

The Jackson Journal



The student newspaper of Luther Jackson Middle School

Introducing Our New Principal, Mr. Magliola

By Kristin Phan

This year at Luther Jackson Middle School, we welcomed a new principal, Mr. Michael Magliola. He came to LJ from Sacramento, California. Before starting his job here, Mr. Magliola worked at Winston Churchill Middle School as an assistant principal.

I asked Mr. Magliola how he has been enjoying his time here at LJ so far. He said, "I really enjoy working with such dedicated teachers. The students here are incredible." Mr. Magliola tries to help people as best as he can and enjoys interacting with the school community.

Luther Jackson is very different from Mr. Magliola's old school. Since we have more people, our school is bigger and has more lunches. We also have a different bell schedule. "I'm still learn-

ing and trying to understand all the pieces of Luther Jackson," he said.

Our new principal hopes he was nice in middle school and recalled that he needed help. He appreciated having so many teachers and adults around him growing up. They gave him the support and guidance he needed. "I really enjoyed school when I was younger," said Mr. Magliola.

I wanted to see what new students thought of Mr. Magliola so far. Here is what a few had to say! "I appreciate how Mr. Magliola stands in the hallways when we are switching periods to direct students to their class. It helps reduce the traffic jams," said one student. Multiple teachers that were interviewed thought that Mr. Magliola would be a good change

for the school. They think that he could positively influence students as well as teachers.

I also asked him a little about his life outside of school. "I love playing tennis and just being outside with my family," responded Mr. Magliola. He enjoys different types of foods and supports many sports teams like the Denver Broncos, the Sacramento Kings, and the Oakland A's. He has traveled to many different locations around the world like Patagonia (a populated region in Chile), Canada, and South Korea. He has also been to multiple countries in Europe such as Italy and Spain. Mr. Magliola hopes that this will help students learn more about his life.

Welcome to Luther Jackson, Mr. Magliola!



"I really enjoy working with such dedicated teachers. The students here are incredible."

Four Reasons to Join the After School Program

By Liam Arnold

Luther Jackson has an after-school program for students. This is an opportunity for students to occupy time after school when classes have finished. Students who stay can take one of the 13 late buses home, or they can be picked up by a parent. There are many reasons why you should join the after-school program; here are a few:

Reason #1- Math Counts
Math Counts is an after-school activity in which students participate in a math competition against other local middle schools. Students must qualify to

compete in Math Counts, which meets on Thursdays during both sessions in 601.

Reason #2- TSA
TSA is a program that tests your math, engineering, computer, and science skills. You don't have to be in the engineering class to join. In the TSA club, you can put things together or disassemble them. TSA meets Thursdays during both sessions in 418.

Reason #3 Drama Club
LJ has a drama club that performs one play every semester. Students can

either act in the play or work on the crew. Drama club meets every day after school for both sessions in rooms 419, 420, or the auditorium.

Reason #4 LJ's after-school specialist!
Mr. Matthew Hoffert is the after-school program specialist. He was a high school football coach before coming to LJ. He has a 2-year-old son.

If you want to join the after-school program, don't hesitate! Sign up for any after-school activity.

Inside this issue:

Student Guide to Impeachment	2
Global Warming	2
Movie Updates	3
iPhone 11	4
Meet Dr. Woods	5
Meet Ms. Larracey	6
Sports: Year in Review	7
Upcoming Video Games	8

Student Guide to Impeachment

By Kyle Morrison

We've all heard the term impeachment in the news, but does everyone really understand what it means? While it is hard to know what to think, believe, or expect, I hope that this article will help you understand the history of this political term.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, impeachment is defined as "the process by which the lower house of a legislature brings charges against a civil officer of government for crimes alleged to have been committed, analogous to the bringing of an indictment by a grand jury. The impeached official remains in office until a trial is held."

To a lot of people, this may seem like a lot to understand, so I will

break it down.

