HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD No. 21 SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

Welcome Back!! It was certainly a full summer! Hopefully, your summer was filled with many memories. Likewise, we hope the anticipation and excitement of the start of another school year will help create new memories for everyone. It is a great honor and privilege for me to continue to serve as your superintendent. I look forward to meeting many new challenges as our district continues to grow and become the best place for students to be.

There is no doubt that schools continue to face the most challenging time in the history of public education in Illinois. As the State continues its political battle over education funding, we have now missed our first two (2) State payments. For the past 5 years now, we have been frugal with our finances because the State hasn't been reliable at all. Last year we only received 25% of our Transportation and Special Education State payments. This put the State a full year behind on those payments beginning this fiscal year. Having this extra burden really makes serving as Board Members even more challenging. I'd like to thank all our Board Members for their continued service. It often isn't an easy task.

Even with the States' issue, it is important to note the professionalism of our entire staff. Over the last five years, Hartsburg-Emden has continued to work hard to do what is best to keep our children's education the top priority while tightening our belt financially. The staff at Hartem is truly here for the right reasons . . . our students. I have continued to ask them to keep the focus on our students, not to let drama or outside negative influences determine what happens within their classrooms. Every year I ask for continual growth, positive attitudes, and high expectations. What I can tell you is, the Hartsburg-Emden staff is in high spirits and excited about the upcoming year. Our buildings look terrific thanks to our maintenance crew. They are ready!! As we begin a new school year, the Hartsburg-Emden staff is looking forward to working together with our parents to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self-worth in our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher. We must invest our time and energies in our nation's most valuable resource - our children.

As I do each year, I would like to take a minute to thank the Hartem Community Club (our K-8 parent organization) for everything they provide. Our students are provided with great field trips, parties, educational material, playground material, and much more from this organization. They have contributed resources and time in our children, which has enriched their lives. A new organization has also been formed to assist with Hartsburg-Emden academics. They have created the 'Hartem Legacy Fund' which has already raised over \$6,700 to help support academics K-12 in our district. If you'd like to learn more about either of these organizations, call the school and we'll direct you to those who can get you the information you'd like. We really do appreciate all the support we get from our community; we could not do all we do without you. I personally would like to send a huge thanks to everyone who helps our district out. We have many quiet, unnoticed, heroes in our district who do things that really make Hartsburg-Emden a unique experience for our students. Thanks to all of you.

Again, Welcome Back!! I'm looking forward to another great school year.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

Welcome Back!!! I can hardly believe that we are already several days into the school year. The start of the school year is always an exciting time for everyone. Our students are now into a daily school routine and are ready to be challenged on a daily basis. Our fall sports and activities are in the full swing of their seasons and are doing a fantastic job, and our teachers and staff are rested and ready to give everything they have to educate and love your child.

We hired one new teacher this summer. Here is a quick rundown of our new faculty member.

Robert Ham 9-12 Math Teacher University of Illinois 7th Year Teacher



We here at Hartem are very excited to be back and look forward to both the joys and challenges that are ahead. We want your child to be happy and successful here at Hartem, and you as a parent or guardian play a key role. I am free to discuss any suggestions or concerns that you may have.

We (our faculty and staff) look forward to continuing to work together as a team to provide your child with the very best educational experience possible.

Go Stags!!!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Welcome back to all you Hartem fans. School has started and our sports teams are in full stride.

The junior high softball team is over half done with their season already. Our two new coaches (Kortney Hoerbert and Josh Riggs) and the girls are nearly ready to begin their postseason play. The girls begin their regional on September 6th.

Coach McAfee, Coach Farris, Coach Wolpert and the boys have also started playing baseball. You can see them at the McGraw field on September 7 + 8. They will begin regional play on the 12th.

Coach Robinson and the golf team have starting swinging the sticks. They will be in a couple of tournaments this month with the Tomahawk Conference Meet on September 11th, the Heyworth Invite the next day, and the Clinton Invite on September 18th. They will have home matches on September 6, 13, and 14 in Atlanta.

Our last fall sports team, the high school volleyball team, started their season on August 29th at Delavan. They will have home games on September 5, 12, 18, and 21. If you haven't heard about or seen it yet, the gymnasium has had a bit of a makeover. The floor has a new paint job and it looks outstanding. These home games would be a great time to come take a look. The girls also travel to Casey for a tournament on September 2nd and participate in the Mt. Pulaski Fall Festival on September 15 + 16.

As the new seasons begin, I would like to ask that all fans show sportsmanship to all parties. Let's make sure that we are cheering for our hard working coaches and players and not being negative towards the officials, coaches, fans, or players. Also, parents should make sure that if your son/daughter is not riding the bus home, you have signed them out with the coach. If there are other arrangements, make sure the coach is aware of this and has written documentation of your plans.

