



2021 March Edition Of LJHS Circuit Rider

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Staff Page

**Sydney Loeffler - I
hope you enjoy our
edition of Circuit Rider
this month!**

**Reece Winebrinner-
Enjoy this month's
edition!**

**Karsi Lolling - Please
enjoy this month's
Circuit Rider**

Editor's Page

Sydney Loeffler (Editor) - Hey! I hope you enjoy this edition of Circuit Rider! We all work very hard on every edition of Circuit Rider.

Karsi Lolling - (Assistant Editor) - Hiya! Thanks for reading this edition of Circuit Rider! Happy St. Patty's Day!

Clover Hunt

For this month's edition of **Circuit Rider**, there will be a certain number of clover scattered throughout the newspaper. You can count them all and email/go see Mrs. Workman for a special prize. (not counting this clover.)



Book Review: *Tuck Everlasting*

Tuck Everlasting is a book about a young, curious girl, who ventures into her family's woods. There she meets a seemingly "young" boy named Jessie. Then, things start to escalate quickly, and before the little girl knows it, she is being taken away by Jessie and his family. I recommend this book to everyone and anyone. It's an amazing book, and you can learn a lot of life lessons from it.



Word Scramble

TIANS RATPCKIS YDA _____

HCRAM _____

UCYKL

ORKCHSMA _____

PREUANCHEL _____



Answers will be in next month's edition.

February's Word Scramble Answers

AETNSVLNIE AYD - VALENTINES
DAY

ERAYFBUR - FEBRUARY

PICUD - CUPID

ERHAT - HEART

OVEL - LOVE





Jokes!



Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May.

Q: How excited was the gardener about spring?

A: So excited he wet his plants!

Q: What do you get when two plants kiss?

A: Tulips!

Q: What did the tree say when spring came?

A: What a relief!

February Drawing Winner

The Drawing Winner of the Month:
Cynthia Flener



Writing Winner



A Valentine's Day Story By: Mckinley Knapp

I wrote out the names of my ten friends onto Post-it notes, carefully folding them in half and using the sticky side to seal them shut.

Not having a single hat in the house, she brought in a small basket to put them all in. The first person to come over is Kristen. I hold out the basket, and she takes one out, looks at the name and smiles.

“Don't tell,” I said. I was then getting ready to call the next person when Kristen had an idea.

She said, “Have you got anything planned for the weekend? I'm going to my mom's and dad's because it's my mom's birthday. She loves having her birthday just before Valentine's Day. She says getting lots of cards in the post makes her very popular.” I agreed to go with her, but nobody else could because they all had plans. Next up to draw was Levi. He drew the name, looked right at Kristen, then went and sat down on the sofa. Next up it was Triston, then Aniya, Alivia, Lyvia, Me, Trinity, Leslie, and Trisha. We all had a budget of \$15, so I went to Walmart got a box of chocolates and a stuffed animal.

Writing Winner Continued:

We all met up 2 days before Valentine's Day to do the trade. I pulled a name out, and it was Kristen's; she had gotten Triston. She got him a box of chocolates and a \$10 car race certificate.

Next, Triston went, and he got Aniya chocolate and a rose. Next was Aniya, then so on. Finally, it was my turn. I had gotten Trisha. I gave her a gift and sat down.

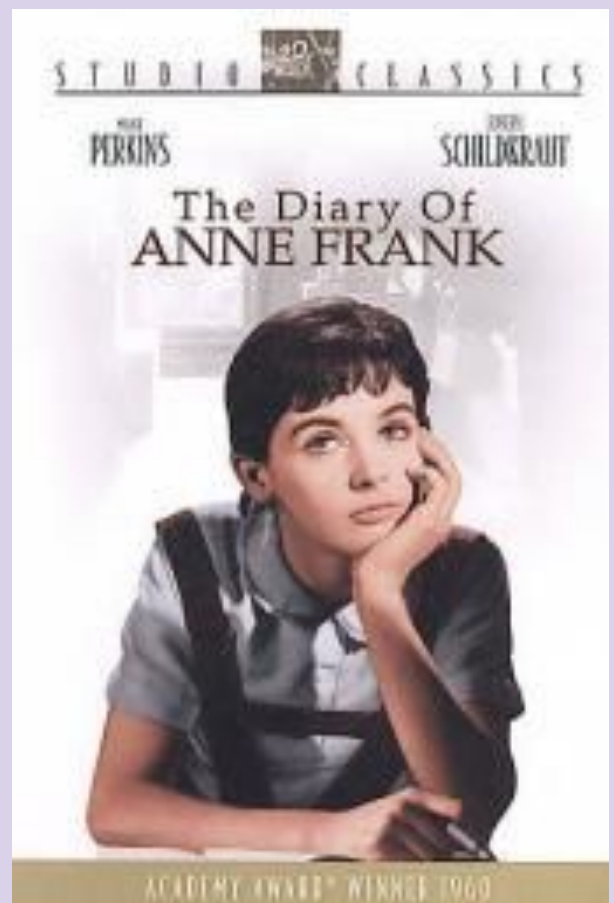
Leslie had gotten me 2 roses and some chocolate. We all decided that it would be a nice idea to go surprise the nurses with some stuff, so we spent around \$100 on stuff like chocolate, roses, stuffed animals, gift cards, and a couple other things. We took them there, and they all said thank you. We went home and hung out until someone pointed out another gift. "It isn't mine," said everyone.