The first bit about a "lower house of a legislature" means when a congressman or other politician in a less powerful position than the accused brings charges against "a civil officer of the government." This can refer not only to a president but also a senator, the Speaker of the House, and several other positions. The second bit, "...analogous to the bringing of an indictment by a grand jury ..." means that impeachment trials proceed like a grand jury. According to "FindLaw," an online law resource, a grand jury proceeding is when "...lawyers present evidence, and a jury decides if the evidence is enough to bring the defendant [the president, senator,

etc.] to a more formal trial that may or may not find them guilty." Until an impeachment trial is held, the accused remains in the elected office.

Now, let's expand on the impeachment process. According to Politico, an American political journalism company, the first step in impeachment is a Congressional investigation. This is typically done by the House Judiciary Committee. After that, the House of Representatives must pass articles of impeachment by a simple majority. If this occurs, the president is "impeached" but remains in office. The final step of the impeachment is that the Senate tries the accused. The Chief Justice of the United States, the

person in charge of the Supreme Court, presides over the trial. If the Senate votes two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority as guilty, the accused is removed from office.

According to the US Office of the Historian, "The House has initiated impeachment proceedings more than 60 times, but fewer than a third have led to full impeachments. ...two Presidents (Andrew Johnson in 1868 and William Jefferson [Bill] Clinton in 1998); a cabinet secretary, William Belknap, in 1876; and a U.S. Senator, William Blount of North Carolina in 1797, have been impeached."

The Destruction of Our World

By Drew McKeen

Everyone talks about global warming; it is probably the biggest issue the human race has ever faced. But many people don't really know what it is. Global warming, more correctly referred to as climate change, is the warming of our planet caused by the release of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) and other greenhouse gases and pollutants into the air. These gases collect in the atmosphere and absorb the heat, sunlight, and solar radiation that bounce off the earth. The radiation normally can escape, but the gases trap it in, and it then heats the earth. These greenhouse gases also burn holes through the ozone layer, which is designed to protect against the sun's strongest rays. Without this protection, the solar radiation coming in is more intense and warms Earth even further. This heating is called the greenhouse effect.

Over the past 50 years, the average global temperature has risen faster and gotten hotter than ever before. Of the 134

years that NASA's has recorded the temperature, 15 of the 16 warmest have occurred since 2000. This trend will continue unless serious action is taken.

Another serious issue related to climate change is deforestation. Trees take in CO₂ and turn it into oxygen. This lowers the amount of CO₂ and, in turn, slows and stops climate change. The Amazon Rainforest, which took in substantial amounts of CO₂, is rapidly being cut down. This destruction will lead not only to higher CO₂ levels, but also, the extinction of a variety of organisms and species.

Some of the other impacts of climate change have already begun. It destroys ecosystems, habitats. It has already begun melting the ice caps and raised the sea level. On top of these catastrophic changes, other impacts include longer and more intense heat waves, droughts, heavier rainfall, and stronger hurricanes. Scientists proved a recent drought in California had been intensified by 15 to 20% due to climate

change.

Since climate change warms the water as well as the air, there has been a sharp rise in the number and intensity of hurricanes because hurricanes and tropical storms stem from warm water. Recently, there have been a number of destructive fires, particularly on the west coast, that can be partially linked to this historic warming.

The polar ice caps have also been affected. Glaciers are home to many different animals. When the ice melts, it destroys their homes. Additionally, the ice offers protection to the water below, and when that ice melts, the water is exposed. Then, that water gets warmer, which leads to aquatic ecosystems being destroyed. All of this melting ice raises the sea level, which has disastrous effects on our world. Antarctica has been losing about 134 billion metric tons of ice each year. At the current rate, the sea level will have risen between 0.3 and 1 meter by 2100, which is disastrous for coastal cities and are-

as.

So, how does this affect you? This challenge is one that the whole world must face together. It is ruining lives and destroying ecosystems and communities. People across the world should do their best to help. One of LJ's science teachers, Mrs. Lammer, said, "We only have one earth, take care of it." Try to be mindful of your impact on the environment and limit your footprint. You should, even in little ways, try to help out our planet. After all, it's the only one we have, and it needs all the help it can get!

