



# ER's VOICE



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## Decemeber 2019 Senior Stars



By: Kaitlynn Pacher



### Chantel McCrea

December's female Senior Star is Chantel McCrea! Chantel is someone who never fails to have a smile and an open heart for the ones she loves. Chantel has been very successful throughout her years in high school and one of the biggest roles that she played is being a diversity ambassador for our school. She holds her spot with pride and hopes to before graduation start a Diversity Club in the middle level. She's most proud of the time and commitment she has put into the Diversity Club and she can't wait to see what the next six months have in store upon her graduation. Chantel plans to pursue her education at New York University or Northwestern to major in Political Science. In 5-10 years Chantel sees herself having a girlfriend, and being a part of an internship at a court or law firm. She also hopes to travel to Africa and South Korea. When asking Chantel "if you could be anyone for a day, who would it be?" She immediately said "Mrs. Sapenzia!" Chantel would love to know what goes on her brain. She said, "Mrs. Sapenzia is always so wired up and crazy that I believe we only get half of her thoughts she thinks." As much as an impact Mrs. Sapenzia has had on Chantel, she would also like to thank Mrs. McMillan. Chantel said, "I was really thankful to have someone I really trust to go through the college application with." Thank you to all the teachers and staff who make such a big impact on our students. Goodluck, Chantel on the rest of your senior year. We are so proud of you!

### Brandon Gray

This month's senior star is Brandon Gray! Brandon is an awesome person who always puts others before himself. He is actively involved with sports has he dominates on the football field and basketball court. When asking Brandon, what are you most proud of? He said his biggest accomplishment is earning Senior All Star in football. He knows that he worked hard for it but he wants to thank his teammates and mom for always believing in him. He has overcome a lot throughout his high school years at home and at school. He would like to thank Mr. Jordan Koch for helping him the most sophomore year when his family was in need of support. When interviewing Brandon, I quickly realized that his mom is his biggest motivator in life. The words Brandon summed her up as is, "She's a fighter." Brandon will do anything to reach his goals with the support and experience his mom has for him. Seeing everything Brandon's mom went through as he grew up it really has shaped him into the person he is today. Brandon never quits and it's so empowering on everything he got through to come out as the person he is today. After graduation, Brandon plans to attend college and is undecided on what major yet. Some of his college choices include- Alfred, Buff State, or SJFC. What Brandon is most looking forward to upon graduation is getting his own independence and seeing what bigger opportunities lay ahead of him. Brandon's advice for the lower classman is to always do what you are told. It will make you a better person and you'll get through it a lot quicker. He also wanted to emphasize to never hesitate to ask for help. ER wishes you nothing but the best Brandon and to never lose your outgoing, happy spirit!

## **10 Best Christmas Towns to Visit during the Holidays:**

By Brydgette Young

Are you bored? Stuck in the house? Don't know what to do during the rest of your vacation? Take a look at this list of 10 amazing Christmas Towns to Visit! This is something you and your family can enjoy!

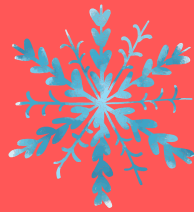
- **Duluth, MN-** there is a wonderful light display of Bentleyville and free to the public! This event runs through November and December
- **Big Spring, TX-** at the Hotel Settles, you will see a beautiful and joyful lounge decorated for the holiday of Christmas.
- **Cape Cod, MA-** There are tons of craft fairs, parades, and more!
- **New York, NY-** The best place to go in New York because the big beautiful tree is in Times Square at the Rockefeller Center.
- **North Pole, AK-** This place may not be the actual North Pole, but there are candy cane lamps, and a mayor known as Santa.
- **Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA-** let's go see beautiful Christmas lights! Also enjoy the amazing sight of the sunset.
- **St. Augustine, FL-** go on a sight seeing journey to stare at the lights and look at the wonderful winter wonderland!
- **Ann Arbor, MI-** Outdoor markets, s'mores roasting parades, and more! You will have the most wonderful time of the year!!
- **Blue Ridge, GA-** Would you like to be on the Polar Express? Well, Now is your chance! Come to Georgia and ride the Polar Express!
- **New Hope, PA-** you will be treated to beautiful Christmas carols and you can drink your favorite hot cocoa.

# Christmas break plans

By: Kaitlynn Pacher



Going to Boston  
to be with my  
nephew -Ms.  
Luce

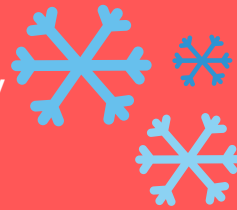


Going to Florida  
-Kyle H.

Going to New York City  
-Samantha C.

Go see my God daughter  
-Valerie D.

