

John XXIII Center welcomes Liz Ruvalcaba to staff

John XXIII Educational Center is delighted to welcome Lizbeth Ruvalcaba to its staff. Liz assumes the position of High School Coordinator, and she replaces Marisol Salazar, who will be moving on after years of dedicated service to the center. Liz, a resident of Racine and a member of St. Patrick's Parish, is a 2006 graduate of San Juan Diego Middle School, which operated from 2002 to 2009 in the building which John XXIII Educational Center now occupies. Liz has two children ages nine and five, and she is currently a student at Gateway Technical College. Friendly and welcoming, Liz is dedicated to forming strong connections with the students and families of John XXIII Center. "My goal this year is to achieve all of the expectations of being the High School Coordinator of John XXIII Center," said Liz. "I am very excited and pleased to be a part of the staff."



John XXIII Center staff gears up for new academic year



After a summer filled with vacations, family time, and occasional work with students, the staff of John XXIII Educational Center is ready to begin the center's thirteenth year of serving the needs of students and families in the Racine area. Executive Director Br. Michael Kadow and Middle School and Outreach Coordinator Geraldine Bodi each return for their third year. Br. Johnathon Emanuelson and Diana Raucina are beginning their second year with the center, and Lizbeth Ruvalcaba joins the center's staff as High School Coordinator. All are looking forward to growing together as a staff and to meeting the needs of students in the 2021-2022 academic year!

Reflection

Welcome to a new school year! I hope the summer has been exciting and fulfilling for you! After the conclusion of a busy academic year, I always find it refreshing to step away from the ordinary and expected. Time with family, friends, learning and vacationing, all helped to make my summer of 2021 beyond memorable. But it is now time to jump into a new academic year, and I am hoping that this new year will be memorable and enjoyable for all of those who help to make John XXIII Educational Center an impactful ministry for the Racine area. There is no telling what this year will bring- unexpected things will happen, but our lives consist largely in how we respond to the unexpected. Remember to take things one day at a time, and make sure you are finding ways to enjoy the journey! *Br. Johnathon Emanuelson, J23 staff*

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Extended learning outreach programs shine during the summer



During the warm summer months, John XXIII Educational Center found ways to serve middle school students in Racine Unified School District's Extended Learning program. Meeting at Julian Thomas Elementary and Knapp Elementary during afternoons in July, staff member Geraldine Bodi led classes on mindfulness, which aims at promoting better focus and reducing anxiety and stress. Ms. Bodi was sometimes assisted by J23 staff member Br. Johnathon Emanuelson, and the sessions were well-received by students and faculty.

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