Are Disney Remakes a Success?

By Nithya Rajesh

Aladdin, The Little Mermaid, Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, and Mulan are just a few original Disney movies that were remade into live-action movies.

Almost all of these movies are controversial for one reason or another. To start off, *Aladdin* (2019), was criticized for adding racial depiction of the Arab culture. Critics say that it showed that the Arab culture as an “exotic and unheard of culture.”

Racial comments were also shared when fans of Ariel viewed her as having “porcelain skin and big blue eyes,” while the actress selected for the role in the live action film is African American. Critics of this choice were in-

furiated at this casting decision.

The most recent controversy is over Disney’s upcoming remake of *Mulan* (2020). Many of the key characters are missing because Disney is trying to make the film more realistic. Mushu, the dragon, and also the cricket are omitted from the film because obviously, casting directors were unable to add a talking cricket and dragon. This will leave the film without many of the important humorous moments in the film, as well as changing some key elements of the film in which those two characters assisted *Mulan*.

The original, legendary soundtrack for *Mulan* is lost in the new version.

Many fans are aggravated at these changes in the movie. “Movieclips” created a teaser trailer, exaggerating the fact that they didn’t add the main dragon and cricket.

In conclusion, I think that the remakes of Disney originals are not necessary, and they should have just kept the original movies. The characters and actors in the original versions were perfect as they were. Despite all of this criticism, Disney is still recreating and remaking more Disney movies. Some upcoming ones are: *Lady and the Tramp, Maleficent, and Sleeping Beauty*.

What do you think of all these remakes?

A Comprehensive Ranking of MCU

By Ansen Nguyen

Are you new to the Marvel Cinematic Universe and aren’t sure where to start with the films? Over the past 11 years, Marvel has released 23 movies. For people new to this world, that might be overwhelming! Marvel is a growing community with billions of members. Take a look at my rankings below and to see which films should be first on your list.



1. Iron Man (2008) Iron

Man is the first movie in the MCU and starts the storyline for many of our favorite superheroes. The movie has a gripping plot and even better acting. If you are new, this is definitely the first Marvel movie to watch.

2. Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) This film should be next on your list. This movie has good computer graphics. Captain America is a big character in the MCU, and you need to watch the movie to understand the plots of a lot of films.

3. Thor (2011) *Thor* isn’t the greatest movie in the MCU, but you need to watch it to understand the plot of the MCU. The movie is a blend between Norse mythology and sci-fi.

4. Iron Man 2 (2010) This movie gives a lot of information about the MCU. It builds up a character

named War Machine and creates the plot of the Avengers.

5. Avengers (2012) *Avengers* is a fun movie to watch. It includes multiple characters from the MCU. The whole MCU plot is based around this movie series and the choreography is unreal.

6. Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014) This movie is a continuation of *Captain America: The First Avenger*. It has great fight choreography. It is the perfect movie.

7. Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015) This is a decent movie, but the main reason to watch it is that it has a big part in the MCU main plot. It adds a new character to the universe and is a build-up to upcoming movies.

Continued on page 5

Tips For Dealing with Test-Taking Anxiety

By Gabrielle Carpenter

So, you have a test coming up. While it is completely normal to be nervous before a test, putting too much pressure on ourselves can affect our scores. Luckily, there are several ways to manage test taking anxiety before and during the test. Here are some ideas to help you relax before the big day:

Before the test:

The number one thing to help your test anxiety is to **BE PREPARED**.

- Take at least 3 days before the test to study
- Use a study schedule
- Find a quiet place to study and give yourself a reasonable, balanced time limit each day
- Try practice tests
- Have a good night’s sleep
- Have healthy, filling dinner the night before and a good breakfast the morning of the test
- Avoid foods that will upset your stomach

During the test:

- Stay CALM to relax your nerves
- Practice deep breathing
- Get fresh air (before the test)
- Stretch and use good posture
- Listen to calming music leading up to the test

I hope you can use these tips for your next test! What do you do to reduce your test-taking anxiety? *Email me at 1628816@fcpsschools.net to share your answers!*

iPhone 11 Review

By Abhigna Koochana

The iPhone 11 has been on the tip of everyone's tongue for several days. Everyone wants one, has one, or is going to get one. Who can blame them? The iPhone 11, released September 20, is a mix of familiar and fresh.

