

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

We had our first cold spell and some snowfall already. That seems usual for November in Illinois. It is definitely time to get ready for the impending school-cancellations that our Central Illinois weather may bring us. We will always try to announce school closings with enough time for you to make arrangements to care for your kids, but it is always a good idea to think about some last-minute arrangements that would work for supervision. Again, we will try to make decisions with time to spare, including decisions on the previous evening of impending weather, but that will not always be possible. We monitor conditions as they change, so please be prepared for all-day cancellations and even early dismissals. The hours that we put into the decisions of canceling or having school are great. We don't make the decision lightly. No matter what decision is made, please always drive safely, we would rather people be late and safe. All our cancellations will be announced through the following media outlets: WJBC (1230AM), WBNQ (101.5 FM), B104 (104.1 FM), WJEZ (98.9 FM) (you may also visit the radio station's website), ABC Channel 20 (Springfield, Decatur, Champagne) (<https://newschannel20.com/weather/closings>), NBC Channel 25 (Peoria, Bloomington, Normal) (<https://week.com/closings-and-delays>), as well as a school reach all-call.

This year, Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21 applied for a State Waiver to use Remote Learning for Emergency/Snow Days. The waiver does not require us to use Remote Learning, but it gives us the option to use them up to five (5) times. At this moment, my intentions are to use Remote Learning Days in situations where we can anticipate and be prepared for a day off. We have several students who would need materials for an effective Remote Learning Day. If I anticipate bad weather and we can send students home with needed materials (as a precaution) and we can have a productive Remote Learning Day, I may use a use a Remote Learning Day for the Emergency/Snow Day. In this case, the day will not have to be made up at the end of the school year. However, if we have an emergency which we have not prepared for, I will likely take a regular Emergency/Snow Day which we will make up as we have always done in the past.

I just want to make everyone aware of this new practice. If we can be prepared and get the most out of a Remote Learning Day in place of a Snow Day, we will.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and ate just enough. By the time you get this newsletter, we'll be getting close to the end of first semester and it will then be Christmas Break!! Then some more time to relax. During the holidays, I often think of all of the blessings that I have. One of our biggest blessings is family. I am sure some of you have loved ones that you think about during the holidays, especially those first holiday seasons without them. I am grateful for the family and friends I do have. However, there are many who don't have much of a support system. This is the season of caring/giving. Giving a piece of kindness costs us very little and can go a long way to making someone's holidays better. After 20+ months of COVID-19 mitigations, a longing for normalcy, and some increase in inflation, many seem to be in need of some good wholesome fun.

I hope that as we go through the holidays, we think of our actions and the kindness to those around us. An extra smile, laugh, thank you, etc. can go a long way at making our community a great place to be. It not only helps the person you're interacting with, but it helps you enjoy the season as well. We don't need to succumb to the negativity around us. We can be the force that brightens everybody's day. As we approach the holidays, I ask: What are you doing to make the season better for someone else? Please remember that a kind word or gesture to those who may need a pick-me-up is worth a lot. It is so important that we keep in mind all the things we've personally been blessed with and be considerate of those who may have some struggles. We have the power to make our own (and others) season very special. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas this year!!

HARTEM DISTRICT WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the Hartem district website at www.hartem.org for all up-to-date information and activities that we have going on! The website is a great tool for everyone to stay informed!!!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Hello Hartem Families!

The Holiday Season is just about to get underway. Thanksgiving is here and I am looking forward to eating well and relaxing for a few days. With the nice weather this past weekend, I broke down and put up my Christmas lights. I usually hold out until after Thanksgiving, but the weather was just too nice. I hope everyone has had a little time to enjoy the mild weather in case the weather turns on us.

The Girls Volleyball Team finished their season as Regional Champions and fell short in the Sectional Championship. They barely lost to a team that ended up 2nd at State. They had a lot to be proud of and I enjoyed watching them this year.

Junior High Basketball and High School Basketball have started up. This week the High School team travels to Beardstown for a tournament. Good luck to them! Junior High Basketball is also underway. Both teams will have the cheerleaders with them to help keep the crowds motivated and on their feet. Junior High Volleyball will be getting underway during the month of December.

The Chess team has been traveling extensively to play opponents from around the area and are ranked #1 in the Tomahawk conference. On November 10th, there was a great showcase of speech talent. Thank you very much to Mrs. Curry for setting up the event and finding two accomplished judges to help with the event.

Please make plans to attend the two Christmas Programs this year. On December 2nd, the Junior High School and Senior High School Christmas program will take place. On December 9th, the grade school will have their turn to show off what they have been working on. I have snuck into a few of Mrs. Jordan's and Mr. Popper's classes and it is looking pretty good.

On December 4th, the Junior class will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar at the Emden Community House. Come check out what they have to offer!

