



Merry Christmas!

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By: Jack Soloman & Emma Petro

Editor's Page

Emma Petro(Main Editor)- Hey guys! I'm so glad you're back for another edition of the 2019-2020 LJHS Circuit Rider. It is Christmas season! See ya next in the New Year!

Jack Soloman(Assistant Editor)- Hey! It's me, Jack, I hope you guys are excited for the December edition of Circuit Rider. We have amazing pages full of fun and awesomeness. I hope you guys love the pages!

Carissa Sprinkel(Co.Assistant Editor)- Thank you for coming to read the December edition of the LJHS Circuit Rider. I hope you enjoy it. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

By: Emma Petro

Staff Page

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Mrs. Workman - Sponsor

Present Hunt

There are presents, just like the one below, hidden throughout this month's edition of Circuit Rider. The one below and other types of presents do not count. If you think you find them all, come to Mrs. Workman's room, room 314. The first three people to find all the presents will receive a prize. The winners last month were Dylan Gowin, Lauren Ewins, and Ryan Fruge.



By: Carissa Sprinkel

The Legend of Santa Claus

By: Jack Soloman

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends.



LJHS December Birthday Shout-Outs

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!!**

***From the LJHS
Circuit Rider Staff***

Emma Petro - December 2nd - 8th Grade

Adi Eads - December 6th - 6th Grade

Lexy Boyer - December 7th - 6th Grade

Karlee Allen - December 12th - 8th Grade

Tamari Pressoir - December 17th - 8th Grade

Brooke Anderson - December 17th - 8th Grade

Mr. Kavelman - December 21st - 8th Grade Science

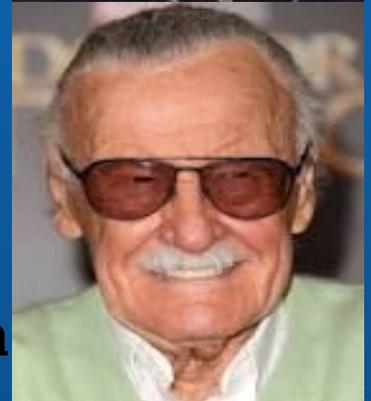
Brynley Laubenstein - 29th - 8th Grade

*By: Emma
Petro*

December Celebrity Birthdays

1. Sarah Silverman
2. Britney Spears
3. Ozzy Osbourne
4. Jay-Z
5. Frankie Muniz
6. Judd Apatow
7. Nicholas Hoult
8. Nicki Minaj
9. Simon Helberg
10. Bobby Flay
11. Hailee Steinfeld
12. Mayim Bialik
13. Taylor Swift
14. Offset
15. Ronnie Radke

16. Zara Larsson
17. Sarah Paulson
18. Billie Eilish
19. Jake Gyllenhaal
20. Jonah Hill
21. Samuel L. Jackson
22. Meghan Trainor
23. Finn Wolfhard
24. Louis Tomlinson
25. Annie Lennox
26. Jade Thirlwall
27. Hayley Williams
28. Stan Lee (RIP;())
29. Ross Lynch
30. LeBron James
31. Donna Summer (RIP)



Monthly Horoscope

What the signs will get for Christmas-

Capricorn- True love

Aquarius- A new puppy

Pices- A polaroid camera

Aries- A bathrobe

Taurus- New Books

Gemini- More makeup (girls)/ A hoverboard (guys)

Cancer- Airpods

Leo- The Bath and Body Works franchise

Virgo- X box 1 s

Libra- A new phone

Scorpio- Nothing

Sagitararius- No school forever



By Karlee Allen

Monthly Horoscope

THE SIGNS AS CHRISTMAS SONGS-

CAPRICORN- HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

AQUARIUS- TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

PISCES- IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

ARIES- WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

GEMINI- ROCKING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

CANCER- ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

LEO- SILVER BELLS

VIRGO- ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH

LIBRA- JOY TO THE WORLD

SCORPIO- GRANDMA GOT RUN OVER BY A REINDEER

SAGITTARIUS- CAROL OF THE BELLS

By Karlee Allen

Most Popular Christmas

By: Jack Soloman **Songs**



- 1. *Last Christmas - Wham***
- 2. *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year - Andy Williams***
- 3. *Let It Snow! - Bing Crosby***
- 4. *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Vince Guaraldi***
- 5. *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Pentatonix***
- 6. *Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer - Gene Autry***
- 7. *Jingle Bell Rock - Bobby Helms***
- 8. *Sleigh Ride - Ronettes***

Japanese Candy!

The candy from the pen pals have come! They brought us candy that came from Tokyo. They brought us rice crackers, Green Tea Kit Kat, Choco Pies, and Konpeito.