It shares some characteristics similar to the iPhone XR but also has some pretty cool features that were absent from the earlier model. First off, the new iPhone 11 comes in a new color lineup- white, red, green, purple, yellow, and black, excluding the coral and blue from the iPhone XR lineup. Its outward appearance is pretty much the same as the iPhone XR, with no home

button and the notch at the top.

The differences between the two start with what's on the inside. The new iPhone 11 has a dual-camera lens, enhancing the camera to capture brighter, clearer pictures with four times the space. The camera includes Night Mode, which allows users to take crisp, clear pictures, even in very low lighting. It also has True Tone support for adjusting the white balance to the ambient lighting.

Other beneficial fea-

tures include the new model's increased water resistance, withstanding up to two meters for 30 minutes. It also has an increased battery life, which will provide power for over 11 hours. The biggest difference is the increased durability of the glass. According to Apple, it has the "toughest glass in a smartphone." With all the new and improved features, the \$699 price tag seems worth it.

Personally, my favorite feature is the enhanced camera. The photos showcase a great amount of detail and precision.

Not to mention, Night

Mode and Wide Zoom allow users to take various types of photos in different environments. Also, the iPhone 11 has selective post-processing, meaning it selectively edits every shot you take to help amplify the quality of the photo. The iPhone 11 really magnifies your photos to make it seem like you're looking at the real thing. Rupashi Kumar, 8th grader, said, "The camera makes it hard to take a bad picture." The improved camera, battery life, and speed makes the iPhone 11 seem like a great choice for an upgrade.

**Photo from Apple.com*



Anime Review: My Hero Academia

By Julia Clavecillas

My Hero Academia is a popular Japanese anime (Japanese-style animation) and manga (Japanese comic) that just released its newest season. The 32-year-old Japanese manga artist and writer Kōhei Horikoshi created the series. She is known for other books like *Oumagadoki Dobutsuen*, also referred to as *Oumagadoki Zoo*.

My Hero Academia is about a world where humans have evolved, and

80% of the human population has superpowers or "quirks." Because of this, some brave people have taken the job of being a hero. Heroes protect citizens from those who abuse their powers and have bad intentions, otherwise known as villains. Both the manga and anime series star a young teenage boy named Izu-



ku Midoriya, who strives to be the best hero. The problem is that Izuku is a part of the 20% of humans that doesn't have a quirk; he's quirkless.

In my opinion, *My Hero Academia* is a good anime for people new to the genre. The animation is fluid and the art is detailed and charming. The character arcs embody real life problems, like insecurities and ac-

ceptance. The anime has three full seasons with a fourth season coming out soon. Additionally, there are twenty-two tankōbon (books) volumes in the manga series. Although the series seems long, watching it is definitely worthwhile.

I recommend *My Hero Academia* to everyone who wants enjoyable entertainment and likes supernatural/superhero-centered

Friday School

By Mohamed Elmi

Did you ever attend Saturday school? If you did, then you might be surprised to know that it doesn't exist anymore. Why? Well, there are a lot of reasons, but a main one is because not many people came. "A lot of people couldn't come due to transportation," said Mr. Pashong, who supervises the Friday school program. Though there were consequences for missing Saturday school, the administration found that not all those to whom it was assigned made it there on Saturday mornings.

According to Mr. Pashong, Friday school is a program designed to help teach kids to make better choices. The students who attend might have tardies, academic troubles, or behavior issues. These are the same reasons that a student might have attended Saturday school, the only difference is the shift in time. It will be easier now for students to attend during this time since LJ now has late buses on Friday afternoons.