For the month of November, the Students of the Month were Noah Doolin and Andrew Zimmerman. They were nominated and voted for by the Junior High/ High School Staff. One teacher

nominated Andrew because "He is a hard worker. He is always willing to help out and is always polite and considerate with his classmates and adults." Noah was nominated because "he is a kind young man with a good work ethic." Congratulations to both!

We have a few dates to be aware of in December. On Wednesday, December 8th, there will be a 2:00 dismissal. There are also 2:00 dismissals on December 20th and December 21st. Those are both final exams for students at the high school. December 22nd is the first day off for Winter Break. School will resume on January 4th.

As the first semester comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for welcoming me to this wonderful district. When you hear about the unfortunate things that are happening in other districts, I am very thankful to be part of this one. Education is very much a priority at Hartem and I hope that we can continue to have a successful year!

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



HARTSBURG JH/HS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come join the bands and choirs of Hartsburg-Emden for a night of Christmas celebration! Our concert will be on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30PM in the Jr. Sr. High School Gym. Hear from our 2 choirs and 3 bands singing and playing Christmas music of both old and new, and help us spread the holiday cheer!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Happy Holidays from the Hartsburg-Emden athletic department. I hope everyone had their fill of turkey and is ready for some basketball and volleyball. The junior high and high school basketball teams are about in midseason form, while the junior high volleyball season is right around the corner.

Coach Whitted, Coach Ferguson, and the junior high basketball teams are looking at the second half and postseason part of their schedules. They have home games on December 6 and 14. Eighth grade night will be on January 11th against Limestone Walters. The boys will be in the Logan County Tournaments at Lincoln College on January 8, 13, 15, and 20. Schedules will be out soon. The 7th grade regional will start on the 22nd and the 8th grade will start on the 29th.

Coach Wright, new assistant Matthew Neaville, and the high school basketball teams are fresh off their opening tournament in Beardstown and looking at the meat of their schedules. The boys will have home games on December 7 + 17. They are then in the Decatur St. Teresa Christmas tournament on Dec 21, 22, 27, and 28. They will begin the new year at home on January 4.

Moving forward, the junior high volleyball team is getting their season started with practice during the month of December. They will begin play in January with their first home game on the 20th.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE TEA WITH HCC

HCC is so thankful for the support we've been shown in such a short period of time! We are excited to keep the positivity rolling. Our first Flocktober was a success! We hope you enjoyed seeing the flamingos all around our community! We helped provide a grade school field trip to Gail's Pumpkin Patch. We've also been stocking both teachers' lounges with yummy treats and drinks. We are currently working on our first Twinkle Tour and Stag R Inn fundraiser night. The flyer is attached if you would like more information or would like to participate! Have a great Christmas!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, Guidance Counselor

December is here! I can hardly believe that we are already almost halfway through the school year. In a few short weeks, winter break will be upon us. I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable winter break and happy holidays! Although this time of year can be filled with many fun events, the holidays can often be a stressful time of year for many. Self-care is more important now than ever.

Here are a few tips to help you reduce stress:

- 1) Remember, whatever you may be feeling during this time is OK. It's important to **acknowledge your feelings** and take time to process those feelings.
- 2) **Reach out to others** –Schedule time for a video chat with everyone you are missing. Or, do something to lift your spirits, like doing something kind for a friend or those who are less fortunate. For example, dropping off a meal for a friend or donating to a coat or food drive.
- 3) **Limit time on social media** – Social media can be an added source of stress and frustration, especially during the holidays. Step away from the phone/computer and spend time doing something you love instead.
- 4) **Meditate!** Or, make time for yourself, whether it's just for a minute or for a whole day. Take the time to breathe and check in with yourself. Check out the Headspace or Calm apps for some ideas to start.
- 5) **Make a holiday gratitude list.** Instead of getting carried away by all the things you need to do, spend some time acknowledging, celebrating, and expressing gratitude for all you have to be grateful for this holiday season. Start with 3 things you are grateful for each day.
- 6) **Get plenty of rest.** Spend this time to rest and rejuvenate! Come back to school refreshed and ready to take on the spring semester.

As always, if you would like more resources or have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I hope you all are able to relax a little over break and spend some time on self-care for you and your families. Wishing you all a warm and safe holiday season!

