

# March 2022 Edition of the LJHS Circuit Rider



*Happy*  
*St. Patrick's Day!*

# Editor's Page

(Reyli Sanchez)Editor- Hello, LJHS. This issue was fun to make, and we put in a lot of effort. Have a lucky month.

(Violet Loeffler)Assistant Editor- Happy St. Patrick's Day, LJHS! We hope you enjoy this issue. The staff worked hard to make it! Check out page 10 for essays about the death penalty.

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# Find the Leprechaun!

For this month's issue of Circuit Rider, find the leprechaun! When you think you have found them all, go to Mrs. Workman's class, Room 314, with your guess!



This one does NOT count and neither does the one first page one.



# Staff B-days

Kyle Marten - March 3rd

Kelsey Marten - March 3rd

Violet Loeffler - March 3rd



# IAR Test Taking Strategies

**These are strategies that can help you take your IAR test this March.**

## 1. Chunking Strategy:

- a. Read a few of your questions on your passage. Afterwards, read to a stopping point you find in the reading. Turn back to your questions and answer them accordingly. Now, repeat the process until the questions are all answered.

## 2. Prove-It Strategy

- a. Sometimes questions on the IAR tests have multiple answers that you may think are correct. When this happens, start the Prove It Strategy. With your answer choices in mind, go back and reread the passage. As you read, highlight the answer and proof to find the correct answer.

## 3. Personal Knowledge Strategy

- a. Use your prior vocabulary knowledge to help you answer difficult questions.



# IAR Test Taking Strategies

## 1. Return Strategy

- a. When taking these tests, there is a bookmark option. If there is a question that you aren't sure about, bookmark it. At the end of your test, return to the bookmarked questions and answer.

## 2. Discriminator Strategy

- a. There are four possible answers for the questions on your test. One choice is obviously not correct. Another answer is relevant but doesn't answer the question. The last two are the correct answer and the weaker incorrect answer. Use the Prove It Strategy to find the correct one.

## 3. Use It Writing Strategy

- a. When you start to write your essay for the IAR test, follow this rubric. Introduction: Attention getter, Background, Thesis; Body paragraphs = 3 Topic sentence that restates the thesis/ prompt, specific evidence from the text, discussion of the evidence that proves the thesis, and conclusion sentence that restates thesis. Conclusion: Restate thesis in a different way, summary of evidence, and strong, final statement

# March Fun Holidays!

- World Wildlife Day
- National Cereal Day
- International Women's Day
- Johnny Appleseed Day
- World Water Day
- National Dentist's Day

# Staff's Favorite Childhood Toys

Kaylee-



Paycen-



Mckinlee-



Emery-

Kyleigh-



# Favorite Toys Pg. 2

Kelsey-



Kyle-



Reyli-



Violet-



Lexie-



# WHY ARE CHILDHOOD SHOWS CHANGING?

Do you remember all of the wonderful and fun kids shows we watched like Mickey Mouse Clubhouse and Blues Clues?

**WELL THEY HAVE BEEN CHANGED!**

The we just got a letter song has been changed to we just got a email! **WHO**

**LIKES EMAILS?!?** Mickey Mouse

Clubhouse is now called Mickey Mouse

Funhouse! **WHAT THE HECK?!?** There

is no longer the hotdog song and Toddles

is a house. Why do you think that these

are changing? I think they are changing

because people are over thinking the

shows concepts. We need to stop over

thinking these kids shows and just enjoy

their childlike wonder. Thank you for

reading my TED talk.



# Spring Dance!

The Spring Dance is March, 25.

The theme is March Madness wear your favorite sports jersey! Picture -  
Courtesy of Miley Hurley



# Judge Workman Talking About The Death Penalty

Click [here](#) to watch!



Argumentative essays on the death penalty written on next page by 8th grade students.



# Death Penalty Essay

## #1

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### The Death Penalty

Did you know that a University of Minnesota study showed that only 2.5% of victim's families find closure in watching their assailant die? The death penalty is a form of punishment for awful criminals with methods varying from lethal injection to death by fire. Using the death penalty as a form of punishment for heinous crimes has been a very controversial topic for many years. Many people are strongly against or for the death penalty being used. I do not believe that the death penalty is a suitable punishment for any felony.