Painting the hallway  
& hanging wedding  
pictures -Mrs. Henty



Going to Delaware to  
visit family -Ms.  
Hankins

Taking the longest naps -Jen



Staying with my dad while  
my sisters are out of town  
-Caitlyn Y.

Bringing my kids to  
an indoor water  
park -Ms. Russo

Be with family & catch up on  
books and netflix -Mr. Bui

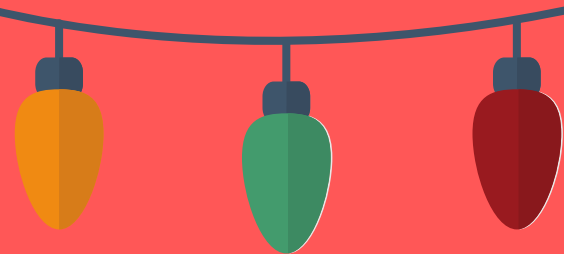
Cuddling in warm blankets  
watching Christmas movies -  
Evelyn H.

Making Christmas Cookies -  
Julie A.

To work hard to make sure  
my daughter has an  
awesome Christmas -  
Brianna W.



Visiting my Sister to spend  
Christmas with her -  
Brooke N.



# New Years Resolutions

By: Kaitlynn Pacher



Not to eat so much -Mrs. Kelly

Graduate from my Nurse Practitioner program -Mrs. Mayfield

Prepare for Kaitlynn's graduation - Mr. Girourd

DRINK MORE WATER -SAM C.

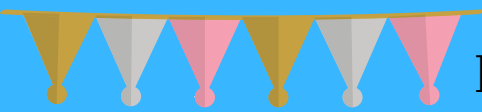
**Be happy every single day -Mrs. Brandt**

Focus on my future & my goals -Ari D.

Exercise daily -Mr. Kelleher

Be positive and healthier -Jen G.

Be nicer -Valerie D.



We all have heard the Legend of the Drummer Boy. We all have heard the story. But what is the meaning behind this wonderful legend? Well, I am about to tell you.

The Legend of the Drummer Boy teaches us a valuable lesson of love and how it is holding the prime importance above everything else.

A young boy named Zack, was woken by a sudden sound of a parade. He was always fascinated by the parades and always wanted to be a part of them and dress like a drummer boy. He had just gotten a drum set the year before.

Zack had decided that he should go and join the parade and play the drums. He still had no idea where everyone was going. Once Zack started playing the drums, he was getting objects thrown at him because he was being loud and everyone was sleeping.

Zack finally realized that they were heading towards a shed in Bethlehem where a baby boy (Jesus) had been born. Everyone was giving the boy gifts. Not one person had made the baby smile. When it was Zack's turn to give the baby boy a gift, he played the drums and he was the first person to make the little one smile.

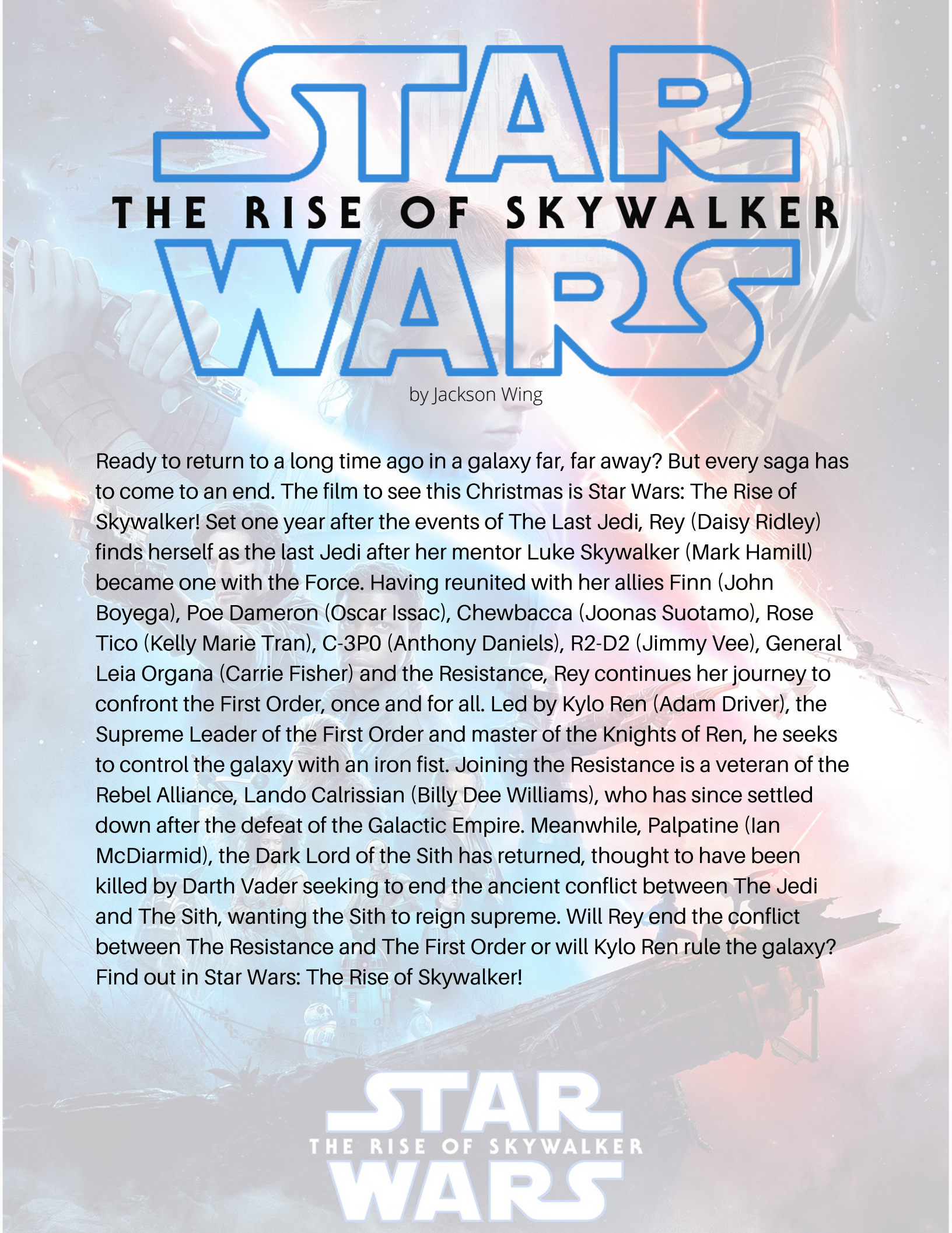
This shows that love is the valuable lesson as part of this legend. The Legend of the Drummer Boy.

