



# The Pershing Post

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"For the students. by the students"

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## A Lunch Period through the Eyes of a Pershing Student

- Written by Anonymous

Moving through the lunch line, I remain optimistic as to what is being served for lunch today. I say hello to the teacher there but in my opinion, Mr. O'Rourke is the best teacher during the lunch periods. He's pretty good at volleyball and we can make fun of him because he doesn't get offended and even makes jokes back at us. Lunch is decent sometimes so I pin in my number and grab a tray. I usually eat the chicken nuggets and grab the cookies. I know it's not really healthy but they are serving it to us so it can't be that bad. I wait at the side for my friends because even if you're not talking, it doesn't feel as lonely. We all find seats and start to eat. I finish eating really quickly so that I can start playing on my phone and talking. The new rules are pretty cool, just the cell phones in lunch, not the no drinks in class policy but I'm sure they have their reasons for it. We're all done and ready to go outside. Going outside is okay if the weather is nice. If it's too cold and you don't play volleyball,



basketball, or run, then you freeze. I want to stay inside but there are lunch aides that ask you to go outside so we go outside to avoid further conflicts. If it is too hot, we all just melt, both outdoors and indoors, so we go outdoors because more people are outside. Choosing to stay inside comes at a cost because

some of the air conditioners are broken. Today, the weather is really cold, and we don't have home rooms so the best way to stay inside is by eating slowly, hiding your jacket, or just by joining a club during the lunch periods. This way, it's not only less tiring to go to the class after lunch but you also aren't freezing. Until tomorrow..

**Get to Know Pershing's Soccer Team with Interviews from Ms. Broker and Coach Tyler!**

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Interview with Coach Tyler (transcribed to Spanish).

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Interview with Ms. Broker (in English).

**The Pershing Post wants to hear from you!**

Go to this link:  
[bit.ly/PershingPost0119](https://bit.ly/PershingPost0119)  
to vote for your favorite movie from 2018!

Poll closes on January 20, 2019.

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# You are Not Alone!

- Shuhana Uddin (Class 801)

NEARLY HALF OF THE STUDENT POPULATION FEELS ISOLATED OR LEFT OUT FROM THE REST OF SOCIETY. THIS CAN BE DUE TO THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN, WEIGHT, RACE, SEXUALITY, ETC. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO REASON TO FEEL ALONE. STAFF MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL ARE HERE TO HELP!

THE GUIDANCE COUNSELORS ARE ALWAYS HERE!

MS.GONZALEZ (ROOM 300) - 8TH GRADE

MS.DELINCE (ROOM 200C) - 7TH GRADE

MR.COSENTINO (ROOM 357) - 6TH GRADE



**SPEAK UP!**

EVERYONE DESERVES A CHANCE TO LIVE THEIR LIFE TO THE FULLEST; DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU OTHERWISE!

**SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!**  
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PERSHING DEBATE TEAM FOR WINNING THE MSQI DEBATE TOURNAMENT - SMALL SCHOOLS DIVISION!  
**GO PERSHING!**

# Movies That Will Have Your Money Flying Out Of Your Wallet

- Alexander Castelan (Class 808)

Movies Coming out in December:

Bumblebee - December 21



Second Act - December 21



Movies Coming out in 2019:

A Dog's Way Home -

January 11



How to Train your Dragon: The

Hidden World -

February 22



## Join a John J. Pershing Club!

See the following teachers for more information.

Debate Team – Mr. Bashover and Mr. Herr

Community Service – Mrs. Pennisi and Ms. Reinhardt

Art and Architecture Clubs – Mr. Mosher

Broadway Jr. – Ms. Mazur

Soccer and Volleyball – Ms. Broker

Basketball – Mr. Troisi and Mr. Ciccotto

Robotics Club – Mr. Nadel

Spanish Club – Mr. Arizmendi

Attention all students and staff members of Pershing! The Pershing School Band performed a holiday concert at 5:00pm on December 13th. The performers had a goal to raise the audience's winter spirit and keep joy in the air. The performers have worked plenty of hours for this festive show in hopes of bringing a marvelous performance to the school.