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following Hartsburg-Emden High School students who were elected high school class officers:

9th grade-

Avery Rohlfs-President
Jonah Robison-Vice President
Kylie Starcevic-Secretary
Sadie Williams-Treasurer

10th grade-

Cloe O'Donoghue-President
Jace Whitted-Vice President
Evan Cross-Secretary
Noah Doolin-Treasurer

11th grade-

Prescott Davis-President
William Wright-Vice President
Violet Merz-Secretary
William Wisniewski-Treasurer

12th grade-

Jon Wright-President
Emmary Matson-Vice President
Grace Doolin-Secretary
Jenna Benner-Treasurer

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Elementary Christmas program will be Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m in the Hartsburg-Emden Gym. Due to COVID restrictions, we are allowing 2 people per student to attend the program and sit on the bleachers. We will also have the program live streamed and a video that will be posted on our website after the program. Students will need to be at the school by 6:00 p.m. and go to the cafeteria to meet their teacher/class. After the program is over, we will be having a special guest from the North Pole that will visit with each student. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

ANGEL TREE

The children in our area need our help again this year. The Angel tree for Hartsburg and Emden will be at Coers Diesel in Emden. The Angel Tree will be set up starting the week of Thanksgiving. Coers Diesel hours are 8am-5pm Monday-Friday and they are located at 508 Franklin Street Emden. If you have any questions, please call Mike Kavanaugh at 217-737-5509 or Laura Kavanaugh at 217-737-7924. Hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Donations

Folkman donations

Through the Window by Barb Rosenstock in honor of Thomas Tracey

Unbeatable Betty by Allison Crotzer Kimmel in honor of Mackenzie Folkman

Lucy Loves Goosey by Linda Joy Singleton in honor of Sue Seaman

Andy Morgan and Family- multiple books

\$25 from Roberta and Ivan Rademaker in honor of Mrs. Briggs

Achievements-Mrs. Folkman received a grant from PNC in the amount of \$750 to buy books for the 6-12 library. She also presented at the Illinois Association of Teachers of English conference on using choice books in the high school classroom and at the Association of School Library Educators Conference on #PostcardFieldTrip (our travel curriculum at the grade school) and the Lincoln Teen Readers' Choice Award.

Student Involvement-Students in each grade can participate in state book awards. The Monarch is for k-2, the Bluestem is 3-5, the Rebecca Caudill is from 4-8, and the Lincoln Award is for teens. Students read any 4 of the books from the book lists (created by librarians, teachers, and teens around the state) and they can vote for their favorite book. This voting happens in February and students have been busy reading great books of their choice from the lists all year. Look for how we're going to celebrate in February in coming newsletters.

Yearbook- Looking for your high school yearbook? We have limited copies of some older yearbooks. If you're looking for a specific year, let me know. We do ask for a donation to the program, in exchange for the book, of a minimum of \$30. If I don't have the year you're looking for, I keep a waiting list in case one turns up. Contact Mrs. Folkman with any questions.

CLASS OF 2025 CANDLE FUNDRAISER

Now through December 4th the Class of 2025 will be selling holiday scented candles. Each candle is 8oz and they are \$12. See a member of the Freshmen class to place your order. Delivery will be before Christmas!!!!!!

HARTEM CHESS FUNDRAISER 01/12/2022

The Hartem High School and Jr. High Chess teams are going to have a fundraiser at the Country Aire Restaurant in Atlanta, IL on Jan. 12, 2022. Ten percent of the sales that night will go to the Chess Team to help with expenses of travel and equipment. That night is All You Can Eat Chicken night! For \$8.99 you get all the chicken you can eat, salad, soup, or other side dish, choice of potato, vegetable, and ice cream! The chicken is broasted and delicious. The rest of the menu will be served also. Please come over to Atlanta and support your Hartem Stags Chess. The restaurant closes at 8:00 p.m. in the winter.

HARTEM STAGS CHESS

The Stags have been competing well in High School matches. Will Wisniewski has won 7 games on Board 1. We have a very tough conference with 3 of the teams being in the top 15 in the state. In IHSA Chess there is only one class. The biggest school in the state tournament has 3990 students. Hartem has several matches left with Greenview, LaSalette, Central Catholic, Mattoon, and Olympia. We also will be playing in the Illini Classic on Jan. 15 at Illinois State.

SPANISH @ HARTEM HIGH SCHOOL

Spanish 1 Classes

Spanish 1 classes are wrapping up the Present Tense with Reflexive Verbs. They are also doing a family tree project on Google Slides. They will be writing complete Spanish sentences and reading them to the class.

Spanish 2 classes

Spanish 2 has been flying through the verb tenses! We are ahead of most years with our grammar. Special emphasis will be placed on speaking and listening in Spanish from this time forward.

Spanish 3 and 4 classes

Spanish 3 and 4 classes will be practicing the Imperative and Subjunctive forms. They will write sentences in the subjunctive and tell why they are subjunctive.

JUNIOR HIGH SPEECH TEAM

On Wednesday, November 10th, the Junior High Speech Team held a Showcase of Talent. The team members performed their scripts in front of friends, family and two judges. A huge "Thank You" to Tim Searby and Lauren Stanfield for judging our event.