"Look, Makinley, it has your name on it," said Aniya. I went over and opened it. It... Was... A... Bomb... It turned out to be from our worst enemy, _____. This was the Secret Valentine that changed our day.

Hey, but always keep a POSITIVE ATTITUDE, no matter what!!!!!!!

Movie Review: *The Diary of Anne Frank*

In 8th grade Language arts, we learned about the Holocaust, and we read a play based on the Diary of Anne Frank Movie. After we read the entire play, we watched the movie. I really liked the movie because it was a reenactment of what happened to Anne Frank during her life in the secret annex she hid in with her family. I recommend watching this movie, but if you decide not to watch it now, you will still see it in eighth grade.





The Death Penalty

Do you believe that the death penalty should be a form of punishment? If you don't know what that is, it is a punishment by death for those who commit murder and other heinous crimes. Lots of serial killers have received the death penalty, along with other who have taken human lives. Some people disagree with the death penalty, saying that it is wrong and that everyone deserves a life. Other agree with the death penalty, they say that it is a fair punishment. for those who take lives. There is not a wrong or right answer to the question, "Should the death penalty be a form of punishment?" because everyone has different beliefs and views. It is all up to you if you agree or disagree with it.

Live Or Die

By Evan Crawford

What is the appropriate punishment? The death penalty, also called capital punishment, is when a government or state puts a person to death because they've committed a serious crime. Some people believe that the right to life is unalienable, and it should be protected. Others believe that criminals gave up their right to life when they took the life of another person. I am in favor of the death penalty because there could be a tendency of some criminals of heinous crimes refusing to admit their crime and accept rehabilitation, it deters criminals from committing serious crimes, and the victims' families need justice and closure for the crime.

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Death Penalty Argument Continued..

These criminals living the rest of their life in prison, with no chance of parole, are a drain on society. According to the article by Paul Goodman, "Pros and Cons of the Death Penalty," "the idea put forth by abolitionists that it costs more to execute someone than imprison them for life is simply not true, and there is plenty of evidence to show this." If the criminal is going to continue committing serious crimes, then we should not be paying for them to live in prison. The money spent on these prisoners could be used to help deter crimes in the first place. This is just one reason why I am for capital punishment for criminals who refuse to admit guilt and get rehabilitation. The death penalty should be used when criminals refuse to admit guilt or accept rehabilitation, deterring criminals from committing serious crimes, and giving the victims' families justice and closure. I believe the death penalty should be used on criminals who commit heinous crimes, especially when they refuse to admit guilt, do not seek rehabilitation; they should not be given a life sentence.

The death penalty should be used as a deterrent for criminals and save countless numbers of lives. Victim's families need justice and closure even if that means the death of the assailant or murderer. I feel that using the death penalty with criminals in denial, deterring criminals from committing crimes, and justice and closure for the victims' family is an acceptable punishment, and it should be considered in all cases that involve the taking of another person's life.

Judge William Workman Talking about The Death Penalty.

Click [here](#) if the video below doesn't play.



Should The Death Penalty be used in 2021?

By Piper Graber

Capital Punishment, or better known as the death penalty, is a very controversial topic. While some states have made a move to end the death penalty, a majority of states still have it. Many agree with the death penalty and want to keep it, but many people oppose the death penalty, and are fighting to abolish it in favor of more reformatory systems. The death penalty is explained as a consequence for the most heinous crimes, like first degree murder, but that begs the question, isn't killing them a heinous crime as well? In article 2, a talking point for the cons of the death penalty is the death penalty continuing the cycle of violence. It states that, "Retribution is just another word for revenge-- it is essentially just a form of the flawed thinking that two wrongs can make a right..." They also said that people for the death penalty think killing people is wrong, and that's why they like the death penalty, but then turn around and kill someone. I believe that capital punishment, or the death penalty, is cruel and unusual punishment and should be abolished in all states, along with reformatory systems being put into place.