A lot of hard work was put into preparing for the performance. Brass instruments, such as the trumpet and trombone, woodwind instruments like flute and clarinet along with

## John J. Pershing Band's Holiday Concert

- Jessica Qiu, Janine Liu (Class 804), Angela Chen (Class 820)



percussion instruments like the snare drum, bell and bass drum were incorporated into the show. Everybody had an important role playing the instruments for each song and blended the diversity of the instruments into one song that balanced and flowed well. The students that performed the show have learned many important skills besides playing an instrument.

They learned how to communicate with each other to create a wonderful piece and developed their skills to use their knowledge with each other. Each song is unique in its own way and expressed the spirit of the holidays.

The school performance was a wonderful way to demonstrate the power of teamwork and winter spirits. The band practiced for hours and were excited to perform for the school!

Artwork by: Jia Xin Li  
(Class 810)

## Equipo de Fútbol de Pershing: Entrevista con Coach Tyler

- Adayani Magdaleno and Fatimah Tasnim (Class 801)

El fútbol no es solo de ganar o perder, también implica muchas otras cosas. Para crear un equipo de trabajo. Tiene que haber comunicación y liderazgo. El equipo de fútbol en John J. Pershing, fue creado este año gracias a Mr. Dempster y Ms. Broker, invitaron a dos jugadores de una academia para que entrenen este increíble deporte para muchos de nuestros estudiantes. Hoy, lo que leerás tiene a ambos Ms. Broker, la entrenadora del equipo y uno de los entrenadores, Coach Tyler respondiendo algunas preguntas. Empecemos con uno de los entrenadores, el entrenador Tyler.

**Entrevistador:** (Adayani Magdaleno): "Coach Tyler, ahora que ha visto al equipo, ¿cómo planea mejorarlo?"

**Coach Tyler:** "Planeo mejorar el equipo con ejercicios y ejercicios que se deciden sobre los formatos de juego y qué errores [creo que necesito más apoyo]."

(Este es un gran ejemplo de cómo se trata el fútbol de aprender de sus errores pasados.)

**Entrevistador:** "¿Cuál es su organización en la práctica?"

**Coach Tyler:** "La práctica que usualmente dividimos los equipos varía según el nivel de habilidad, hacemos algunas cosas de fitness, algunos ejercicios y juegos de adivinanzas, trabajamos en diferentes cosas."

**Entrevistador:** "¿Cuáles son tus expectativas para el equipo?"

**Coach Tyler:** "Mis expectativas para el equipo es que todos al final del programa de otoño podrán jugar mejor juntos, trabajar bien individualmente y como equipo y todos tienen el mismo objetivo en mente, puedo ver la mejora que Se han visto a sí mismos y al equipo".

**Entrevistador:** "¿Cómo motivas a los jugadores?"

**Coach Tyler:** "Motivo a mis jugadores todos los días al decirles que pueden jugar al final de los ejercicios", dice que a los estudiantes les encanta jugar, así que esto hace que se rindan lo mejor en los ejercicios para poder más rápido."



Coach Tyler

**Lea nuestra entrevista con Ms. Broker en inglés en la página 3!**



**Students of the Month:  
Pershing's December Fab Five!**

The Pershing Post is excited to announce our very first Fab Five Students of the Month! Mr. Dempster, our principal, likes to make a special effort to recognize and congratulate students that show tremendous progress throughout their time at John J. Pershing.

**month will rotate between the three grades** - seventh grade will be featured in January's edition! Dr. Melucci, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Broker, and several 8th grade teachers came together to choose this month's Fab Five students. Let's all congratulate these students on their great work and progress!

**The Fab Five students of the**



**Kaileen Gonzalez -  
Class 808**



**Adolfo Geronimo -  
Class 811**



**Charlie Perez -  
Class 815**



**Ammy Vasquez -  
Class 816**



**Maria Martinez -  
Class 822**



*Photo from Mercom.com*

**What's the Deal with  
Emergency Drills?  
- Yu Chen Lin (Class 804)**

Although people think fire drills and lockdowns are not important, many real emergencies are frightening. Most people are not trained to properly react during these emergencies, which is why these drills are crucial.

Emergency drills help everyone to prepare quickly, calmly, and safely. These drills play a very important role in schools, offices, and any other workplace.

**Pershing's Soccer Team - Interview with Ms. Broker  
- Adayani Magdaleno and Fatimah Tasnim (Class 801)**

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Here is an interview with our lovely 8th grade dean and soccer coach, Ms. Broker.