Team members who earned Judges Choice Award are:

Emma Eeten and Tate Whitted for "A Banquet of Friendship"

Ava Eeten and Lydia Doolin for "Girl Behind the Wheel"

Alayna Briggs, Celia Cross and Ellie Klokkenga for "The Party Girls" ** These girls received a Judge's Choice Award from both judges!**

In addition, Gabby Duvall and Kennedy McCree earned a 1st rating for duet acting and Abby Newlun and Robby Benner earned a 2nd rating for improv. Congratulations to all!



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			1 Chess vs Greenview 3:30	2 6 th -12 th grade Christmas Program @ HS Gym 6:30 Chess @ Mahomet- Seymour 5:00	3 Overnight Volleyball Camp @ Emden Grade School 4:00pm-6:30am (Saturday 12/04)	4 Christmas Bazaar @ Emden Community House 8:00-2:00
5	6 JHBK vs Rankin 6:00	7 JHBK @ Greenview 6:00 HSBK vs IC 6:00	8 2:00 Dismissal Faculty Mtg.	9 K-5 th grade Christmas Program @ HS Gym 7:00 Chess @ Normal West 5:00	10 HSBK @ Springfield Calvary 6:00	11
12	13 JHBK @ CEL 5:00	14 JHBK vs Blessed Sacrament 6:00 HSBK @ Dee-Mack 5:30	15	16	17 HSBK vs Delavan 6:00	18
19 Elf movie @ Emden Comm. House 4:30 (must reserve your spot)	20 <i>Board Mtg. 6:45</i> 2:00 Dismissal HS Finals	21 <i>Qtr 2/Sem 1 Rpt Cards</i> 2:00 Dismissal HS Finals HSBK @ St. Teresa Holiday Tourn TBA	22 No School HSBK @ St Teresa Holiday Tourn TBA	23 No School	24 No School	25
26	27 No School HSBK @ St. Teresa Holiday Tourn TBA	28 No School HSBK @ St. Teresa Holiday Tourn TBA	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School	

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Breakfast Menu

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

			1 Waffles Sausage patty Peaches Cherry juice	2 Biscuit with egg patty Sausage patty Pears Cherry juice	3 Peanut butter and Jelly Uncrustable Mixed fruit Cherry juice	4
5	6 Assorted cereal Peaches Orange juice	7 French toast sticks Sausage links Applesauce Orange juice	8 Assorted muffins Pineapple Orange juice	9 Pancake and sausage On a stick Mixed fruit Orange juice	10 English muffin Pears Orange juice	11
12	13 Nutri-grain bar Mixed fruit Apple juice	14 Fruit frudel Pears Apple juice	15 Pancakes Sausage links Pineapple Apple juice	16 Warm breakfast bar Mixed fruit Apple juice	17 Coffee cake Peaches Apple juice	18
19	20 Pop tart Applesauce Cherry juice	21 Donut Pineapple Cherry juice	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25
26	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School	

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Lunch Menu	A variety of milk is available every day. Chef salad and side salads are available every day at the high school. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.						
			1 BBQ pulled pork Baked beans Cole slaw Applesauce	2 Popcorn chicken bowl Mashed potatoes Corn Mixed fruit	3 Sloppy joe on bun Nacho chips w/cheese Green beans Peaches	4	
5	6 Corn dog Potato smiles Carrots Mixed fruit	7 Chicken and noodles Mashed potatoes Corn Peaches Cake w/strawberries	8 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Green beans Pears	9 Loaded tater tot bowl Mixed vegetables Pineapple Cookie	10 Chicken strips Macaroni & cheese Peas Mandarin oranges	11	
12	13 Hot ham and cheese on bun Broccoli Hard pretzels Pears	14 Chili/chicken noodle soup Fresh veggies Peaches Cinnamon roll	15 Hot dog on bun (with or without chili) Peas Chips Cottage cheese Applesauce	16 Baked ham Mashed/sweet potatoes Green beans Dinner roll Baked apples	17 Pizza Corn Lettuce Pineapple	18	
19	20 Beef vegetable soup or chicken noodle soup Peanut butter sandwich Mandarin oranges	21 Deli sub sandwich Sun chips Peaches Cookie	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25	
26	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School		

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Come to the Emden premiere of Elf at the Emden Community House on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 4:30 pm - doors will open at 4:00 pm.

This is a free event to families in the community. There will be FREE popcorn and FREE water! We ask that each family bring a blanket to sit on to enjoy the movie. Chairs will not be set up. Space will be limited to 30 spots for families to put their blankets on. Contact Lori Lessen at 217-871-3762 to reserve your family's spot. There will be a special visitor right after the movie! We look forward to seeing you at the movies!!!

(COVID protocols observed.)