

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD No. 21

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

I want to begin my newsletter this month by thanking the community for the overwhelming support it has shown our schools. We have received many donations throughout the year for lunches, clothing, coats & gloves, computers, ipads, resources for labs, resources for classrooms, supplies, books, etc. This was above and beyond what the Hartem Legacy Fund has provided. Our students are getting many things provided that they may not otherwise get. So, as another school year has come to an end, I would like to personally thank the parents, community, Board, staff, and students for making this a great school year. The community support for our school district is fantastic and second to none.

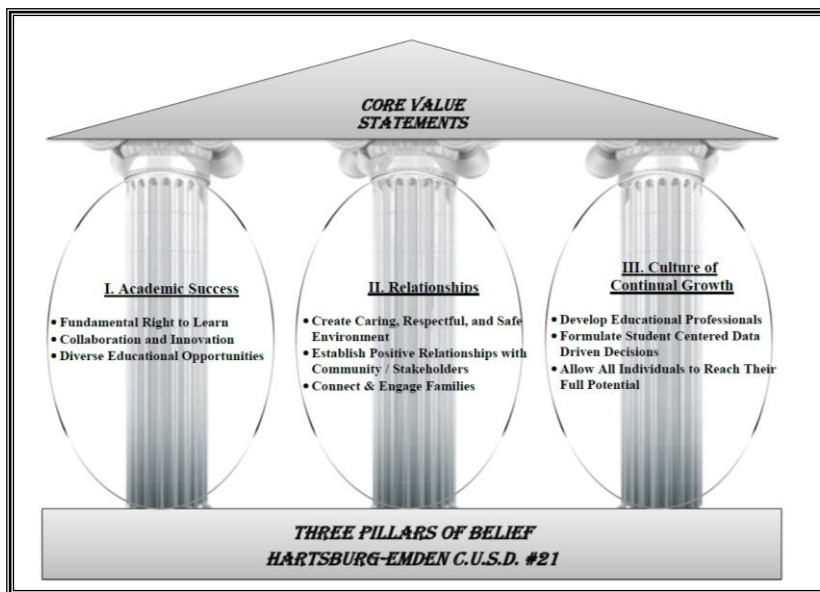
As many of you know, our school district recently began the strategic planning process. Our district has a Mission Statement, but a strategic plan also includes a Vision Statement, Core Values (Belief Statements), and Goals. In September a Strategic Plan Committee was formed that consisted of two parents, two Board Members, two teachers, two paraprofessionals, and two administrators. We included several stakeholders from different groups so that we would get different viewpoints. The committee began meeting in October and concluded in April. Why a Strategic Plan?? Most importantly for a school district it requires you to write down what you are all about. That may sound easy, but asking questions like: What does it mean to be a Hartsburg-Emden Stag? What should a Hartem graduate take with him/her? What are we about? Having five different viewpoints, coming up with one set core values (belief statements), was not an easy task. We all see the world through a different lens. By having a written set of statements, we can all focus on what is important for our district. It gives us some valuable guidance and everyone will be able to see our priorities.

Mission Statement

“Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District provides an empowering and collaborative environment allowing students to reach their full potential.”

Vision Statement

“Hartsburg-Emden School District will fulfill its responsibility to provide a nurturing environment that cultivates positive relationships and continual growth to ensure students achieve personal success”



The following committee worked this year on the District Strategic Plan. I would like to personally thank each and every one of them for their time and dedication to our school.

Lawrence Groth, Tammy Zinser, Mark Craig, Jennifer Riggs, Sarah Aderman, Melanie Wright, Lynn Curry, Michelle Reber, Jon Leslie, and myself.

One final note, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. I truly love the summertime!!

“Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

It is hard to believe that this school year has come to an end. The second semester in particular has really flown by. I am looking forward to the upcoming summer to take a quick breath and then reflect and start to prepare for the upcoming year. I would like to personally thank all of our teachers, staff, and volunteers. They all do an excellent job, and we are lucky to have them in our District.

I am anticipating a very productive summer in terms of curriculum here at Hartsburg-Emden High School. More information will follow in the summer months, but we are excited to be adding more elective class choices for our students in grades 9-12. One of our goals here at Hartem is to continuously challenge our students and help prepare them to be college or career ready. These new changes are an example as to how we are committed in working towards reaching our goal.