The death penalty, also known as capital punishment, is an unfair consequence with easy alternatives. **Obviously, there are many changes we as a society need to make the world a less morbid place; therefore, I believe the death penalty should be abolished.** Capital punishment is a very inhuman way to handle criminals in society. A life sentence in prison without parole is a great

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## #1

example of an alternative. A life sentence without parole would mean that the criminal would live out the rest of their lives in a prison cell. In an article I read called “The Pros and Cons of the Death Penalty”, it states that being sentenced to life allows the prisoners to feel guilty and look back at what they did. Prison can make them change themselves into more of a normal citizen than a criminal. Life sentences also completely eliminate the chance of executing an innocent person. According to another article I have read “Pro/Con: Should We Keep the Death Penalty?”, a study done by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences showed that at least 4.1% of all criminals sentenced to death in the US were actually innocent. The justice system is bound to make mistakes, and using life in prison will make those mistakes less fatal. In conclusion, the world should stop treating fire with fire and abolish capital punishment.

**Death rows prisoners are mostly made up of colored and disadvantaged people; therefore, I argue capital punishment is a cruel act that needs to be taken away.** The article “Pro/Con: Should We Keep the Death Penalty?” states, “because socioeconomically disadvantaged people cannot afford top lawyers, they receive subpar legal representation and therefore also overrepresented on death row.” If a homeless person is taken to court for wrongdoing, they are more likely to be sentenced to death than

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## #1

a socially wealthy person. If wealth and prosperity decide whether someone should be sentenced to death or not, capital punishment should be abandoned. Some people might say that without the death penalty, families would have to live knowing that the person who killed their loved one was still out there; however, this does not make sense because the person would have been put into prison for the rest of their lives. Prison is a place for criminals to feel overwhelming guilt, which could cause a family more closure than knowing someone died because their loved one did. In conclusion, the death penalty needs to be made illegal because of the discrimination within the justice system and it bringing no closure to families.

I believe the death penalty should be completely taken away from all places in the world, and this is because the money it costs to put someone to death could go to something more worthwhile. In an article I read, it stated, “The legal process can take decades, causing the death penalty to cost at least 18 times as much as a sentence to life without parole would cost.” Money that taxpayers are spending should go to a more constructive and positive cause. Would you like to figure out that your tax money went to killing another human? Furthermore, children and the future of society should be where more money goes. A death penalty case costs an average of \$2.4 million. Instead of wasting millions of dollars on killing a human being, we should build better education, healthcare, and overall a better

# Death Penalty Essay

## #1

society as a whole. All in all, capital punishment is an overexpensive consequence that wastes money for no reason.

After looking at all of this information, it is clear that capital punishment should be left in the past with other unhelpful ideologies. It is extremely expensive, targets poorer people, and is not helpful when we can use a non-violent method instead. There is no reason that in the times we are in now that we cannot look in other directions away from the death penalty. The death penalty cannot continue being used unless you want a discriminatory world for our future to grow up in.

# Death Penalty Essay

## #2

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Mrs. Workman  
8th grade Language Arts  
1/31/22

### The Death Penalty is a Fair Punishment

Do you believe that we should keep the death penalty? The article “Should We Keep the Death Penalty?” states that the right to live is unalienable; however, people that murder take that right away. I believe that the death penalty is a fair and adequate punishment for the most heinous crimes.

The death penalty is a fair punishment for the worst crimes. The death penalty acts as a deterrent in states that have it. For example, Nebraska, where the death penalty is a punishment for murder, had 69 murders in 2021 compared to New York, who does not have the death penalty, had a whopping 1,485 murders in 2021 according to Google. Although New York has a larger population, I would argue that if we keep the death penalty in our government system, there would be less murder. This proves that the death penalty is a deterrent for murder. I believe that the death penalty should be kept in all states.

Capital punishment is a good punishment for murder. Capital punishment is a cost effective way of punishing criminals who commit horrible crimes. It is cost effective versus life in prison because

# Death Penalty Essay

## #2

taking care of them the entire rest of their life costs more money, and guess who's money they're spending, ours the money we pay in taxes! People against the death penalty say that the 24 million dollars it costs for all of the appeals is too expensive; however, life in prison on average costs 33 million dollars which costs more than death row. The death penalty is a good punishment for people that choose to commit the most heinous crimes.

People that commit the worse crimes deserve the death penalty. The death penalty is a quick and painless way to deal with these criminals. The article "Pros and Cons of the Death Penalty" states that the people getting the lethal injection feel no pain and that it just kills them. This is a humane punishment because they won't feel any pain; however, if we were to torture them like people say prison feels then it wouldn't be very good. The death penalty is a humane way to punish murderers.