Friday school is a consequence, even though the program is intended

to help students. While they are there, kids go through their bookbags and organize their materials. After that, they check their grades and complete any missing assignments. They also have one-on-one conferences with teachers to discuss how to manage their time better in order to be successful.

Though the goal is for students to only have to attend Friday school once, if they accumulate 10 tardies or more, they will likely have to return. Students can also be assigned Friday school at

any time.

So far, there has been an average of about 10 kids each week, and the session lasts from 2:30-4:30.

The main goal of the program is to make sure that kids stay out of trouble. "We want all students to show the the LJMS Tiger Code with positive relationships, responsibility and respect," said Mr. Pashong. If you have a positive attitude and make great choices, you will not have to come to Friday school.

Introducing Dr. Woods

By Ashley Trotman

Dr. Margaret Woods is the new chorus teacher at Luther Jackson. Her two main goals in coming to LJ were to expand her teaching skills and share her passion of singing. Prior to coming to LJ, Dr. Woods taught choir at Irving Middle school. There were several reasons she decided to come here to teach, but some of the ones she mentioned were due to our strong music program and how close the building is to her house.

Outside of her time at school, Dr. Woods loves to be with her family. She is married and has three

daughters. She also has two dogs and volunteers for an animal rescue for homeless dogs. Dr. Woods also teaches kindergarten once a week



and sings in a group named Voce just for fun.

While her current students would describe Dr. Woods as always smiling, respectful, and very kind, Dr. Woods describes her-

self as "the quiet type, but I was a good student and got good grades." Now that the school year is underway, Dr. Woods says her favorite part of being here is "all the amazing students and teachers I get to meet." She also added that, "My old school had more military families because it was close to a military base, so students would often move a lot during the year."

Dr. Woods says, "I cannot wait for the rest of my year here and meeting all the new students and new teachers."

Marvel Continued from page 3

8. Guardians of the Galaxy (2014) This movie introduces a new group to the MCU. The movie has a great soundtrack and acting, and some of the references will leave viewers feeling nostalgic for past times.

9. Doctor Strange (2016) *Doctor Strange* is completely different from the other movies in the MCU. Most of the other movies in the MCU are based around a similar storyline, but this one is not.



10. Ant-Man (2015) While this movie itself isn't super important, it will set you up for *Ant-Man and the Wasp*, which is very important. It is a science-based movie with great computer graphics.

11. Spider-Man: Home-

coming (2017) Spider-man: Homecoming is the a new take on Spider-Man. Many of the events in the film make it a very relatable film for high schoolers



12. Thor: Ragnarok (2017) *Thor: Ragnarok* is the third movie in the franchise. The movie has lovable characters and is filled with jokes. It contributes a lot to the premise of *Avengers: Infinity War*.

13. Black Panther (2018) *Black Panther* introduces a brand new set of characters to the MCU. It doesn't have the best computer graphics, but the acting makes up for it.

14. Avengers: Infinity War (2018) The movie has great fight choreography

and acting. As with all the Avengers movies, it combines many of our favorite MCU characters in one film.

15. Ant-Man and the Wasp (2018) This movie sets the stage for *Avengers: Endgame*. The movie has good acting and great computer graphics. Like the first one, it has a lot of science references but also a lot of humor.

16. Captain Marvel (2019) The movie takes place in the mid-1990s. Captain Marvel explains the ending of *Avengers: Infinity War* and the plot of *Avengers: Endgame*.

17. Avengers: Endgame (2019) *Avengers: Endgame* is the fourth and last Avengers movie in and doesn't disappoint. The movie takes you on an emotional roller coaster for over three hours

18. Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019) *Spider-Man: Far From Home* is the sequel to *Spider-Man: Homecoming*. The movie has a great plot twist and acting.

*All images from IMDB.com

LJMS library is on Instagram!