Good luck to everyone and let's have another great year!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I am excited to see all of the students back to school and ready to start a fresh new school year. I am looking forward to a great year. Here are a few tips to help everyone kick off the new school year on the right foot:

- Get Involved! It is important for students to not only have consistent attendance at school, but also have an active role in their classes and school community. School is not just about academics. It is also about learning from and making the most of social and extracurricular experiences. Talk to your teachers about what opportunities are available.
- Make the most of your study time! Put those study halls to good use. It is far easier to keep up than to catch up. The brain tends to more easily retrieve information that has been learned continuously rather than crammed in a few hours. If you devote thirty minutes every day to each subject, you will find yourself retaining information better.
- Get to know your teachers and counselor!

 Students who need help often do not ask for it or wait too long to get it. You will find that your teachers and counselors want to help you, but they cannot read your mind.
- Keep a balance in your life! School can be stressful and fast-paced at times. Taking care of yourself will help you through these times. Getting enough sleep each night, eating right, and spending some fun time with family and friends are key steps in staying physically healthy and mentally alert. All work and no play can make for an unhealthy student. Come see your counselor if you are feeling overwhelmed.
- Set reasonable goals for yourself and periodically check your progress! Take time now to determine what you want to accomplish this year. Tape your goals to the wall so you can remind yourself daily of what you hope to achieve. It works! Also, the Tyler portal is a great way to track your

grades and see if you are missing anything. Make it a habit to check this often.

Important Reminders for High School Students **PSAT**

The <u>PSAT/NMSQT</u> will be administered at HEHS on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The deadline to register will be Friday September 22, 2017. The cost to take the test is \$16. Contact Mrs. Feltes ASAP to register. While this is not a required assessment, I strongly encourage all sophomores and juniors to consider taking this test in the Fall 2017. Illinois will be administering the mandatory SAT to all 11th grade students on April 10, 2018. The PSAT will be an excellent practice run for the SAT <u>and</u> juniors will have the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

Remind.com

The HEHS Counseling Department has created an account with remind.com to send alerts to students about registration, colleges visiting HEHS, scholarship opportunities, college entrance exam deadlines, college fairs, course selection, as well as other information and opportunities. Students and parents are encouraged to create an account at remind.com or download the app to receive alerts. Remind is a free, safe and simple messaging tool that helps teachers and staff share important updates and reminders with students & parents. Subscribe by text, email or using the Remind app. All personal information is kept private. The HEHS Counseling Staff will never see your phone number, nor will you see theirs. Grade level access information is listed below.

Freshmen – Text @39bbeb to 81010 for text notifications or visit rmd.at/39bbeb to sign up for email notifications or download the app on your smartphone

Sophomores – Text @cdg3e to 81010 for text notifications or visit rmd.at/cdg3e to sign up for email notifications or download the app on your smartphone

Juniors – Text @49aaf9 to 81010 for text notifications or visit rmd.at/49aaf9 to sign up for email notifications or download the app on your smartphone

Seniors – Text @e63he2 to 81010 for text notifications or visit rmd.at/e63he2 to sign up for email notifications or download the app on your smartphone

Planning Ahead

The 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) will be available on October 1st this year. Any student planning to attend college in the 2018-2019 school year will need to submit the FAFSA application. It is recommended to submit this application as soon as possible to ensure the best access to financial assistance. In an effort to help all students complete this application, HEHS will be hosting a FAFSA Completion Workshop on October 19th, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Computer Lab. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information about this great event. Contact Mrs. Feltes for details.

BAND/CHOIR NEWS

Beginning Band Night - If your student is new to 6th grade band, please join us on August 30th at 5:30pm in the High School Cafeteria. We will discuss expectations as well as answer any questions that you may have as a beginning band parent. If you are in need or an instrument, book or other instrument accessory, Boyd Music will be present to provide options in acquiring these items.

ILMEA Auditions - If you have a student ready to put their singing or playing to the test, I may be asking them to audition for ILMEA. If you know that your student is ready to put some work into improving their musical abilities and would like to audition for the ILMEA district festival, please be sure that I am aware. Auditions are October 9th, but music preparation should be happening now. Let me know if you have any questinos.

Practice and Lessons - This year all band students have the opportunity to for small group lesson time during the school day. This is a great advantage for our students and will prove extremely beneficial for our ensembles. In addition to this time however, students must be practicing their instruments at home. Please work with your student and set up a routine for times each week that they will practice. Thank you!



FFA News

Elizabeth Fanning, FFA Sponsor

It's that time of the year! Mum season!

Hartsburg-Emden FFA will be selling BEAUTIFUL,

Illinois grown mums!

The mums will be in after labor day.

The mums are 1 for \$9 or 3 for \$24!!

