

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD No. 21

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

At the beginning of each school year, I talk with our staff about the importance of relationships. In Fourth R in Education, Miriam M. Witmer (2005), discusses the significance of the teacher-student relationship and the importance of the role the teacher plays in the development of that relationship. I continue to request that the staff of Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 Schools be committed to creating and maintaining positive, mutually beneficial relationships with our students, families, staff, and community. I have faith in the fact that relationships with other people will bring one of the greatest joy in their lives and will bring the greatest sorrow/grief as well. A life filled with positive relationships with others will be a life well lived. A school that has positive relationships within its walls will have the foundation for success. I have always put relationships as the first thing that has to happen in K-12 education. Critical Thinking Skills is another topic that I have always believed to be vital for graduates.

According to the Foundation for Critical Thinking, "Critical thinking is the intellectually disciplined process of actively and skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from, or generated by, observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication, as a guide to belief and action". That is a definition that packs a punch and tries to encompass all that critical thinking entails. Critical thinking is a complex process that involves a wide range of skills and attitudes. Identifying other people's positions, arguments and conclusions; evaluating the evidence for alternative points of view; weighing up opposing arguments and evidence fairly; reading between the lines; seeing behind surfaces; and identifying false or unfair assumptions; recognizing techniques used to make certain positions more appealing than others; searching for false logic and persuasive devices; reflecting on issues in a structured way; bringing insight to bear; drawing conclusions about whether arguments are valid and justifiable, determining if assumptions are based on evidence and are sensible; presenting a point of view in structured, clear, well-reasoned way that convinces others; recognizing where emotions

fit in; recognizing bias; all play a role in critical thinking.

Having effective critical thinking, seems to be more important today than when I was a child. The internet and social media has allowed a lot of material to be made public immediately and to travel around quickly. Being able to analyze, who said it?; why did they say it?; is it accurate?; what purpose does it serve?; are all important in navigating the information out there. It seems that we live in a society where there is a lot of flexibility for people to say practically anything. We hear about misinformation (or 'fake news') often. In addition, we hear that schools are indoctrinating students and many social injustices occurring on a regular basis. It is important that we understand how to separate rarely occurring incidents from the majority or a bias leaning opinions from the facts. Students with effective skills of critical thinking will enter adulthood as independent thinkers ready to meet all the challenges of life. Teaching critical thinking empowers students and helps us reach our mission. "Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District provides an empowering and collaborative environment allowing students to reach their full potential."

Lastly, I would like to thank the area pastors for coming to meet with me to discuss the idea of providing a Baccalaureate Ceremony opportunity for Hartsburg-Emden Graduates. Every year our area churches donate money for our students. Those donations have included breakfast/lunch payments, shoes, coats, supplies, PPE equipment, etc. They have provided support services for staff and students during times we lost some of our students. They have shown great support to our District over the years. The Baccalaureate Ceremony will not be school sponsored (nor is it allowed to be). It will be a community-sponsored event. It is strictly voluntary and everyone is invited. The pastors decided that it will always be offered the Sunday before Graduation, starting this year than every year moving forward. The Baccalaureate Ceremony will rotate between the churches and the pastors will decide that rotation. This year the Baccalaureate Ceremony will be at Prairieland Christian Church in Hartsburg on May 7, 2023 at 10:30am. Again, this is just another opportunity our area churches wish to provide our Graduating Seniors and each family/student has the choice to participate or not. Again, I thank St. Peter's, St. John's, Emden Church

of Christ, and Prairieland Christian Church for all they do for our school. Go Stags!!

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR APRIL

Student Breakfast \$28.00

Student Reduced Breakfast \$4.20

Student Lunch \$39.90

Student Reduced Lunch \$5.60

Students at Hartsburg-Emden Jr./Sr. High School will need to pay for seconds. Entrées are \$.90, vegetable/fruit/chips are \$.50, Italian Ice are \$.75 and milk is \$.40. As a reminder, once your child is negative \$20.00 in charges, he/she will not be allowed to purchase seconds. You may check your child's balance anytime using the parent portal.