Students, enjoy the change of pace that summer brings. You have worked hard this year. Please take some time to relax. I want to wish all of you a happy, relaxing, and safe summer.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank and recognize our retiring staff members this year: Susan Wilson and Bruce Struebing. Both of these individuals have made a tremendous impact on our school and students for decades. I want to wish them both all of the best in their retirement years.

Have a Great Summer!!!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer office hours will begin on Tuesday, May 29th. Hours will be Monday-Thursday 8:00-2:00 and Friday 8:00-12:00. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 6th. The district office will be closed Monday, July 2nd - Friday, July 6th.



2018-2019 REGISTRATION

Erika Sanders, District Secretary

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be Monday, July 16th Noon-7:00pm and Tuesday, July 17th 9:00am-2:00pm. All registration and activity fees must be paid at that time. Please watch for more registration information in the upcoming newsletters.

LONGTIME MAINTENANCE PERSON

RETIRES

Bruce Struebing began working at Hartem in November of 1988. During a visit with superintendent Doug Horner, Dr. Horner asked Bruce if he would be interested in a job with the school district as there was a great deal of Health Life Safety work to be done. That discussion led to 29 years of working for the district. Bruce has been Head of Maintenance and Building & Grounds for the past 8 years.

A few notable improvements Bruce is pleased to have worked on through the years include:

- Working with Bob Detmers to install a new heating system at the elementary building (Bob was a good mentor!)
- Working with the contractors on the new high school kitchen/cafeteria addition
- Coordinating the sanding and refinishing of the high school gym floor

Bruce says he will miss the people he works with and the students as well. He will NOT miss the early morning snow removal. Congratulations to Bruce Struebing on his retirement, we wish him the best of luck.

Support Staff Recognition

5 years of service:

Erika Sanders & Fred Wagner

More than 20 years of service:

Rod Bridges, Ruth Coers, Erin Eeten, Cleola Fletcher, Suzy Jones, and Lori Lessen

Thank you for your service to our district!!!

EYE, DENTAL, AND PHYSICAL EXAMS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Erika Sanders, District Secretary

Physical exams are a STATE REQUIREMENT of all Kindergarten, 6th and 9th graders. Also, all Kindergarten, 6th and 9th graders are required to have their immunization records up to date. The Logan County Health Department offers the booster immunizations and lead screenings. Please call them for an appointment at 735-2317. The State of Illinois also requires that all children entering Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades to have a dental examination. The examination must be completed between May 15, 2018 and May 15, 2019. Proof of examination is due no later than May 15, 2019.

All Kindergarten students and any student new to an Illinois school will be required to have a vision screening. The examination must be completed within the past 12 months. Proof of examination is due no later than October 15, 2018.

Students participating in sports and cheerleading must have a physical on file in the office before their sport's program begins. A sports physical is good for one calendar year. Please remember that junior high softball starts in July and junior high baseball and high school golf and volleyball start at the beginning of August and the physicals need to be on file **BEFORE** they may practice or tryout. If you have any questions, please call Erika at the high school 642-5244.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Congratulations to all of this year's seniors as they embark on a new adventure in their lives. I wish them all well and it was a pleasure watching them grow up before our eyes.

I would like to say thanks again to all those who helped make our athletic teams a success this past year. Among the throngs of people who ensure our success are the school board, administration, cooks, janitors, secretaries, teachers, game helpers, coaches, players, parents, and the two communities of Hartsburg + Emden. Thanks again.

This is a reminder to all those who are interested in going out for any sports teams next year that you will need an **updated physical** before participating. PLEASE try to remember to get this taken care of before your season begins.

I would highly recommend doing this during the summer months so you'll be good for all of next year.

Also, for junior high baseball and softball players, please pay attention to the papers and our school website for announcements regarding the start of your seasons. Both teams will begin practice and games before school starts in the fall. Have a great summer break!

8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, May 16th, the Hartsburg-Emden 8th grade class had their field trip to Chicago. To enhance their literature study of WW II and the Holocaust, the students visited the Illinois Holocaust Museum. Students had the opportunity to tour the museum where they saw many displays and artifacts related to the Holocaust. The display that affected the students the most was the train cattle car that was used in transporting Jewish prisoners to concentration camps. The students also visited with a survivor and heard her describe how her family escaped from Vienna, Austria in 1938.

