

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

DECEMBER 2022 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 numerous. 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 and our school website.

Last 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 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 continued 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.

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!!

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

The Freshmen Class will be hosting a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Saturday, December 3rd at the High School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:00am – 10:00am. Cost is DONATION! Mark your calendars!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Hello Hartem Families!

If your mind hasn't already started thinking about the holidays, the colder weather may have forced your hand. We had a great run this fall with mild weather. Now that I'm writing this and it is under 20 degrees outside, there is no escaping the fact that we have a few months of winter ahead.

The Girls Volleyball Team finished their season as Regional Champions but fell short in the Sectional Championship. Even though they lost, I was very proud of our young ladies as they battled back from losing the first game. The other team was very cocky and loud, but our girls showed true grit to win back the second game. Although there wasn't a deep run into state, it is apparent that this team has become mentally tough and this will serve them their entire life.

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 Coach Neaville and the boys basketball team! Junior High School Basketball is also underway. Coach Spencer is looking at a rebuilding year and has some numbers to develop a deep bench. Good luck to them as they are already midseason. Coach Hayes is already looking towards the junior high volleyball season. We will see them in the gym practicing very soon.

The Chess team this year has two coaches. Mr. Robinson will be helping out with Junior High Chess this year. He and Coach Hieronymus are preparing for a great season. A fun fact is this is probably the largest club that we have at Hartem. The team has about 25 members combined in high school and junior high.

Please make plans to attend the two Christmas Programs this year. The Emden Elementary concert will take place on December 8th at 6:30. December 15th, the Junior and Senior High School Concert will take place. Mr. Popper and Mrs. Jordan have been working really hard at making this year's festivities great! Please come out and support the fine arts of Hartem!

For the month of November, the Students of the Month were Hudson Hoerbert of sixth grade and Sophomore Mitch Mason. These students were chosen by the faculty of the Junior/Senior High. This is what a teacher said of Hudson. "Hudson has become more confident throughout the semester in his work. He is also a polite and considerate young man who never hesitates to ask for help or give help." Mitch was nominated by two teachers and this is what they said of him. "Mitch is a hard working and kind individual." Another said that he is "Hard worker and very respectful." Congratulations to both students!

We have a few dates to be aware of in December. On Wednesday, November 30th, we have a 2:00 Dismissal. There are also 2:00 dismissals on December 19th and December 20th. 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 after the January 3rd Teacher's Institute.

I will share with you my New Year's Resolution. I hope to focus this district more on academics. Sometimes I feel like we lose ourselves in a lot of extra things that don't have much to do with education or preparing students for life after high school. We, as a district and community, have to be mindful of how we spend our time and energy.

Thank you very much for everything that you do for our district and our students. I hope everyone finds some much deserved downtime and time with friends and family. I look forward to doing just that. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

CLASS OF 2026 FUNDRAISER

HOG RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to our (2) winners:

Mary McCree

Kaitlyn Davis

And thank you to everyone that bought tickets for a chance to win!

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.

The jr. high basketball teams have home games on December 6th and 12th, as well as January 5th, with the latter being 8th grade night vs WLB. They will be in the Logan County Tournaments on January 7, 12, 14, and 19. The 7th grade regional will start on the Jan 21 and the 8th grade will start on Jan 28.

The high school basketball team has home games on December 9th and 13th, as well as on January 6, 10, 17, and 27. They will play in the Decatur St. Teresa xmas tourney on December 19, 21, 22, 28, and 29.

Just as a heads up, 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 12th.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Book Donations- Special Events

If you are a former student of Mrs. Folkman's, please feel free to reach out and let her know if you have a special event in your life! She would love to personally donate a book to the library in your honor. You can email her at nfolkman@hartem.org. (Feel free to reach out on behalf of someone else, too!)

Graphic Novels (and Audiobooks) are Good for You!

Graphic novels are extremely popular and sometimes when we know that something is popular, we tend to think that it is lower in quality. Science has shown, over and over again, that graphic novels are very good for brain and literacy development. Graphic novels, just like reading prose or poetry, help develop vocabulary and a love of reading. Graphic novels also actually ADD the many skills of visual literacy. Our brains also never grow out of the benefits of listening to books read to us. Audiobooks are a billion dollar industry because humans LOVE

being told stories. Both graphic novels and audiobooks also typically increase the volume of reading that a person completes. Studies also show us that the more texts of any kind that we read, the more we learn about how texts are structured, and therefore the more we can translate that knowledge to any format of reading that we do.

Grants

Mrs. Folkman was awarded a grant at the Association of Illinois School Library Educators conference in Tinley Park last month. It is a \$1500 grant for nonfiction books for the junior high/ high school building. She will specifically order science books to update our long outdated science section.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

If you have a child under the age of five in the Hartsburg-Emden School District, did you know that you can get a FREE book every month? It ships to your house, all at absolutely no cost to you. Mrs. Folkman and the United Way of Logan County have fundraised and made available this amazing program for all of our students. If you live in the school district but have a non-Hartsburg or Emden address, please just reach out to Mrs. Folkman (nfolkman@hartem.org) to get signed up. The system goes by zip code, so I will manually override to get you enrolled.