@lutherjacksonms.library

Positivity Corner



P2 Crew

The P2 Crew is here for you! This PAWS club spreads positivity to our students and staff. You may have seen some of their contributions, such as bookmarks hidden in library books. Be on the lookout for more from P2 Crew in the halls and around the school all year and be sure to follow P2 Crew on Instagram @LJ_P2_Crew.

Holiday Craft Project

By Bianca Gutierrez Membreno

Every year, my family likes to put up a tree and fill it up with ornaments, lights, and a star. My favorite part of this is making the ornaments that we



put on the tree. Follow this easy process to make an ornament for your own tree, or give it to a friend as a gift!

Supplies:

- Lightbulb (not broken)
- Non-water based paint in a variety of colors
- Accessories (ex: googly eyes, cotton balls)
- Yarn



You can buy these supplies at Michaels which is a store with a lot of art supplies.

Directions:

1. Coat the light bulb with paint. For this step, you can just do a solid

color, as this will be for the base coat. Let it dry.

2. After the paint dries, choose a color or design to paint on.

3. When the second layer has dried, feel free to add on other colors and decor accessories.

4. Tie the yarn to the light bulb and make a tight knot to keep it from sliding off. Make a small loop so you can hang the ornament from your tree.

Upcoming Movies

By Aiden Tran

Looking for a good movie to watch during the holiday season? Well, here are LJ's top picks. Watch one or try to get to them all!

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Stars: Tom Hanks
Why should you see it? I like movies where everything works out in the end. This movie is about kindness taking over cynicism. Mr. Rogers and a friend are going to work out a problem that arises.
Rating: PG
Release Date: November 22, 2019



Frozen 2

Stars : Kristen Bell, Josh Gad, Evan Rachel Wood, Jonathan Groff, Sterling K.

Brown
Why should you see it? Even though a children's movie, I still want to watch it.
Rating: PG
Release Date: November 22, 2019



Playing With Fire

Stars: John Cena, Brianna Hildebrand, Keegan-Michael Key, John Leguizamo, Judy Greer
Why should you see it? This movie is going to be funny. Firefighters taking care of little kids is a recipe for a laugh. The premise reminds me of Paddington, the bear who lives with a family.



Rating: PG
Release Date: November 8, 2019

Midway

Stars : Luke Evans, Patrick Wilson, Woody Harrelson, Ed Skrein, Nick Jonas
Why should you see it? This is an action-packed movie, full of war, weapons and fighting. It is set during WW2 and is sure to catch your attention.
Rating: PG-13
Release Date: November 8, 2019

Jumanji : The Next Level
Stars: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Karen Gillan
Why should you see it?



This action-packed follow-up to the 2017 edition should be a hit. As the stars venture back into the game in order to rescue a friend, they will face all kinds of obstacles. There will be lots of twists and turns on their adventure into a whole new world.
Rating: PG-13
Release Date: December 13, 2019



*All images from IMDB.com

Introducing Ms. Larracey

By Fabiana Rojas-Maldonado

Ms. Stacy Larracey is a wonderful English teacher who just started her first year at LJ. Ms. Larracey led an interesting life even before she moved to Washington,

D.C. to start teaching here.

She started her teaching career in her home state, Pennsylvania, where she stayed for 11 years until she took a posi-

tion with an organization called Peace Corps. Peace Corps is an agency that promotes positivity and World Peace. She left teaching and was sent to Cambodia. Cambodia is a

country located in the southeastern area of Asia.

She stayed in Cambodia and lived with a

Continued on page 8

Minecraft: Nether

By Benjamin Rodriguez

Minecraft is a game that has stuck around for ages. Players fight to survive the night as they mine for materials like coal and iron, and they build and conquer new lands. As many of us know, there will be updates coming in early 2020 to our favorite game, some of which include new blocks, new mobs, and new biomes.

I first want to talk about the Nether update, which has a lot to unpack. Mojang, the company that created minecraft, is trying to make the Nether (kind of like the underworld of Minecraft) more liveable. They are adding features such as the abilities to sleep and find food.