The colors we will have are:

Jacqueline Pink - 40

Tabitha Scarlet - 40

Beverly Orange - 40

Elena Gold - 40

If interested please contact Ms. Fanning at 217-642-5244 or efanning@hartem.org.

FFA members kept busy during the summer with State FFA Convention, hosting the chicken dinner, working the pork patio, and cleaning barns at the State Fair.

Members are hitting the ground running with the start of the new school year. We are already focusing on our mum sale, Horse Judging, and the Greenhand Conference.

Once again we would like to thank everyone who supports the Hartsburg-Emden FFA.



VOLLEYBALL HOMECOMING WEEK

The 2017 Volleyball Homecoming Week will be September 18th-23rd. Our Homecoming Match and Pack the Place Night will be <u>THURSDAY</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 21st VS Mt. Pulaksi.</u>

The week will consist of DRESS UP DAYS where each day Monday-Friday there will be a theme for all classes K-12th. The class with the most participation will earn a pizza party! Friday will be the Homecoming Assembly with introduction of the team and class competitions. The SEMI-FORMAL DANCE will be held at the high school on **Saturday September 23rd from 7:30-9:30pm.** Tickets will be available through Student Council members. Remember to sign up your out-of-town guests in the office!

VOLLEYBALL SPIRIT

AGAIN this season we are trying to fill the bleachers with ORANGE AND BLACK! Come enjoy a game of volleyball wearing school colors and get a chance at \$10. We will pick a winner each home game! Let's get this school year started off right! GO HARTEM!

HARTEM GEAR FUNDRAISER

The Class of 2019 and the Hartem Volleyball Team are selling Hartem gear. There is a great Variety of items from Stag T-shirts to Stag Blankets and Chairs! The Grade School and High School offices have forms as well as any volleyball player or Class of 2019 student! So order your spirit wear and come support your STAGS!! See the order form in this month's edition of the newsletter. All forms and money are due Friday, September 1st!

CLASS OF 2019 MEAL FUNDRAISER

This year the Class of 2019 will be serving grilled Pork Patty sandwiches, chips, and a bottled water for a \$5.00 meal. You can substitute a soda and make it a \$6.00 meal. These meals will be available at the high school volleyball games.

We will also be serving hot dogs, dill pickles, popcorn, and a vast variety of candy, soda, and PowerAde!

Come Support the Class of 2019!

LIBRARY NEWS

Susan Wilson, Librarian

A big thank you to Blake Martin for donating so many currently popular books to the Emden and Hartsburg libraries! Ben Folkman donated the graphic novel, Bird & Squirrel on the Run to the Emden library. Each library has many new books displayed for students to select and enjoy.

Emden's 4th and 5th grades will once again be participating in the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award of 2018. Students must have read a minimum of 3 of the 20 titles to be eligible to vote for their favorite book.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of September 25-29, in conjunction with the Emden Family Reading Night on the 26th. Please come and see the great new books and activities that are available from the fair. It will be open from 8:15-3:00 and Family Reading Night hours.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Welcome back to school, parents!

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school. Box Tops are each worth 10 cents and quickly add up to real cash for our school. All you have to do is clip Box Tops from participating products and send to school with your child. There are 2 redemption dates a year – Nov. 1st and March 1st. After our Box Tops are sent in, the school receives a check in December and April. Sign up at www.BTFE.com to stay updated on our school's earnings. Members also receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash. If you have any questions, please contact me at 217-376-3151 or cfletcher@hartem.org



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SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST & LUNCH COSTS

20 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$40.00
20 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.40	\$8.00
19 Student Lunches	@\$2.65	\$50.35
19 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.60	\$11.40

Students at Hartsburg will need to pay for seconds. Entrées are \$.90, vegetable/fruit are \$.50 and milk is \$.40. Seconds need to be paid for at the time they are served. Adult lunches purchased are \$3.15. You can check your student's meal account balance using the Parent Portal. Contact Erika at the high school if you need assistance in accessing this information.



STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION UPDATE

Every year at this time, we update student and family contact information in our student database. If you have had a change in your telephone number or email address in the past year, please forward that information to our district office so that we can remove old and inaccurate information.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
School Calendar					GS Picture Day JHSB @ Tremont 4:15 JHBB @ Mt. Pulaski 4:30	JHBB @ Carroll Catholic LoCo Tourn TBA HSVB @ Casey- Westfield Tourn TBA
3	4 No School Labor Day	5 JHSB @ W-L 4:15 JHBB @ Athens 4:30 HSVB vs. Lewistown 6:00	6 JHSB-1A Reg. TBA Golf @ North Greens Vs. Clinton/Tremont 4:00	7 JHBB vs. IC 4:30	8 JHBB vs. Heyworth 4:30 (8 th Grade Night)	9 JHSB-1A Reg. TBA
10	JHSB-1A Reg. TBA JHBB @ MWC 4:30 HSVB @ Tremont 5:30 Golf @ Coyote Creek vs. IB 9:30	JHBB-1A Reg. TBA HSVB vs. Athens 6:00 Golf @ Weibring (Normal) Heyworth Inv. 1:00	13 Golf @ North Greens vs. MC/MP 4:00	14	15 HSVB @ MP Fall Festival Tourn TBA	16 HSVB @ MP Fall Festival Tourn TBA JHSB-1A Sect. TBA JHBB-1A Reg. TBA
17	18 VB Homecoming Wk JHBB-1A Reg. TBA HSVB vs. W-L 6:00 Golf @ Clinton Invitational 3:00	HSVB @ Prairie Central 6:00 Golf @ The Rail vs. Williamsville/Pittsfield 5:00	20 Budget Hearing Board Meeting 6:45	21 HSVB vs. MP 6:00 Homecoming Game	22 JHSB-State TBA	JHSB-State TBA JHBB-1A Sect. TBA Volleyball Homecoming Dance @ HS Café 7:30-9:30
24	25 Scholastic Book Fair At GS Through 9/29 Golf @ Crane Creek vs. Havana 4:00	26 Golf @ Country Hills 4:00 Family Reading Night @ GS 6:00 7 th gr. Live Wax Museum 8 th gr. Science Fair	27 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	28 HSVB @ Williamsville 6:00 Golf @ Highland Park vs. Central Catholic 4:00	29 JHBB-1A State TBA	30 JHBB-1A State TBA

SEPTEMBER

A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Sun	Mon	Тие	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breakfast Menu					Peanut butter and Jelly jamwich Peaches Apple juice	2
3	4 No School Labor Day	5 Breakfast pizza Applesauce Orange juice	6 Assorted cereal Toast Peaches Orange juice	7 Scrambled eggs Toast Mandarin oranges Orange juice	8 Waffles Pineapple Orange juice	9
10	Pop tart Toast Applesauce Apple juice	Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Apple juice	Donut Toast Peaches Apple juice	French toast sticks Mixed fruit Apple juice	Pancakes Pineapple Apple juice	16
17	18 Fruit frudel Banana Orange juice	Trix yogurt Toast Mixed fruit Orange juice	Assorted muffins Applesauce Orange juice	French toast Pears Orange juice	Biscuit Egg patty Pineapple Orange juice	23
24	25 Pancake and sausage On a stick Fruit Apple juice	26 Nutri-grain bar Toast Applesauce Apple juice	Peanut butter and Jelly jamwich Peaches Apple juice	English muffin Sausage patty Pears Apple juice	Cereal bar Toast Mandarin oranges Apple juice	30

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					1 Beef nuggets Bread Romaine salad Peas Applesauce	2
	No School Labor Day	5 Cheesy Breadstick Meat sauce Green beans Lettuce salad Peaches	6 Chicken nuggets Bread Mixed vegetables Mandarin oranges Italian ice	7 Hamburger on bun Beans salsa/chips Cooked carrots Pineapple	8 Assorted sandwiches Tri tater Romaine salad Applesauce	9
0	Hot dog on bun Mini carrots Sun chips Peaches Vanilla wafers	Chicken fajita Lettuce/tomatoes Corn Refried beans Applesauce	Pork BBQ Rib on bun Broccoli Tri tater Mixed fruit	Spaghetti with Meat sauce Breadsticks Green beans Pineapple	Chicken patty on bun Peas Goldfish crackers Banana	16
7	Pork tenderloin on bun Baked beans Cottage cheese Mixed fruit	Sloppy joe on bun Baked fries Green beans Applesauce	20 Grilled chicken wrap Lettuce/tomato Corn Pears	21 Sub sandwich Fresh veggies/dip Hard pretzels Pineapple	Mini corn dogs Pasta salad with veggies Pepper strips Apples	23
4	25 Meatball sub French fries Cooked carrots Applesauce	26 Chicken and noodles Green beans Bread Peaches Jello	Nacho supreme Lettuce/tomatoes Southwest chick peas Pears	28 Hot ham & cheese Cole slaw Peas Mandarin oranges	Pizza Romaine lettuce salad Mixed fruit Juice bar	30

Ad for Substitute Bus Driver

Position: Hartsburg-Emden School District is looking for Substitute Bus Drivers. We are looking for Sub Bus Drivers who could be available to run morning and afternoon routes on short notice and/or available to drive when we have athletic and extra-curricular events. If you are interested in helping transport Hartem students on routes, athletic or extra-curricular events, please contact the District Office.

Qualifications: Must be able to successfully pass a criminal background check, drug screen and physical exam (as mandated the Illinois Department of Transportation) and must have bus driver training course (CDL License with SBP CLASS B – school bus endorsement). Assistance can be provided to help you through the licensing process. Any Questions, please contact Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent.

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