ESSAY WINNERS

The Emden American Legion Auxiliary Unit 506 is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Americanism Essay Contest. The essay subject and title was "Who Are Our American Patriots?" 32 Hartem students from grades 8-12 submitted essays. Winners were as follows:

Class 1-

Alexis Cannon, first place

Cooper McAfee, second place

Alicia Grelck, third place

Class 2-

Kennedy McCree-first place

Alayna Briggs, second place

Morgan Riggs, third place

Class 3-

Violet Merz, first place

Noah Doolin, second place

Evan Cross, third place

Each student received monetary awards and the 1st place essays advanced to district judging. The Auxiliary wants to express appreciation for all the students who wrote essays and also to Mrs. Curry, Mr. Collins and Mr. Gardiner for partnering with the Auxiliary for this Americanism project.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Hello Hartem Families!

I just saw a bunch of redwing blackbirds by the overpass. Combine that with some diver ducks migrating back through and all signs point to spring being right around the corner.

Congratulations to the Scholastic Bowl team for finishing 2nd place in the Tomahawk Conference. William Wisniewski finished 2nd for toss up questions in the conference. Jace Whitted finished in the top 10 for toss up questions. The team made it all the way to the Regional Championship but just fell a little short. Good Job Coach Folkman and team.

Baseball and softball season is underway. We've had some rainy weather so there haven't been many games played yet. Coach Awe and the Softball team are really excited to get back to playing after numbers caused the team to Coop with Delavan. Coach McAfee and the baseball team have only played one game but they are really excited about having a senior loaded team.

Junior High Volleyball had a great season. Seventh grade didn't make it out of regionals but the 8th grade team went all the way to the State Championship. I saw the tournament and couldn't be prouder of the girls' grit as they won all their games in three sets. They showed that hard work and a strong mindset to never give up are what make winners. Congratulations to Coach Hayes and the Volleyball team!

The Junior Track team has 4 new coaches this year and look forward to competing this spring. They have their big County Track meet at Lincoln High School on April 26th at 9 am. We look forward to seeing them in action.

Congratulations to Mr. Popper and the Junior High Choir and Band for participating in the Logan County Ensembles. Our students played sets with all of the junior high bands and choirs from Logan Choir. It was a great opportunity for students to play in a band with almost 100 students and sing in a choir that had 80 students. Definitely a great life experience.

For the month of March, the Students of the Month were Avery Rohlf (10th grade) and Eva Sanders (6th grade). Here are some comments from the staff members that nominated them. "Avery works very hard in class. She is a good class leader and tries to help everyone." "Eva Sanders. She lights up any room she enters. She is a hard worker and an overall wonderful student."

Here are some dates of interest for April. There will be no school the April 3rd-10th for Spring Break. We will return to school on April 11th. The SAT will be April 12th for Juniors. The Grand March and Junior-Senior Prom will be on April 15th at the Lincoln American Legion. PSAT for sophomores is April 19th and PSAT for freshmen is April 20th.

The end of the year is quickly approaching! We have many things to be proud of for the year but we are not done yet. Before you know it, 8th grade promotion and senior graduation will be here. We look forward to ending the year strong!

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Donations

Kamden Pointer- books for hs library

Brinley Ballance- books for Little Free Libraries

Juliet Sisk- books for hs library

Book Fair and Author Visit

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the book fair or author visit in any way. We had an amazing year this year with David Biedrzycki ! All of the k-5 students got to see Mr. Biedrzycki present during the school day and got a signed book! Mr. Biedrzycki also stayed for Family Reading Night to present to families.

Did you know that every single purchase at the Book Fair helps our school? We usually get to keep 40% of the profits, but this year we hit a school record and got to keep 50%! That money goes to buy books for the classroom libraries. Thank you for helping us keep our classroom and school library new and exciting and fresh for the students!

Readers Choice for IL

Students again this year participated in the Monarch, Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill, and Lincoln Readers Choice awards! Students learned the books who won for the whole state for 2023 and have started browsing the book lists for 2024!

Yearbook

Order the 2022-2023 (6th-12th grade) Yearbook

Your name/ contact information (email or phone number) _____

Name of student(s) to receive book

of books ordered _____

Please include payment of \$40 for each book if you're purchasing a yearbook in April or May. (It will be \$45 after that.) If writing a check, please make it out to Hartem Antler.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT NIGHT

The Class of 2026 is hosting a Euchre Tourney FUNDRAISER at the Emden Community House on Saturday, April 22nd with a 6:00pm start time. Doors open at 5:30pm. Cost is \$25 a person. Players can sign up as singles or in pairs. Need a babysitter? The freshman students (along with some freshman parents) are having a Parent's Night Out at the Emden Grade at the same time – so you can drop your kiddos off at the Grade School and head over to the Community House for a fun night of Euchre! Save the date! Registration date is Friday April 7th. Any Questions?!?!?