By: Sydney Loeffler

Popular Christmas Foods

- **Stuffing**
- **Ham**
- **Pecan Pie**
- **Eggnog**
- **Fruit Cake**



**By: Reece
Winebrinner**

December Memes Pt. 1

My dogs favorite toy is Santa, so we brought her to see him



single bells, single bells



single all the way...

**WRECK THE TREE AND
BLAME THE DOGGIES**



FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA!

(Turns on Christmas music)
"feliz navid-"



It's December 1st...

**AND WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES
MIDNIGHT, HALLOWEEN WILL END**

**THEN BAM CHRISTMAS
CAROLS EVERYWHERE**



December Memes Pt. 2



Younger me: "When I get older and get a job I am going to buy everybody in my family presents"

Me now:



Christmas Jokes

Q: What do elves learn at school?

A: The elf-abet!

Q: What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?

A: A cookie sheet!

Q: What do you call Santa when he stops moving?

A: Santa Paus!

Q: What do Snowmen call their offspring?

A: Chill-dren

Q: What is Jack Frost's favorite part of the school day?

A: Snow and Tell

Top Five Animals That Live in the Snow

1. Penguins
2. Seals
3. Polar Bears
4. Arctic Foxes
5. Snowshoe Hare

By: Carissa
Sprinkel



LJHS Circuit Riders Favorite Books

Mrs. Workman: To Kill A Mockingbird

Sydney: The Hunger Games

Jack: To Kill A Mockingbird

Carrissa: Harry Potter

Karlee: Shatter Me

Reece: 5 Feet Apart



Emma: Miss Peregrines Home of Peculiar Children

Jewel: Always and Forever, Lora Jean

Logan: Doesn't like reading

By: Reece
Winebrinner

Student Interviews

Ladies and gentlemen, this is no ordinary student interview, today we are interviewing none other than our madam president, Claire Duffer! Claire does a lot for our school and it's about time that we hear from her!

Question: What are you excited about for this year?

Claire: um... wow... uh I'm excited... well I'm excited to be president in general

Question: How do you feel about being president?

Claire: I love it

*Interview By
Karlee Allen*

What sports do you plan on doing this year?

Claire: Well, obviously poms and I'm on the fence about track.

What are your goals on being president?

Claire: What are my goals... um... I would.... well I would really like to make a change with the whole school. I would like to see more smiles on faces, and let them know that I want them here!

Is there anything else that you want to say to anybody?

Claire: Keep up the good work everyone! You are the bomb.com ;)

After interviewing Claire, let me say, she sounds like she is very excited to be our president and like she has a LOT of good things in store for this upcoming year!

Student Interviews

So guys, today on this lovely day of LJHS Circuit Rider we are interviewing one of our own. Not only is she on the LJHS Circuit Rider but she's also our LJHS Student Body Treasurer! Give a warm welcome for Reece Winebrinner!

Q: So as our Treasurer what do you do for our school?

Reece: I keep track of the money for student council events

Q: What are you excited about for this school year?

Reece: Um.. the chance to meet new people that I didn't talk to last year.

Q: What sports do you plan on doing?

Reece: I do cheerleading, but I might tryout for volleyball, I don't know yet.

Q:

By Karlee Allen

Christmas Movies to Watch with Family

1. **The Santa Clause**
2. **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**
3. **Frosty the Snowman**
4. **A Christmas Carol**
5. **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**



By: Carissa Sprinkel



Getting to Know the Staff:



Sydney Loeffler

Hello, I am Sydney. I am Mrs. Workman's granddaughter. just joined Circuit Rider, Mrs. Workman is allowing some 6th and 7th graders to join. I am Mrs. I am a member of the poms team, and I'm the poms competition team manager. I also play bass cheese and soprano clarinet. I love art and everything creative. Hope you like our newest issue.

Getting to Know the Staff: Jack Soloman

Hey y'all, it's me, Jack Soloman. I am in all three active bands, Jazz, Concert, and Pep. I am in Circuit Rider as the Assistant Editor. I am also in Speech, Student Council, and hope to be in the play and on the Scholastic Bowl team. Last year I was the lead in the play, (Maxwell Smart). I have two brothers and three cousins. I'm also a part time rapper under the alias of J-Money.

Getting to Know the Staff: Karlee Allen

Yo yo it's Karlee Allen... what's up... yea... As a lot of my friends know, I called our Spanish teacher loco, or crazy. I don't think I will ever live that down honestly. Ummm what do I put on this? Well, I live with my dad and my step mom who, btw, is pregnant with my new lil sister. She is my 8th sibling. Ummm... I'm in 8th grade... my friends tell me that I act like I'm in 5th grade tho.