The class also got a private tour of Soldier Field. Students learned about the history of Soldier Field and saw the visitors' locker room, training room and press room. We even got to go into a \$20,000 per-game sky box! We ended the field trip with Chicago style pizza at Giordano's and a short visit to the "The Bean" sculpture. The 8th grade class had an amazing time and would like to thank the Hartem Community Club for funding this trip.



HARTEM FFA

Elizabeth Fanning, FFA Sponsor

The school year finished on a great note for Hartem FFA. Thank you to everyone who attended the Chapter Banquet.

The 2018-2019 FFA Officer team is: President - Abbie Hoerbert, Vice President - Sami Perschall, Secretary - Addam Hoerbert, Reporter - Hunter Buck, Treasurer - Ariana Hinkle, and Sentinel - Marilyn McGill

In June members will be attending the Illinois State Convention. While there they will hear from inspirational speakers and gain leadership skills. Students will also be working on the Emden Chicken Dinner, attending FFA Leadership Camp, SAE projects, Pork Patio, and Barn Cleaning. The 2018 summer will definitely be keeping the FFA members busy!

I want to thank Hartsburg-Emden teachers and staff, the community, and the students for a great four years as the Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

COUNTY YOUTH ART PROGRAM

In May, our Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students were invited to participate in an Art contest that will be judged during the Logan County Fair this summer. All Logan county students, in K-2, were encouraged to participate. Each student was asked to submit one drawing to the program, no entry fee or exhibitor's fee required. On **Tuesday, July 31st beginning at 9 a.m.** judging will begin at the Logan County Fair. All the participants artwork will be exhibited at the Logan County Fair under 2 categories: either crayon or pencil. First through fifth place ribbons will be awarded in the six groups (K, 1 & 2-Crayon and K, 1 & 2-Pencil). Each exhibitor will receive a participation ribbon and will be bringing home a coupon for a sweet treat from Culver's. We encourage ALL families to attend the fair on July 31st at 9:00 a.m. and watch the judging. We spent Art time working on these projects and our students are so imaginative and have done a great job on their art work. There will be no entrance fee before noon. Come out and enjoy the exhibits, see the livestock and enjoy the fair. I would like to thank the sponsors of this Making Memories Art Contest-Karen & Danielle Burgrabe-Rustic Love Rentals, Elaine Aue, Culver's of Lincoln and Cliff, 5th Street Food Mart. See you at the fair!!

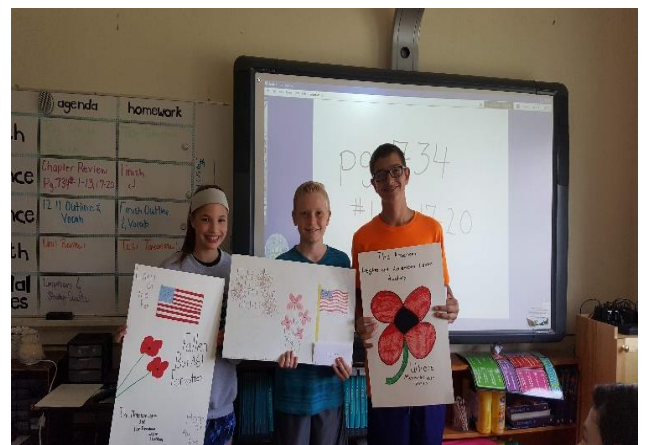
POPPY POSTER CONTEST: 4TH-6TH GRADE

Students in the fourth through sixth grade classes participated in the Poppy Poster contest sponsored by the Emden American Legion Auxiliary Unit #506. The main emphasis of the poster was the Poppy. Students were judged on poster appeal, artistic ability and neatness. Each class had three winners: first, second and third place prizes were given.

Fourth Grade Winners were: First Place-Morgan Riggs, Second Place-Alayna Briggs-Miller and Third Place-Celia Cross.

Fifth Grade Winners were: First Place: Zoe Miller, Second Place-Emma Cordray, Third Place-Blake Aderman and Honorable Mention: Avery Rohlf.

Sixth Grade Winners were: First Place: Addison Beekman, Second Place-Evan Cross and Third Place-Wyatt Hampton. Congratulations to all of the winners!!!!