Email: jrobinson@hartem.org or jhayes@hartem.org

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!



FFA NEWS

Sara Barton, FFA Advisor

This March Hartem FFA participated in the Public Speaking CDE at New Berlin High School. William Wisniewski delivered a prepared speech and got third place! We also attended the Logan County Farm Bureau banquet where senior Abby Montgomery received a scholarship for her to study animal science in college.

We will be having our annual greenhouse plant sale on Saturday, April 22nd from 8:30am-11am. The sale will happen in the greenhouse. We will have petunias, impatiens, calibrochas, and coleus.



In April we have the following events:

April 6th- Livestock Judging CDE at Taylorville

April 18th - Horticulture, Ag Business, and Ag Mechanics CDE at LLCC

April 22nd - Greenhouse plant sale

April 26th - Section 14 Banquet at Franklin

PROM 2023

The Hartsburg-Emden Class of 2024 would like to invite all juniors and seniors to dance the night away "Under the Stars" at prom. Grand March will be at the high school gym starting at 5pm. Prom will be at the American Legion in Lincoln, IL from 6-9pm. Dinner will be catered by El Mazatlan. Tickets cost \$10 for one person or \$15 for a couple. Hartem seniors get in for free. Please see Ms. Barton to purchase tickets.

HARTEM ALUMNI BANQUET

The 94th Annual Hartsburg-Emden High School Alumni Banquet will begin at 6:30pm on June 10, 2023. This year the banquet will be held at the Community House in Emden, Illinois. The banquet will be catered by the Stag-R-Inn. Invitations to the banquet will be sent out in early May. Anyone who does not receive an invitation, but would like to attend the banquet may send a request via email to Ron Spencer at coach_spencer@hotmail.com or you may call/text him at 309-838-0360.

Anniversary classes being honored this year include: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018 and the Senior Class of 2023. Any HARTEM Alumni is welcome to join us!

The winner of the "Wall of Fame" award will be selected and announced at the banquet. This year's award will be represented in the category of Athletics. Please mail nomination letters to Ron Spencer, 8923 Blooming Grove Road, Bloomington, IL 61705.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth Hilgert, Student Coordinator/Guidance Counselor

This is typically a very busy time of year in the schools. It is the final crunch before the end of the semester. There are about 7 more week of school left in the school year, and with that comes the excitement and anticipation of summer. State testing continues this month. Students should be finished with IAR by now with the exception of a few make-up tests. In addition, students in grades 5th and 8th will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment on April 13th.

PSAT/SAT

Juniors will take the SAT on Wednesday, April 12th. Sophomores will take the PSAT 10 on Wednesday, April 19th and freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 on Thursday, April 20st. These assessments will begin promptly at 8:30 am. It is EXTREMELY important that students are in attendance on the day they are assigned to test. Please plan appointments around this date. Students will be taking the test off-site at the Hartsburg American Legion Hall. Students will be instructed to arrive to school, as normal, and then they will walk to the Legion Hall at 8:30 am. Late arrival will not be allowed after the test begins. Please encourage students to put their best effort forward on this assessment.

I encourage all of our students to get an adequate amount of sleep and a healthy breakfast on test day so that they are in the best mindset. Testing is always a stressful time, but I am confident that our students will do great

Freshman Orientation

There will be a Freshman Orientation held on April 13th at 6:00 pm in the high school computer lab.

Current 8th grade students and a parent are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Students will have an opportunity to choose their 2023-2024 classes during this meeting. We will also cover an overview of required courses for graduation, grading scales, and highlights of elective offerings. A representative from Heartland Community College will also be present to give a presentation.

23-24 Class Schedules

High school students should have turned in their schedule requests for the 23-24 school year by this point. However, if any student has not turned in a schedule request yet, please do so as soon as possible. Students should be checking with me to determine requirements towards graduation and assistance in choosing the most challenging and appropriate classes for the upcoming year(s). As always, if you have any questions regarding scheduling, grades, state tests, or graduation requirements, please see your counselor.

What is Bullying?

A good reminder regarding bullying...

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children. It involves a real or perceived power imbalance and the behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and kids who bully others may have serious, lasting problems (stopbullying.gov).

