher education. The program provides an array of information and skills to help the families start and continue a successful educational path. Huge thanks to Sarah Hawks from UW-Extensions and to Eloy Contreras for offering this valuable course.

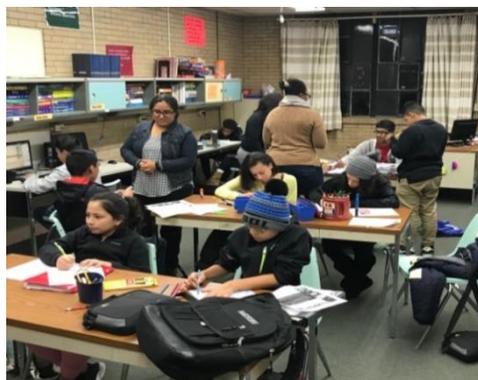


## United Way Community Conversation

United Way hosted a Community Conversation event at John 23rd Educational Center on November 9th. The Community Conversation was focused on hearing the youth's perspective on race and equity in the Racine community. Twelve students who attend John 23rd Educational Center signed up to be part of this conversation that was facilitated by MaryBeth Kallio from United Way. Students were able to share their experiences regarding race and equity, as well as provided suggestions on how to make the community a better place.



## Letters to Veterans



On November 9<sup>th</sup> the Middle and High School students participated in Thursday Theme Night. Sarah Oates (High School Coordinator) and Madison Caropino (Middle School Supervisor) decided to team up for the November 9th Thursday Theme Night in order to honor Veteran's Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The students worked on letters or drawings that would be sent to veterans thanking them for their service. Students were very enthusiastic about this activity, and many of them were able to write or draw more than one letter or picture. Overall, the night was a great success.

# Spotlights

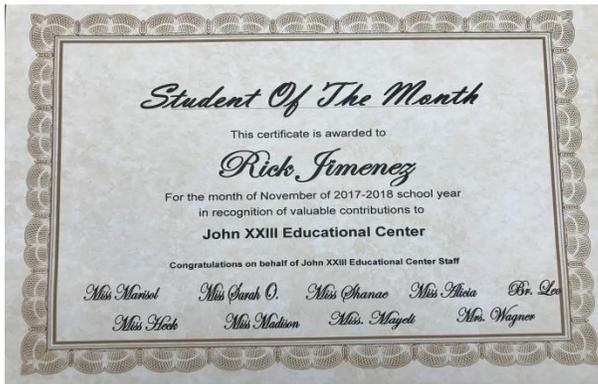
## High School Student of the Month

Agamdeep is a sophomore at Park High School. He has been attending the center for two years, and is actively involved in both school and the John 23rd Educational Center. Agamdeep is extremely hardworking, and reaches out for help on his homework. He brings a great attitude with him every time he attends the center, and is always willing to help others. Keep up the great work Agamdeep!



## Middle School Student of the Month

Congratulations Rick Jimenez! Rick has attended John XXIII regularly during the month of November, and he has shown major improvements in his understanding of math concepts. He comes to session ready to work, always gets his homework completed, and is enthusiastic about the educational activities. Keep up the great work Rick!



## Mentor and Mentee of the Month

This month's Mentor and Mentee are Rose Terry and Melissa Rivera. Rose Terry has been a mentor for many years. Her last mentee is graduating high school, and this year Rose is starting a new relationship with Melissa. After only a month and a half of working together, Rose has created positive ways for Melissa to be more social, confident, and work towards college opportunities. Rose is not only an encouraging mentor, but she is also a great volunteer at the center. From the beginning of our Fall Festival Spooktacular Event, Rose has helped decorate and participate every year. Rose is one loyal John XXIII member. Although she has been faced with difficulties, she always takes time to come to the center. She reminds us all that you can find positivity in the little things. Thank you Rose for another year of laughter volunteering at the center.



## Employee of the Month

Thank you Brother Leo! Brother Leo is our greeter at John XXIII, and every day he goes above and beyond to make sure that all of the children feel welcome. He has also volunteered on numerous occasions with events that have taken place at John XXIII. We appreciate you, Brother Leo, and your hard work does not go unnoticed.