Getting to Know Emma Petro

What is up ladies and gents?! Trick question, it is anything above the center of the earth. duh-dun-ch!

Ok, anyway, I am an eighth grader. I am also the Vice-President of the Student Council, main editor of the LJHS Circuit Rider, a member of Builders Club, Choir, Speech, and I play on the Girls Basketball Team and hope to be on the Volleyball team. I have four sisters and no brothers. Have a great day!

Getting to Know the Staff: Carissa Sprinkel

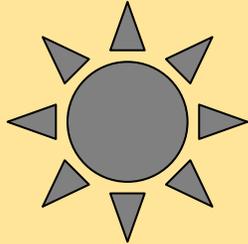
Hi, I'm Carissa. I'm in eighth grade. I have two dogs, two rabbits, and a cat. I'm in Spanish. I really like to read and write. I have a sister in fourth grade and a brother in second grade.

Getting to Know the Staff: Reece Winebrinner

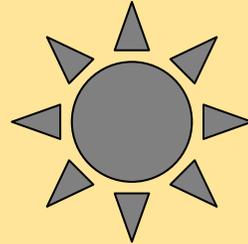
Hi, I'm Reece. I am the Student Council Treasurer. I just joined the LJHS Circuit Rider Staff. I am in Builder's Club, and I am also a cheerleader. I have a dog and a bearded dragon. I hope to have a great year in Circuit Rider.



GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF: JEWEL



MCDONNELL



Hey! I am Jewel! I just joined the LJHS Circuit Rider. Some cool things about me are that I am a cheerleader, I am in Builder's Club (shoutout to my bestie Mrs. Ramlow); I also do track. I am so excited for December because CHRISTMAS!! Christmas is the best holiday.



Getting to Know the Staff: Logan Pumfrey

Hey, I'm Logan Pumfrey! I am an 8th grader working in the Circuit Rider. I also participate in Choir, Play, Speech, and Scholastic Bowl. I got two older sisters. One is a senior, and the other is a sophomore. I like dancing and playing video games in my spare time. I'm also known as LoLo, the sidekick of J Money in our pop/rap duo J. Lo. See you soon and Merry Christmas!!!!!!!

Christmas Choir/Band Concert

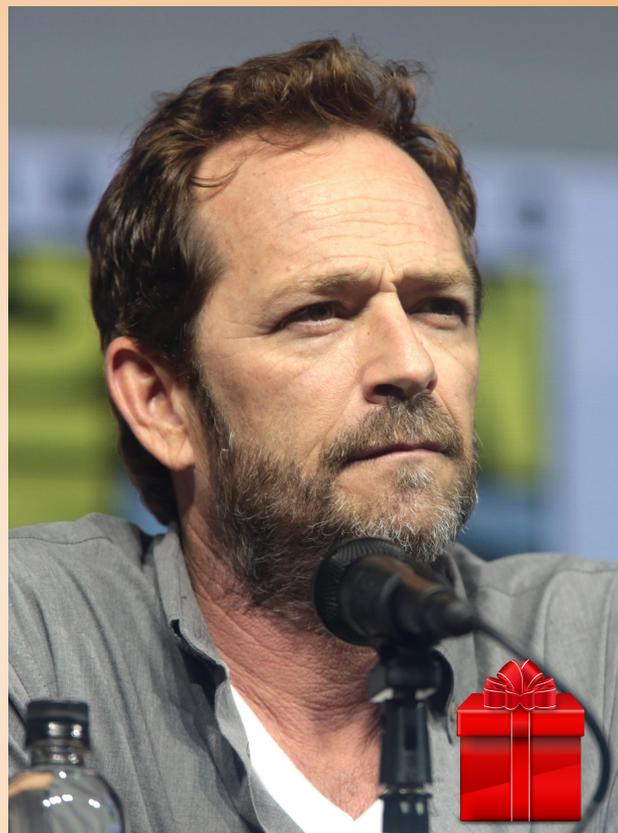
Do you love music? If so head on down to LJHS on December 10 for the Choir/Band Christmas Concert. Come see the choir perform Christmas songs like "The Holly and the Ivy" and "Various Themes on "Fa-La-La"", and regular classics like "Blue Skies" and "Firework." See the band perform Christmas songs like "All I Want For Christmas Is You" and "Santa Baby" and other non-Christmas song like "Fat Burger" and "Affirmation Overture"

By: Logan Pumfrey



R.I.P. Luke Perry

Luke Perry was an American Actor. He played on Beverly Hills, 90210 as Dylan Mckay. He also played as Fred Andrews on Riverdale. He was also a guest on many shows including Criminal Minds, The Simpsons, Law & Order: Special Victim Unit, and Will & Grace. Sadly, he died on March 4, 2019 from a massive stroke.