In addition to those changes, they are intro-

ducing three new biomes Soul Sand Valley, Nether Forest (red), and Nether Forest (blue). After learning about each of these, I am betting that everyone will definitely will be amazed by all of them!

The Soul Sand Valley is probably what you think it is; it's a valley of sand.

It also contains something like a ravine but bigger and full of soul sand. In the Nether forests (both red and blue) there will be new trees that look like nether wart blocks. There is also what appears to be a new type of wood, but this wood is special. This new biome also comes with a new mob, which is temporarily being called the Piglin Beast.

The Piglin Beast is similar to a cow, but it has a

pretty vicious bite and can cause quite a lot of damage. Piglin Beasts are named after Piglins, new mobs that work like villag-



ers and Pigman at the same time. They have chests to guard and protect. If someone tries to open their chests, they will attack.

Much to my dismay, they have decided to add some bees to the setting around Christmas. Just the gift we all wanted. In spite of that, this game update is worth a try- I hope you enjoy playing!

Sports: Year in Review

By Conner Elling

College Basketball

On April 8th, 2019, the University of Virginia (UVA) won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship. They beat the #3 seed Texas Tech 85-77. To win the tournament, UVA had to beat six of the best teams in the country. This is the first ever win for the school in this event. Last year, UVA was ranked the highest seed but lost to the 16 seed UMBC, which was a huge upset. Hopefully they can earn back-to-back titles!

NFL Championship

I am sure many of you were watching the Super Bowl LIII(53) where Tom Brady won his sixth Super Bowl against the Los Angeles Rams. After taking that title, Brady became the player with the most Super Bowl rings. Despite being one of the oldest players in the league, he clearly has still got it!

Golf Masters

On April 14th at The Masters, Tiger Woods did something most people

thought was impossible: he won his 15th major title! This is his first victory in a major in 11 years. During that time, he had four back surgeries, and he was arrested for reckless driving and drugs. Tiger broke lots of records at the beginning of his career by becoming the youngest player to win The Masters at age 21. This proves that if you are persistent and don't give up, you can achieve anything, even if others have stopped believing.

WNBA Championship

At the end of September, the Washington Mystics won the WNBA title for the first time. They beat the Connecticut Suns to win the championship. This was an all-out battle, with the final score of 89-78 in game 5. The Mystics had one of the best players and league MVP, Elena Della Donne, who had 21 points in the final game. We hope to see them in the playoffs next year and maybe win again.

MLB World Series

The Washington Nationals just won their first World Series title against the Houston Astros. The Nats won the first two games at Houston making the series 2-0. After a great start, they came back home looking to sweep the Astros, but to everybody's surprise, the Nats lost three straight at home, tying series 3-2. The Nats had to go back to Houston and win two straight games to be champions. That is exactly what they did, and on October 30th, 2019 Daniel Hudson struck out Michael Brantley on a 3-2 count to secure the win! As a matter of fact, the Nationals started off their season 19-31 which was one of the worst records in their league.



Picture from The New York Times

LJMS is on Twitter!



Follow us @LJMS_FCPS

Don't have a Twitter account? You can see our Twitter feed on our school website: jacksonms.fcps.edu

LJ's Twitter Community

Principal Magliola @MagliolaMinutes

Assistant Principal Tohan @TohanTruths

Assistant Principal Salgado @tfsalgado

Assistant Principal Radun @Joe_Radun

LJMS After Hours @LJ_AfterHours

LJMS Drama 2017 @sm_jones3

LJMS PTA @LJMS_PTA

Many LJ teachers are on Twitter as well!

Continued from page 6

host family for 3.5 years. While overseas, she actually met her husband, another volunteer for the Peace Corps. She says how wonderful and fun it was to work and live there. Since returning to the states, she has not been able to go back and visit Cambodia she would like to.

When she's not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her two adorable kids! Her son is 2 years old and her daughter is only 7 months old.

As a middle schooler, Ms. Larracey was very quiet and loved to read. She did well

in school, and participated in both band and chorus, and she also did ballet. Ms.