If you have a PO box address in Hartsburg or Emden, please log into your Dolly Parton Imagination Library account and update your address.

Journalism News

Yearbook Sales

The 2022 yearbook has arrived! If you would still like a copy, we have a few left over. Please contact Mrs. Folkman. The cost is \$45 at this time. We will start to sell the 2023 yearbook (this school year's yearbook) in January. Like in previous years, there will be deals for ordering early. When we have the details about purchases for this school year's yearbook, we will share them here and on social media.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth Hilgert, Student Coordinator/Guidance Counselor

Wow, hard to believe the first semester is almost over and winter break is about to begin! I would like to start out by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday! This time of year is filled with fun and exhilarating experiences, but the holidays can be a stressful time of year. Mental and physical health is more important now than ever. Here are a few tips to help you reduce stress:

- Remember, whatever you may be feeling during this time is fine, it is OK. It's important to recognize your feelings and take time to process those feelings, whatever they may be.
- Be Kind, be good to people – remember not everyone has the same experiences. Think of others during this time and reach out to those who may need a little more support. Donate a gift to someone less fortunate or give your time to those who don't have support.
- Limit time on social media – Social media can cause more sadness than happiness, especially this time of year. Put the phone down, step away from the computer, tablet or I-Pad and spend time with people who mean the most to you.
- Be Grateful – Start each day with a positive attitude by listing something you are grateful for.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year are all times to look back at the year and remember the happy moments. Count your blessings and be thankful.

- Rest – find time to rest and reset yourself mentally and physically. Come back 2nd semester and be ready to finish out the year strong.

If you would like more information or have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. My holiday wish is for everyone to relax over break and spend some time on self-care for yourself and your families. Wishing you all safe and happy holidays!

FRIENDS OF HARTEM JH BASKETBALL

Coach Spencer, Coach Ferguson and JH Team

While we are winding down our Friends of HARTEM Jr. High Basketball fundraising event at the article submission deadline for the December newsletter and final numbers are not in yet... I wanted to thank everyone who has invested in our program! The response has been fantastic!! We have already talked to our kids about the generosity of the HARTEM Community, HARTEM fans and Alumni. Thank you!

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR DECEMBER

Student Breakfast \$28.00

Student Reduced Breakfast \$4.20

Student Lunch \$39.90

Student Reduced Lunch \$5.60

Adult Breakfast \$2.50 each meal

Adult Lunch \$3.25 each meal

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.

HARTEM CHESS FUNDRAISER

The Hartem Chess fundraiser will be January 25, 2023 at the Country Aire in Atlanta. It is All-You-Can-Eat Chicken for \$9.99. This price includes a side dish, potato and dessert. The fundraiser is all day long. The Chess team appreciates your support!!!

JH STUDENT COUNCIL

Lynn Curry, Sponsor

Council Members: Cooper McAfee, Clayton O'Donoghue, Cambelle Hopkins, Allie Grelck, Emma Eeten, Ava Eeten, Kyler Williams, Mason Grelck, and Kylee Eads

One of the goals of the Junior High Student Council is to participate in at least one community service project. This semester, the members have chosen to help out the Humane Society of Logan County, HSLC. We will be collecting donations from the society's FETCH list. The members will get the opportunity to take the donations to the Humane Society and will be given a tour where they will learn more about how the Human Society operates.

Donations from their FETCH list will be collected in a few ways:

- Donations may be dropped off at the high school office during school hours or sent to school with a council member.
- Donations will be collected at the **Elementary Christmas Program** on December 8th and at the **Band Concert** on December 15th. A donation box will be set up in the lobby during the Christmas Program and Band Concert.
- If you would like to send a monetary donation, you may send a check to Mrs. Curry at the high school building. Please make the checks to HSLC. You may also wish to donate directly on the HSLC website.

If you would like more information about the Humane Society of Logan County, please visit their website at <https://www.hslclincoln.org/>

FETCH list items we will be collecting are: paper towels, garbage bags, rolls of stamps, Nylabone dog toys, liquid hand soap, laundry detergent, bleach, toilet bowl cleaner, masks, gloves and hand sanitizer.

EMDEN ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS

PROGRAM

Happy Holidays!! We would like to invite you to the 2022 Hartsburg-Emden Grade School Holiday Program. It will be held on **Thursday, December 8, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.** at the Hartsburg-Emden Gym.

We will have some great new songs and some old familiar ones. Please have your child(ren) at the high school cafeteria by 6:00 p.m. to meet up with their class and get prepared for the program at 6:30 p.m. At the end of the program we will have a special visitor from the North Pole who will meet with each of the children. Hope that you are able to come out and watch your favorite "student" perform and leave with some "Holiday Cheer".