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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>
School Calendar					1 VB Camp @ HS Gym 3:30-5:00 (3 rd -6 th) 5:00-6:30 (7 th and 8 th)	2
3 1st Sunday Quarter Auction @ Emden Comm. House 2:00	4	5	6 Senior Class Trip Informational Mtg @ HS Café 6:00	7	8	9 Hartem Alumni Banquet @ Emden Community House 6:30
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17	18 <i>Budget Hearing 6:50 Board Mtg. 7:00</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Parents/Guardians:

I wanted you to be aware of a new series on Netflix titled “13 Reasons Why”, based on Jay Asher’s 2007 young adult novel. It has come to my attention that some of our students have seen this series or may plan to do so in the near future. *This letter is not intended to encourage you or your child to watch the show.*

The second season of “13 Reasons Why” was released last week on Netflix. This is a very popular yet extremely disturbing show and many students may be watching it unsupervised at home (show is rated TV-MA). While this challenging story can help families start useful conversations about issues like bullying, sexual assault, and depression, the way these issues are addressed go against the advice of many mental health experts and may be confusing for some viewers, especially younger ones. I believe it is important to share information about the series with parents and students for safe viewing opportunities.

I encourage you to talk with your children about the show and, if they are going to watch it, to do so with them. While Netflix has added more safeguards to the series, these are not a substitute for adult involvement. A consortium of education and mental health organizations has created an online toolkit with guidance, talking points and other resources specific to the series and issues portrayed (<https://www.13reasonswhytoolkit.org/parents>).

Other Helpful Guide for Parents & Educators:

<https://teenlineonline.org/13-reasons-help-parents-educators/>

7 Essential Questions:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/discussion-questions-13-reasons-why/>

Some of the warning signs that an individual, even a child, is in emotional distress or thinking about suicide are:

- changes in school performance (e.g. grades, attendance)
- changes in mood
- complaints of illness
- withdrawal
- increased disciplinary problems at school
- problems experienced at home or family situations (stress, trauma, divorce, substance abuse, poverty, domestic violence)

- communication from teachers about problems at school
- difficulty dealing with existing mental health concerns

If you are seeing any of these warning signs, please reach out to a trusted professional such as your child’s School Counselor or Pediatrician for support. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), or text “START” to 741741.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL RECOGNITION

This spring the 7A and 8A State Championship Teams were honored at the State Capitol Building in Springfield. We were invited to the State Capitol where we were met by State Representative, Tim Butler. This year the House was actually in session and we were formally recognized. All the players received an official proclamation of recognition.



BOOK DONATION

A big **THANK YOU** to Izzy Cox who donated several books to the 2nd and 6th Grade Classrooms this month. We can’t thank you enough for the generous donation!!

~Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Johnson

ST. PETER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

St. Peter Lutheran Preschool is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for the 3 and 4 year old programs. Your child must be 3 and potty trained by Sept. 1st to attend school. The 3year old class meets Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30am - 11:00am. The 4 year old class meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Noon - 3:00pm. We are always excited to meet new friends. For more information please contact Lisa Rohlfs, Teacher at 217-737-2742.

WHISTLE STOP LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

Please join us on Thursdays in June from 2:00pm-5:00pm for exciting lessons and activities at the Whistle Stop Library in Emden. Prizes and snacks will be provided! Here are the dates/themes:

June 7th-Camping Safety

June 14th-Dinosaurs: Jurassic & Cretaceous

June 21st-Lego Day

June 28th-Game Day: Inside or Outside

This program is free. Come for fun, stay as long as you like!!! Contact LaDonna Gass at 217-737-8029 for more information.

HOERBERT'S DAIRY FARM-ADOPT A CALF

The 4th Grade Class would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Terry Hoerbert and Hoerbert's Dairy Farm for working with us again this year! We loved the monthly lessons and all the new things we learned about Ag and Dairy Cows! We enjoyed lessons, games, milk, smoothies, bread, and homemade butter! We did fun experiments and got to take a field trip out to the farm to see how the dairy business worked! We got to see and pet cows, dogs, chickens! We ended the trip with Prairie Farms milk, smoothies, and ice cream treats! You always make the kids feel super special!

Thanks, T.T.

The 4th Grade Class – Mrs. Hayes & Mrs. Reber

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

I am so proud to announce that Emden Elementary raised **\$3789.50** for the American Heart Association this year! Our goal was \$2500! The students, once again, surpassed all expectation! The top Fundraiser was **MORGAN RIGGS!!** Thanks to everyone that gave willingly to support such a great cause!