**Interviewers (Adayani Magdaleno and Fatimah Tasnim):**

“What was your motive in creating the soccer team?”

**Ms. Broker:** “Well I already saw that a lot of kids liked to play soccer because I see you guys at lunch. When the opportunity came to us, it wasn't just me. Mr. Dempster and Mrs. Whiffin had been invited to this league and we definitely

jumped on it because we knew you guys would really enjoy it.”

**Interviewers:** “How can you improve the teamwork and attitude of each player?”

**Ms. Broker:** “Well you know, throughout this season, we've been watching some students and paying attention to how they work with each other and as well as their school work. We make sure that if they are not participating in a manner that we think is appropriate for a team, they'll have a conversation with me or are asked not to play for

a game or they're asked to sit out for practice. If they're not doing their schoolwork, they also are required to make up that work prior to playing with the team.”

**Interviewers:** “How can other Pershing students come and support the school team?”

**Ms. Broker:** “We should have a season in the spring. If we do, we would love to have some students come to our games and cheer us on and be part of our cheerleading squad at the games. We will list up our games and pass out some flyers.”

**How is Christmas Celebrated in the United States?**

- Qian Qian Lin and Jia Xin Li (Class 810)

On December 25th, Americans prepare to celebrate Christmas by decorating their homes, exchanging gifts and spending time with their families. This time of year is special because it is filled with many holiday traditions. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas' original celebration included a special church service and was dedicated to celebrating the birth of Christ. It is defined as a long-established custom or belief shared within a family.

The families who spend time together enjoy each other's company and share old memories about their traditions. On Christmas, people have special dishes for dinner. Turkey is probably one of the popular dishes served during Christmas. For dessert, Christmas pudding is a special dessert that symbolizes good luck for the New Year. The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing loud for all to hear!

**这一些国家的新年食物**

- WenTing Wenni Lin and Ziyang Chan (Class 810)