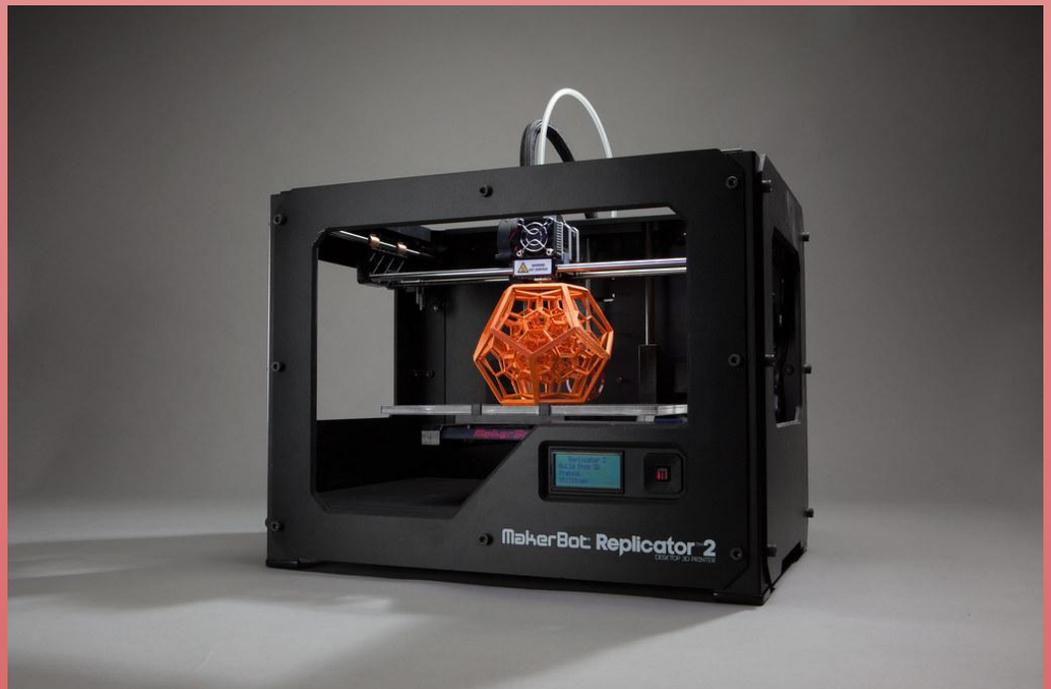
“We will forever miss you Luke Perry.”- Circuit Rider Staff

By: Emma Petro

3D Printer

Have you seen the 3D printer in the stem lab? I recently made a 3D printed hydro flask; it has hole in it, so I can drink out of it. Others have made demogorgons, DARTH Vader, and a pig. If you have time, you should definitely check it out.

By:
Sydney
Loeffler



Christmas Gifts for Middle Schoolers!



1. Hydroflask
2. AirPods
3. Hoodies
4. Crocs
5. iPhone 11
6. Fuzzy socks
7. Beats Headphones
8. Video Games
9. Fortnite vbucks
10. Gift Cards
11. Candy
12. Books



What are VSCO girls?

According to the slang dictionary VSCO girl is an insult to teens for using the VSCO app to edit their photos. Another site refers to VSCO girls as a lifestyle full of scrunchies, Birkenstocks, and oversized T-shirts. They say “Skksksk” a lot and also, “ And I oop.”



By: Sydney Loeffler

What Are E-Girls?

The term E-Girl is a slang term for young women, respectively, who are active Internet users, often stereotyped as emo styled. Anime and gaming fans are trying to get attention on social media.

Often wearing: Hearts on their face, dark clothes, chockers, and chains.



Top 7 Fun Christmas Activities!



1. Christmas Movies
2. Make Hot Chocolate
3. Decorate
4. Build a Gingerbread house
5. Play in the Snow
6. Bake Cookies
7. Shopping for Presents

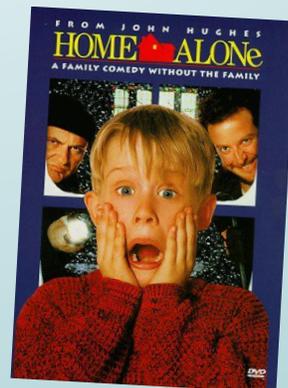
**By: Jewel
McDonnell**



Top 10 Christmas Movies



1. Elf
2. A Christmas Story
3. The Santa Claus
4. The Polar Express
5. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
6. Home Alone
7. The Holiday
8. A Christmas Carol
9. Miracle On 34th Street
10. Frosty the Snowman



By: Reece Winebrinner

Why **Christmas** is the **Best Holiday!**

So, all of you know Christmas is the best. Obviously. Christmas has everything that makes the holiday the best. There is a feeling for Christmas... not Halloween. Nobody likes Halloween. Christmas smells good, and it is so pretty when Christmas comes around! It is a fact that people are happier around Christmas time because they are filled with so much joy. Now that you know why Christmas is the best holiday, celebrate it very well, and have a merry Christmas!!