The death penalty is a good way too punish horrible criminals. The death penalty is a humane, cost effective, and very good deterrent for murderers. I strongly believe that the death penalty is a fair punishment.

# Jokes

What is a leprechaun's favorite type of music? Sham-rock 'n' roll

Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun? Because they're always a little short

Why don't you iron four-leaf clovers? Because you don't want to press your luck

Why did the leprechaun climb over the rainbow? To get to the other side



# Inspirational Quotes for IAR

1. “Trust yourself, you know more than you think you do.”(Benjamin Spock)
2. “Success doesn't come to you go to it.” (Marva Collins)
3. “There is no substitute for hard work.”(Thomas Edison)

# Inspirational Quotes for IAR Part 2



4. “Nothing is impossible. The word itself says ‘I’m Possible”  
-Audrey Hepburn

5. “You may be disappointed if you fail, but you’ll be doomed if you don’t try.” - Beverly Sills

6. “You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.” - Zig Ziglar



# How to Make Saint Patrick's Day Cake Pops

## Ingredients

1.  $\frac{1}{4}$  white cake (such as a box cake), cooked
2. 2 TBSP cream cheese frosting, soft
3. 8 oz candy melts, green
4. 10 count 6 – inch cookie sticks
5. 10 gold coins
6. 3 TBSP white sprinkles

# How to Make Saint Patrick's Day Cake Pops Directions

1. In a large bowl, crumble your cake.
2. Add in your cream cheese frosting. Mix well with a hand mixer, spoon, or stand mixer.
3. Divide your cake into 10 sections. With the palm of your hand, round out each portion into a ball shape.
4. Place your cake pops on a sheet pan or plate, and place them in the freezer for 15 minutes.
5. While your cake pops are in the freezer, place all of your candy melts in a medium-sized bowl or coffee mug. Microwave for 30 second intervals until completely melted.
6. Remove the cake pops from the freezer.
7. Place your cookie stick in the candy melt, then the cake pop. Then add your cake pop to the candy melts. Coat the pop completely with the melt. On the side of the bowl, tap it gently with the stick removing any excess chocolate from the cake pop to create a smooth finish.

# St. Patrick's Day Facts

1. The Real St. Patrick was born in Britain.
2. Leprechauns are likely based off of Celtic Fairies.
3. The Shamrock was considered a sacred plant.
4. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in America.

To read about these more, click [here.](#)



# Movie Review



*The Batman* is a very good movie. It has detective work and an original take on Batman. The role was made for Robert Pattinson. He played his role very well. While watching the movie, I felt that this was the Batman movie. If you haven't seen it yet, I highly recommend watching it.

# March Flower of the Month

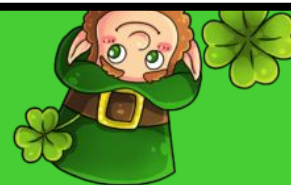
## MARCH FLOWERS OF THE MONTH



**Jonquil**



**Daffodil**





# Calendar of Events

Mar. 2, 1:45 Dismissal

Mar. 11, End of Third Nine Weeks

Mar. 18, Report Cards

Mar. 22, LJHS Third Qrt. Honors  
Assembly

Mar. 25, LJHS Spring Dance 6-8 PM

Apr. 1, LJHS School Play 7 PM

Apr. 2, LJHS School play 7 PM

Apr. 6, 1:45 Dismissal

Apr. 8, 1:45 Dismissal

Apr. 11-15, Spring Break

# Word Scramble

Answers will be in the next issue!

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ARHCM \_\_\_\_\_

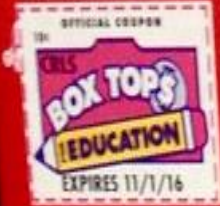
OLDG \_\_\_\_\_

GEREN \_\_\_\_\_



PER 3/4 CUP SERVING

<b>110</b> CALORIES	<b>0g</b> SAT FAT 0% DV	<b>170mg</b> SODIUM 7% DV	<b>10g</b> SUGARS
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SEE BOTTOM PANEL FOR "COLLECT" INFORMATION

FROSTED TOASTED OAT CEREAL WITH MARSHMALLOWS

# Lucky Charms



10g SUGARS

FROSTED TOASTED OAT CEREAL WITH MARSHMALLOWS



to collect