世界那么大，我想去看看。若你想要勇闯世界，何不事先下功夫去了解一下世界各国的文化呢。所以，和我一起看看这大千世界，看看世界各国的新年饮食吧！

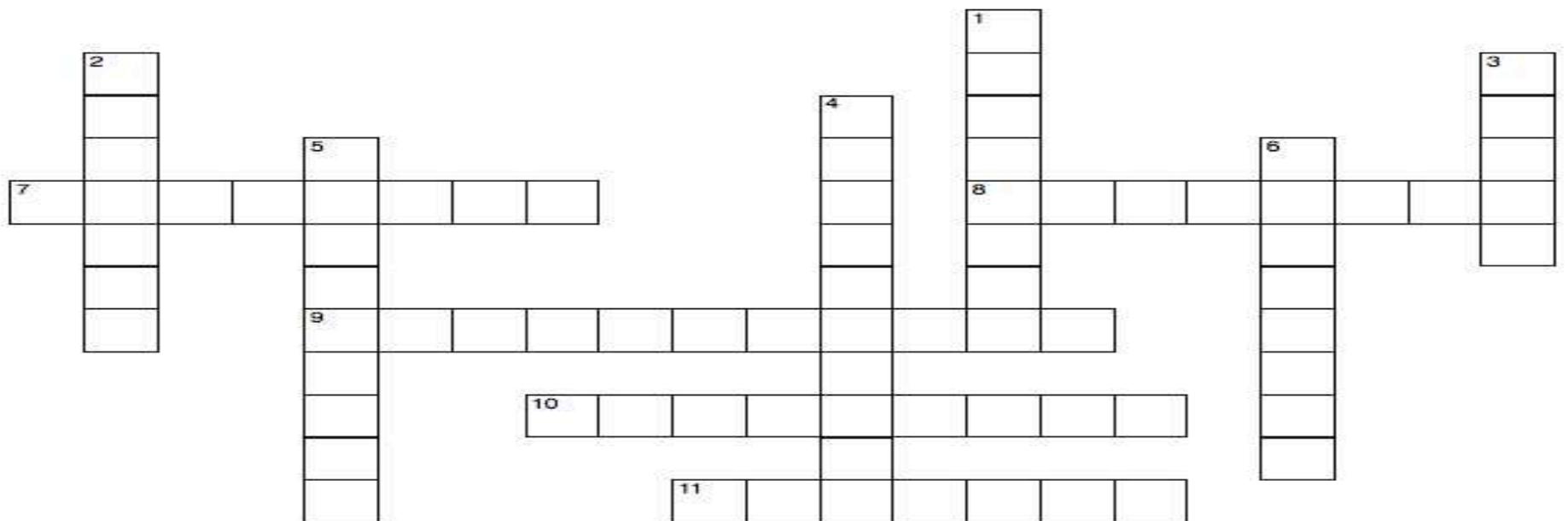
《美国篇》

在思想开放的美国，当它们要过新年时，人们通常会选择吃一些简单的派对食物和Hoppin'John来庆祝新年，Hoppin'John是猪肉味的豌豆或黑眼豆豌豆和米饭。它是美国南部主要的新年传统食品之一。人们相信它会在新的一年带来好运

《法国篇》

在风情种种的法国，当它们要过新年时，人们通常会选择余酒，因为他们觉得除夕那天家中留有余酒，来年定交厄运。所以他们想要在那天把酒喝个精光，来年一帆风顺。

**New Year Day**



**ACROSS**

- 7 Round that can fly
- 8 When the New Year happens
- 9 In Manhattan
- 10 Something you do every year
- 11 The first month and first day of the year

**DOWN**

- 1 The last month of every year
- 2 Celebration with lots of people
- 3 People do during a celebration
- 4 You try to finish all of these for a new year
- 5 Numbers going downward
- 6 Big explosions in the sky



from BoredPanda.com

## Rock Music - Tips for Learning the Guitar

- JingWen Weng & SiYu Lian (Class 810)

### The Guitar:

A guitar is a plucked instrument, usually a six-string, similar to the shape of a violin. Guitars are often considered the main instruments of pop music, rock music, blues and folk songs. In the field of classical music, guitars are usually played in the form of solo or duo; of course, in chamber music and orchestra, guitars also play a very important role.

Guitars are usually played with both hands or with a guitar pick or a finger/nail with one hand, while using the fingers of the other hand to jog (make chords with strings).

### Three Tips for Beginners:

1. **Learn As Many Different Chords As Possible.** It doesn't matter how much you like the song, if you're always playing the same chords every time you play that song, you might end up feeling bored and less motivated to play it.
2. **Learn To Practice in a Disciplined Manner.** If you're learning on your own, knowing how to practice the disciplined way will save you from a lot of disappointment later.
3. **Actively Train Your Ear.** It is often the best way to approach the creation of music and distinguish chords.

*Tips are adapted from Uberchords.com*

## 5G Internet and the Dangers it Presents

- Walin Wasee (Class 703)

The FCC (Federal Communication Commission, the same agency that abolished net neutrality) has laid the groundwork for the use of 5G technology in the USA by 2020. It is clear that the race to get 5th generation wireless internet has begun, but not without its dangers.

### **So how does 5G work?**

According to wired.com 5G networks are planned to have 30 GHz (gigahertz) to 300 GHz in what is known as the millimeter wave spectrum, which can transfer data really fast! However, the millimeter waves travel at a high frequency, so they don't travel far, unlike 4G Internet which uses low frequency and has an easier time getting around obstacles like walls.

### **So what's the danger?**

Well, many things. For one, the high frequencies and range of 5G internet means we are going to be hit with a more complicated and dense soup of electrosmogs (invisible electromagnetic radiation resulting from the use of both wireless technology and main electricity), which can indirectly lead to damage due to exposure. Also, some of our biggest concerns with wavelengths is how they can damage the skin.

We'll just have to see the effects for ourselves. Is faster internet worth these dangers? You be the judge.

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- Ms. Marotta, Ms. Yuen, Ms. McDonald



We truly hope that you have enjoyed reading about what's happening at Pershing and in the world! This is our very first edition so we are extremely excited to receive feedback about the newspaper. This is the first time the three of us have created a newspaper, so we're incredibly excited to be learning alongside our wonderful team. They've worked very diligently to meet the deadlines and we're so grateful for such a hardworking group of students. We'd also love to give a big thank you to Mr. Dempster and Dr. Melucci for helping our team's ideas come to life! We hope to continue learning about creating a newspaper so that we have interesting and relevant content for our readers - like you!

# The Pershing Post Team Hopes You Have A Great Holiday Break!