**By: Jewel
McDonnell**

Things to Look Forward to for 2020! 🎁

1. (Hopefully) New Year's resolutions
2. Not saying 2020
3. Cool technology
4. Aging up
5. 2020 Election
6. Graduation
7. Summer
8. Movies



2020 Movies!

Sonic the Hedgehog- Feb. 14, 2020



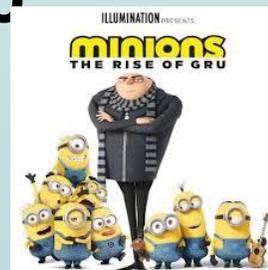
To All the Boys: PS I Still Love You- Feb. 12, 2020



Godzilla Vs. Kong- Mar. 13, 2020



Minions: The Rise of Gru- July 3, 2020



Fast and Furious 9- May 22, 2020



Onward- March 6, 2020



By: Reece Winebrinner

Christmas Recipes!!!

1. Christmas Reindeer Cupcakes - 9 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temp.
2. 3/4 cups whites sugar
3. 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
4. 2 eggs
5. 1 1/2 cups sifted self rising flour
6. 1/2 cup milk
7. Frosting - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter room temp
8. 1 tablespoon milk
9. 1 drop brown food coloring
10. Decoration - 6 Vanilla Wafers
11. 12 red jelly beans
12. 24 candy eyeballs
13. 24 chewy chocolate flavored candies
14. 24 pretzels



**By: Jack
Soloman**

- Baking - Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 12-cup muffin tin or line cups with paper liners.
- Combine 9 tablespoons butter, white sugar, and vanilla extract in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Add eggs one at a time and beat until well combined. Fold in half the flour and 1/4 cup milk and stir to combine. Repeat with remaining flour and milk. Spoon batter into the prepared muffin cups, filling each 3/4 full.
- Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 18 minutes.
- Remove tin from oven and cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Remove cupcakes from the tin and cool completely on a wire rack before decorating, about 1 hour.
- Combine confections' sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, and 1 tablespoon milk in a large bowl; beat with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Thin frosting with a little milk or water, if necessary. Add food coloring and stir until frosting is uniformly brown. Add more food coloring, 1 drop at a time, until frosting is the color you like.
- Spread a thin layer of frosting on top of each cupcake. Break vanilla cookies in half. Place a cookie half on each cupcake as a mouth. Use a bit of frosting to "glue" a jelly bean onto the cookie for Rudolph's red nose. Stick 2 candy eyeballs into each cupcake. Break off a piece from each pretzel so they look like antlers and stick 2 into the top of each cupcakes. Shape chewy candies into ears and stick 2 into the sides of each cupcake.

Competition

The Poms team and Cheer team have competition this winter from December to January. The Poms team and Cheer team have been working hard. Come cheer them on if you can!



By: Sydney
and Reece

Competition Dates

Poms:

Dunlap Dec. 12

Villa Grove Jan. 4

Charleston Jan. 11

Clinton Jan. 18

Mattoon Feb. 2

Highland Feb. 8

State:

Springfield Feb. 15

Cheerleading:

Peoria Dec. 21st

Edwardsville Dec. 22nd

ICCA State:

**Bank of Springfield Center
January 11-12**

Knoxville Jan. 19th

IESA State:

Peoria Civic Center



By: Sydney and Jewel

History/Geography Teacher Interview

By: Jack Soloman

Interviews - Mr. Lanning Be sure to stay tuned in for more teacher interviews

Question- Do you enjoy the subject you teach? And why?

L. Yes, I enjoy teaching US history, I have enjoyed US history since I was little. I love seeing where we got today.

Question- What is the highlight of your day at school?

L. 3rd hour, because its my favorite hour.



Question- What do you think about Christmas?

L. I enjoy Christmas and love spending time with family, and being able to take naps.

Question - What is your favorite thing to teach about and why?

L. The Civil War, its my favorite subject to teach.

3rd
Hour#1



Merry Christmas

Thank you for reading this edition of the LJHS Circuit Rider. We hope you enjoyed it, and we hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