I believe that the death penalty is outdated and cruel. The death penalty and life in prison ultimately serve the same purpose, which is removing very dangerous figures from society; life in prison does not have the chance for an irresistible side effect like death, and this therefore better. According to article 2, life in prison is also a better choice because while it is less cruel, it can be more of a punishment because the person has to sit in a tiny cell and think about what they did. They also have a long time to be punished for their crimes, instead of taking what is sometimes called "the easy way out," and be killed by the death penalty.

Should The Death Penalty be used in 2021? continued...

They also have a long time to be punished for their crimes, instead of taking what is sometimes called “the easy way out,” and be killed by the death penalty. Instead of killing someone for what crimes they have committed, the United States justice system should focus on being more reformatory and make inmates think about what they did for the rest of their life and learn from their crimes to become better people even though they’ll never get out of prison. In conclusion, the death penalty is not the only option we are presented to rid society of dangerous people, and we should focus on trying to reform inmates, not kill them.

In conclusion, the death penalty is an extremely cruel and biased method of punishment, not to mention archaic. Murdering someone because they killed someone else is hypocritical and morally incorrect. As I stated earlier, life in prison carries the effect on society of being less cruel and not unnecessary. Rather than letting murderers never get actually and truly punished for their crimes, life in prison brings the crime to light in the inmate’s mind and makes them think about what they did to be in a 6 x 8 cell for the rest of their life. Also, the death penalty or Capital Punishment is extremely expensive; spending copious amounts of money on something that isn’t morally correct to many people is wasteful of resources and time. In my eyes, the death penalty is cruel, biased, and too expensive. In the end, I disagree completely with the death penalty because it has room for error, and people that have been on death row for crimes that seemed like a big deal when they were incarcerated and aren’t really a big deal now could get them killed for a small and insignificant reason.

Should The Death Penalty be used in 2021? continued...

In the end, murdering someone is wrong in the eyes of mostly everyone, so why do we let states and the government kill people? Life is sacred, and even if you took a life, it doesn't mean that your's should be taken as well. Thus, the death penalty should be abolished and we should not let the justice system use this as a form of punishment when there are better options like life in prison and reformative systems.

Are you for or against the death penalty?

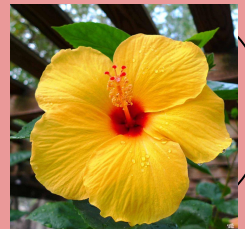


Staff's Favorite Flowers!

Daisies-Reece



Hibiscus -
Sydney



Orchids -
Karsi



The Origins of St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17, is an anniversary of the death of Saint Patrick. St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday for Irish people. Saint Patrick was kidnapped when he was 16 and brought to Ireland to become a slave. He escaped from slavery, but he returned to Ireland to spread around his religion of Christianity.



The Promised Neverland - A show review, with Karsi!

The Promised Neverland follows the main characters Emma, Norman, and Ray. The three of them are long time friends who have been raised in the same orphanage together, with the rest of their makeshift family. However, after one of their 'siblings' gets adopted, a horrible secret is revealed, and everything changes for them.

Why You Should Watch It - As someone who watches a lot of T.V., I really enjoy this show. It's got all the best factors. There's humour, a little bit of a scare, some heart--wrenching moments. It's really worth the watch.



A stylized illustration of a pink flower with a green stem and leaves. The flower has five petals and a dark pink center. The stem is green and has two large green leaves. The background is white with a light pink border on the left and right sides.

Don't forget!
Spring starts
Saturday,
March 20!

Fun Spring Colors



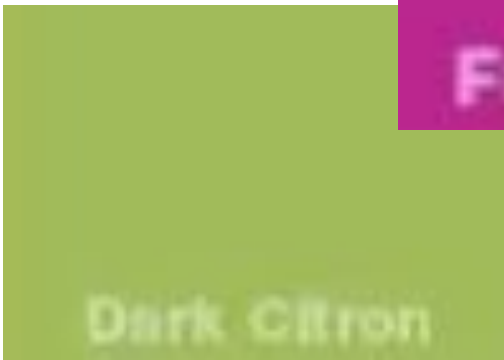
Faded Denim



Orange Peel



Fuchsia Red



Dark Citron



Vibrant Green



Coral Pink



Lucite Green

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