## The Legend of the Drummer

### Boy

by  
Brydgette  
Young



The background of the entire page is a promotional image for Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker. It features a central figure of Rey (Daisy Ridley) looking forward, with her hands on a lightsaber. Surrounding her are various elements from the film: a large, metallic helmet (likely Kylo Ren's) on the right, a starship in the upper left, and a large, dark, industrial structure in the lower right. The overall color palette is a mix of cool blues and purples and warm oranges and reds, suggesting a dramatic and epic tone.

# STAR

## THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

# WARS

by Jackson Wing

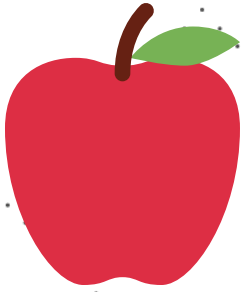
Ready to return to a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away? But every saga has to come to an end. The film to see this Christmas is Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker! Set one year after the events of The Last Jedi, Rey (Daisy Ridley) finds herself as the last Jedi after her mentor Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) became one with the Force. Having reunited with her allies Finn (John Boyega), Poe Dameron (Oscar Issac), Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo), Rose Tico (Kelly Marie Tran), C-3PO (Anthony Daniels), R2-D2 (Jimmy Vee), General Leia Organa (Carrie Fisher) and the Resistance, Rey continues her journey to confront the First Order, once and for all. Led by Kylo Ren (Adam Driver), the Supreme Leader of the First Order and master of the Knights of Ren, he seeks to control the galaxy with an iron fist. Joining the Resistance is a veteran of the Rebel Alliance, Lando Calrissian (Billy Dee Williams), who has since settled down after the defeat of the Galactic Empire. Meanwhile, Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid), the Dark Lord of the Sith has returned, thought to have been killed by Darth Vader seeking to end the ancient conflict between The Jedi and The Sith, wanting the Sith to reign supreme. Will Rey end the conflict between The Resistance and The First Order or will Kylo Ren rule the galaxy? Find out in Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker!

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THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

# WARS

# Welcome to our office, Ms. Meritt!



By: Kaitlynn Pacher

I got the chance to interview Ms. Meritt, our new front desk receptionist, AKA the queen of the building (hehe). Ms. Meritt is a former full-time custodian for our school and was asked to take on a new position. Of course with her fun, risk-taking and enthusiastic personality she accepted this job with open arms. Ms. Meritt's job consists of several different tasks such as helping visitors get to where they need to go, greeting people, securing the building and so much more. She loves her new job with getting to interact with many different people but she does miss being able to move around as a custodian. She's very thankful that she was able to get her foot into something else to experience more in the work world. In Ms. Meritt's free time she enjoys being with her daughter the most. She hopes to one day travel and see many places and enjoy new experiences with her daughter. Thank you, Ms. Meritt for your consistent effort and time put into your job every day to make ER the safe and "homey" feeling that we are!