Also, check out what the Student Councils are doing!! They are collecting items for the Humane Society of Logan County during the Hartsburg-Emden Elementary Program and the Junior High & High School Winter Concert. If you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

JH/HS BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT

The Hartsburg-Emden Music Department will be proudly presenting our 2022 Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 6:30PM in the Jr. Sr. High School Gym. Come join the fabulous bands and choirs of Hartsburg-Emden for an evening of holiday celebration.



GRANDPARENTS-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday Dec. 16th

1:30pm

Emden Elementary School Gym

This year at Emden Elementary, we are inviting all grandparents to come and celebrate our Holiday Festivities. We will start our gathering in the Emden Gym at 1:30pm with each class participating on stage. We will end the program with cookies and a

drink. Come and join all our students for our
Holiday Celebration!

December 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 HS Chess @ Greenview 4:30	2 HSBK @ Deland- Weldon 5:30 Volleyball Slumber Camp @ GS 4:00pm- 6:30am	3 Class of 2026 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast @ HS Cafe 7:00-10:00 FFA-Trees at Whistle Stop Park 9:00
4	5 JHBK @ Rankin 5:00	6 FFA-Dairy Foods Contest 4:00 JHBK vs Greenview 6:00 HSBK @ IC 6:00	7 Educators Rising Field Trip 8:00-3:00	8 HS Chess vs Olympia 4:30 Elementary Christmas Program @ HS Gym 6:30	9 HSBK vs Calvary 6:00	10 HSBK @ Flanagan 1:00
11	12 JHBK vs CEL 6:00	13 JHBK @ Blessed Sacrament 5:30 HSBK vs Cornerstone 6:00	14	15 JH/HS Christmas Concert @ HS Gym 6:30	16 Grandparents Holiday Festivities @ GS 1:30 HSBK @ Delavan 6:00	17 Movie Night @ Emden Comm House 5:00
18 FFA Meeting @ Ms. Barton's Room 1:30	19 Board Mtg 6:45 2:00 Dismissal HS Finals-Odds HSBK @ Blue Ridge 5:30	20 2:00 Dismissal HS Finals-Evens	21 No School HSBK @ St. Teresa Tourn TBA	22 No School HSBK @ St. Teresa Tourn TBA	23 No School	24
25	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School HSBK @ St. Teresa Tourn TBA	29 No School HSBK @ St. Teresa Tourn TBA	30 No School	31

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
BREAKFAST MENU	A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					
				1 Biscuit Sausage gravy Fruit Apple juice	2 Donut Fruit Apple juice	3
4	5 Mini pancake bites Fruit Orange juice	6 Biscuit w/ ham & cheese Fruit Orange juice	7 Fruit frudel Fruit Orange juice	8 Waffles Sausage patty Fruit Orange juice	9 Pop tart Fruit Orange juice	10
11	12 Peanut butter & jelly Uncrustable Fruit Cherry star juice	13 Cinnamon breakfast cookie Fruit Cherry star juice	14 French toast sticks Sausage links Fruit Cherry star juice	15 Nutri-grain bar Fruit Cherry star juice	16 Assorted cereal Toast Fruit Cherry star juice	17
18	19 English muffin Fruit Apple juice	20 Donut Fruit Apple juice	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31

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LUNCH MENU	A variety of milk is available every day. Chef salad and peanut butter sandwiches are available every day at the high school. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					
				1 Creamy chicken & noodles Green beans Mashed potatoes Pineapple	2 Hamburger on bun French fries Carrots Frozen fruit cup	3
4	5 Sloppy joe on bun Nacho chips/cheese Peas Peaches	6 GS-Chicken and Rice Casserole, Fresh Veggies JH/HS-Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole Breadstick Pineapple	7 GS-Popcorn Chicken and Tater tots JH/HS-Tater tot bowl Carrots Mixed fruit	8 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries JH/HS-Green beans Cottage cheese Applesauce	9 Chicken fajita Lettuce/Cheese Sour cream/salsa Corn Mandarin oranges	10
11	12 GS-Pulled pork nachos and Pasta Salad JH/HS-BBQ pulled pork on bun and Baked beans Cole slaw Applesauce	13 Walking taco Lettuce/cheese Corn Mixed fruit Graham cracker	14 JH/HS-Corn dog Soft pretzel w/ cheese GS-Carrots JH/HS-Green beans Frozen fruit cup	15 Ham Mashed potatoes/gravy GS-Green bean casserole JH/HS-Corn Dinner roll GS-Apple dump cake JH/HS-Baked apples	16 Texas toast pizza Lettuce salad Corn Pineapple	17
18	19 Chicken Day Macaroni & cheese Peas Mandarin oranges	20 Bosco sticks Marinara sauce Carrots Pineapple Cookie	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31

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CLASS OF 2025 FUNDRAISER DINNER

The Dovetail in Emden will be hosting a carryout dinner to help raise funds for the Class of 2025 on Monday, December 12th.

The Class of 2025 will be selling tickets for this dinner from November 28th – December 10th. Tickets will be \$11. This ticket is good for one meal of Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, a dinner roll and green beans. Meals can be picked up at the Dovetail from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. You can remain in your car and there will be runners. Be sure to bring your ticket!