Larracey says she had no trouble making friends, and that she had many friends in different classes and groups.

I asked Ms. Larracey if 15 years ago, she ever would have imagined living in the D.C. area and working as a teacher and she said, "In a way, yes, but in another, no. I would have imagined myself staying in Philadelphia to teach and looking into Peace Corps."

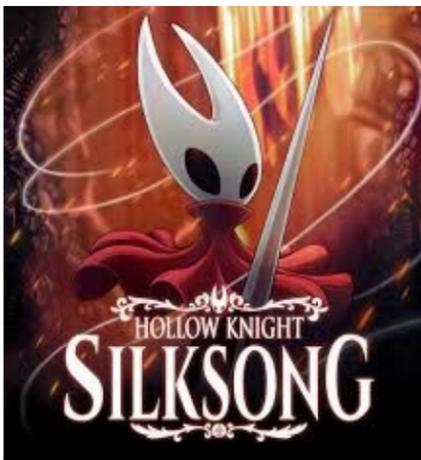
Welcome to Luther Jackson, Ms. Larracey, we are lucky to have you!

Video Games: Coming Soon!

By Kamden Maclean

Hollow Knight: Silksong

Hollow Knight: Silksong is a Metroidvania-style game, where players take the part of Hornet, a strange, bug-like creature who wields a needle and thread for combat. The game contains a lot of fighting and intense combat. The settings, such as the deep underground mines filled with lava and a mossy grottoes, can be breathtaking. The release date is unknown as of now, and is definitely something to look forward to if you like these types of games.



Animal Crossing: New Horizons

There are several different versions of the popular Animal Crossing series. In Animal Crossing: New Horizons, players finally get a break from town life and get to take a vacation with the Nook Inc. The main goal is to build a town and populate it with villagers, decorate the town, and furnish and upgrade your home. In this new edition, you can build your own camp, craft, and do much more.

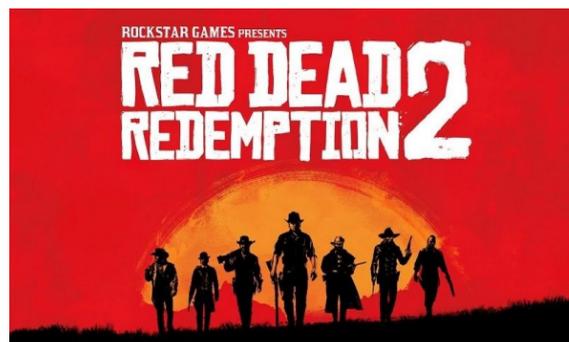
The game is set to release on March 20th, 2020.



Red Dead Redemption 2

Though Red Dead Redemption 2 has already been released on consoles, the PC version is coming soon. Red Dead Redemption is regarded as one of the best games ever, with beautiful landscapes, amazing characters, and a stunning story.

The game is set at the end of the wild west era, with civilization rapidly expanding. Law enforcement is slowly taking down the gangs of the old west. It comes with a free online multiplayer version that is just as fun as the main game. PC players should definitely be on the lookout for this one!



Minecraft: Dungeons

Minecraft is one of the most well-

known games ever made. Recently, Mojang, the creators of all the Minecraft games announced that they were releasing their first standalone game set in the Minecraft universe. In Minecraft: Dungeons, you can make a team with up to four players and dive into loot-filled dungeons.

We don't know the exact date, but it will be released in 2020 on consoles and PC.



What other upcoming games are you excited about? Hopefully you will be able to try one or all of these exciting releases when they come out!

The Jackson Journal Staff

Liam Arnold

Julia Clavecillas

Conner Elling

Mohamed Elmi

Bianca Gutierrez

Membreno

Abhigna Koochana

Kamden Maclean

Drew McKeen

Kyle Morrison

Ansen Nguyen

Kristin Phan

Nithya Rajesh

Benjamin Rodriguez

Fabiana Rojas-

Maldonado

Aiden Tran

Ashley Trotman