Treat everyone with respect; no one should be mean to others.

- Stop and think before you say or do something that could hurt someone.
- If you feel like being mean to someone, find something else to do. Play a game, watch TV, or talk to a friend.
- Talk to an adult you trust. They can help you find ways to be nicer to others.
- Keep in mind that everyone is different. Not better or worse. Just different.
- If you think you have bullied someone in the past, apologize. Everyone feels better.

There are things you can do if you are being bullied:

- Look at the kid bullying you and tell him or her to stop in a calm, clear voice. You can also try to laugh it off. This works best if joking is easy for you. It could catch the kid bullying you off guard.
- If speaking up seems too hard or not safe, walk away and stay away. Don't fight back. Find an adult to stop the bullying on the spot.

There are things you can do to stay safe in the future, too.

- Talk to an adult you trust. Don't keep your feelings inside. Telling someone can help you feel less alone. They can help you make a plan to stop the bullying.
- Stay away from places where bullying happens.
- Stay near adults and other kids. Most bullying happens when adults aren't around.

When you see bullying, there are safe things you can do to make it stop.

- Talk to a parent, teacher, or another adult you trust. Adults need to know when bad things happen so they can help.
- Be kind to the kid being bullied. Show them that you care by trying to include them. Sit with them at lunch or on the bus, talk to them at school, or invite them to do something. Just hanging out with them will help them know they aren't alone.

Not saying anything could make it worse for everyone. The kid who is bullying will think it is ok to keep treating others that way.

For more information go to stopbullying.gov

HARTEM ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

A big thanks to all of those who helped with the home basketball and volleyball games this past winter. I know it's a lot of time and energy. We received many compliments (again) on how well our games run and how nice our facilities are. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our 8th grade volleyball team on another state championship. This was Coach Hayes's 30th overall championship. Wow.

Our Winter Sports Awards were on Tuesday, March 21st and we honored these teams: JHBK, JHCH, HSBK, HSCH, JH + HS chess, HSSC, and JHVB.

The month of April is filled with high school baseball and softball games as well as jr. high track meets. Let's enjoy some spring weather while cheering on those Stags.

JH BASEBALL ANNOUNCEMENT

Hello Hartsburg-Emden Parents!

My name is John Bell and I was recently hired as the head coach for the Hartsburg-Emden Junior High baseball program. I am excited to have an opportunity to coach your boys in the 2023 fall baseball season. I think it's great for baseball to be back on our home field. I will be having a parent/player meeting on Tuesday April 11 at 6PM in the high school cafeteria. I will create a Hartsburg-Emden Junior High baseball Facebook page soon so be on the lookout for that. I look forward to getting to know your boys and hope to have a successful season! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. My contact information is listed below. GO STAGS!

CLASS OF 2025 COFFEE FUNDRAISER

The class of 2025 will be selling coffee from April 11th, 2023-April 23rd, 2023. Flavors include: French Vanilla, Hazelnut Creme, Breakfast Blend, Jamaican Me Crazy, and many more. Coffee comes in 11 oz bags (makes approx 70 cups) or 12 single serve cups/pods. Each bag of coffee or box of single serve cups will be sold for \$15. See a member of the class of 2025 to purchase.

HARTEM VOLLEYBALL THANK YOU!

The Hartem 8-1A Volleyball Team and Coaches would like to THANK everyone for your support this season. It was a very exciting time and we appreciate everyone that cheered us on along the way! From donations, to meals, to traveling 2.5 hours to support us at state – Thank You! We couldn't do it without all of you! GO STAGS! ~ Coach Hayes, Asst. Coaches, and Players



JUNIOR BETA INDUCTION

The Beta Induction Ceremony took place Wednesday, March 15th. The National Beta Club is a student honor society that honors students based on academic achievement, excellent character and good citizenship. The National Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, grants scholarships, and provides a setting for students to develop interpersonal skills.

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the **Junior Beta**:

6th Grade- Mason Grelick, Hudson Hoeber, Kylee Eads, Isaac Doolin and Samuel Doolin
Not pictured- Leah Sutton and Eva Sanders



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2	3 No School HSBB vs W-L 4:30	4 No School HSBB @ Delavan 4:30 HSSB @ Delavan 4:30	5 No School FFA-Parli Pro TBA	6 No School FFA-Livestock Judging @ Taylorville 10:30 HSBB @ Fisher 4:30	7 No School	8
9	10 No School LTEC resumes class	11 HSBB vs MWC 4:30 JHBB Parent/Player Meeting @ HS Cafeteria 6:00	12 SAT-Juniors @ American Legion	13 Freshmen Orientation	14 <i>Qtr 4 Progress Rpts</i> HSSB vs MWC 4:30	15 JHTRK @ Olympia 10:00 Grand March @ HS Gym 5:00 Prom @ American Legion 6:00-9:00 Post Prom
16	17 <i>Board Mtg 7:00</i> HSBB vs IC 4:30 *Senior Night* JHTRK @ Havana 4:00	18 JHTRK @ IC 4:00 FFA-Hort/Ag Bus/Ag Mech CDE's @ LLCC 4:30	19 PSAT-10th Grade	20 PSAT-9th Grade HSSB @ Illini Bluffs 4:30 HSBB @ IWU 7:00	21	22 FFA Plant Sale @ HS 8:30-11:00 HSBB vs Ridgeview 10:00 Class of 2026 Parents Night Out @ GS 5:30-9:30 Euchre Night @ Emden Comm House 6:00
23	24 JHTRK @ IC 4:00	25 HSBB @ MP 4:30 HSSB vs Tri-City 4:30	26 Full Day!!! JHTRK-LoCo Conf Meet 9:00 FFA-Sect. Banquet @ Franklin 4:30	27 HSBB vs Blue Ridge 4:30	28	29 JHTRK @ PORTA 9:00 HSBB vs Peoria Christian 10:00
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BREAKFAST MENU	A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					1
2	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6 No School	7 No School	8
9	10 No School	11 Pop tart Fruit Orange juice	12 Biscuit Sausage patty Egg patty Fruit Orange juice	13 Nutri grain bar Fruit Orange juice	14 Waffles Sausage patty Fruit Orange juice	15
16	17 Pancake/Sausage on a stick Fruit Orange juice	18 GS-Scrambled egg bowl JH/HS-Danish apple claw Fruit Cherry juice	19 Peanut butter and Jelly Uncrustable Fruit Cherry juice	20 Assorted muffins Fruit Cherry juice	21 Donut Fruit Cherry juice	22
23	24 Mini pancake bites Fruit Apple juice	25 GS-Breakfast pizza JH/HS-Coffee cake Fruit Apple juice	26 Fruit frudel Fruit Apple juice	27 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Fruit Apple juice	28 French toast sticks Sausage links Fruit Apple juice	29
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LUNCH MENU	A variety of milk is available everyday. Chef salad and peanut butter sandwiches are available every day at the high school. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					1
2	3 No School	4 No School	5 No School	6 No School	7 No School	8
9	10 No School	11 Hamburger on bun French fries Green beans Peaches	12 Sub sandwich Fresh veggies Chips Mandarin oranges Cookie	13 Pork roast Roasted potatoes Carrots Dinner roll Pineapple	14 Chicken wrap Lettuce/cheese Sour cream/salsa Corn Applesauce	15
16	17 Bosco stick Marinara sauce Green beans Mixed fruit	18 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Dinner roll Pears	19 Sloppy joe on bun Nacho chips/cheese Peas Applesauce	20 Chicken patty on bun French fries Carrots Peaches Brownie	21 GS-Assorted sandwiches JH/HS-Texas toast pizza Corn Lettuce salad Pineapple	22
23	24 BBQ Meatballs Mashed potatoes Corn Pineapple	25 GS-Walking taco JH/HS-Taco bake Lettuce salad Breadstick Mixed fruit	26 Toasted ham & cheese Tater tots Carrots Mandarin oranges	27 BBQ Pulled pork on bun Baked beans Cole slaw Applesauce	28 Chicken strips Macaroni & cheese Peas Peaches	29
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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Class of 2027 Fundraiser

The 8th Grade class will be selling Casey's Pizza cards starting Friday, April 22, 2023 through Friday, May 6, 2023. The cost is \$20 a card. The cards will expire in March of 2024. Each card is good for 10 free medium 1 topping pizzas with the purchase of 10 speciality pizzas. These cards can be used at any Casey's in the U.S.A. that makes and sells pizza. If you would like to get on a list for a card or two please email Michelle Reber at mreber@hartem.org call the high school at 217-642-5244 or see one of our 8th graders starting April 22. Thank you for your support of the 8th grade class.