MUFFINS WITH MOM

Thanks to all the Moms, Grandmas, and Aunts that came to have breakfast with us here at Emden Elementary. It was fantastic to see all the smiles and hear the laughter as all the children were able to share that special time with family. Those are great memories!



C.A.T.C.H. FUNDAY

Emden Elementary ended the year with an ALL SCHOOL FUNDAY AFTERNOON – We started with a super healthy lunch and went straight into a ZUMBA CLASS – Special thanks to JANELL WOOLARD for volunteering her time to teach the kids (and teachers) to Zumba!! After Zumba, the HS CIVICS CLASS played different games with all the students. After Field Games, we headed outside for our “mini 5K” FUN-RUN. The students had a great time running and getting “painted” by friends, family, and teachers! It was a fun time! Another special THANK YOU to the C.A.T.C.H. Program through Lincoln Memorial Hospital for providing all the students with bottled water, healthy snack bags, runner bibs, and sunglasses for our afternoon!



MANDATORY STUDENT ACCIDENT

INSURANCE

Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 will not be providing Mandatory Student Accident Insurance for the upcoming school year. However, parents will have the opportunity to purchase this secondary coverage at their own expense under the district's master policy. More information will be available at registration.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

This is to inform all parents and staff of the status of our schools' asbestos management plan. As required, our buildings were initially inspected for asbestos. Our inspection was conducted on October 16, 1988. The AHERA law requires that a visual surveillance of asbestos containing areas be completed every six months, and a re-inspection conducted every three years. The inspection/management plan is available for public review in the Hartsburg High School office. Please contact Terry Wisniewski with any questions.

5K RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT ALS

The 7th annual 5K Run/Walk to raise awareness of ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease will be held in Emden on Saturday August 18, 2018 at the Stag-R-Inn. Registration is \$25.00 and will include a t-shirt and meal. Registration will be from 7:00am – 8:15am and the race will begin at 8:30 am.

There will also be a Silent Auction, 50/50 and a Bags Tournament.

All proceeds will be going to the Les Turner Foundation and ALS Worldwide for research. If you would like more information please contact Lori Lessen at 217-871-3762 or Julie Schleder at 217-737-4626. Please see the enclosed registration form and visit our website at <http://www.alsawareness5k.com> for more information and online registration.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help our school. Box Tops are each worth 10 cents and quickly add up to **real cash**. All you have to do is clip Box Tops from participating products and send to school. **Please clip and save Box Tops all summer!**



ALUMNI BANQUET

The 91st Annual Alumni Banquet of Hartsburg-Emden High School will begin at 6:30 pm on June 9, 2018, at the Emden Community House in Emden, Illinois. Invitations to the banquet will be sent out the first week of May. Anyone who did not receive an invitation but would like to attend the banquet may send a request via email to hartemalumni@gmail.com.

Anniversary classes being honored this year include: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and the Senior Class of 2018.

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/Sports." Please mail nomination letters to Dustin Woolard at 130 Crossing Dr. Normal, IL 61761 or email to hartemalumni@gmail.com.

Due to the rising costs of the Alumni Banquet, the Association will be accepting donations to help out with the cost of the event and to continue funding the Alumni Scholarship. Donations are payable to the Hartem Alumni Association and may be sent to Greg Phillips, 208 Market Street, Emden, IL 62635.

Officers of the 2018 Alumni Association are Dustin Woolard, President; Ron Spencer, Vice-President; Greg Phillips, Treasurer; Carole Metz Knipp, Cheryl Rademaker Renfrow & Lance McCormick Corresponding Secretaries.

4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

The 4th grade class would like to thank Bob & Julia Cross, Betty Gail Wagner and Glen Marten for our tour of the Emden Historical Society Museum. The class loved getting to see and hear all about our community and the people that live in it. We got to touch and play with old instruments and toys. Mr. Cross played the old phonograph for us and the kids got to play the pump organ. We went through old pictures and used old phones and switchboards! It was a fantastic morning! Thank you so much!
The 4th Grade Class – Mrs. Hayes & Mrs. Reber



NEW HARTEM SIGN BOARD COMING!

As most of you are aware, we have revenues that must be used for building and ground purposes. One of those revenue sources is the Logan County 1% sales tax. Last year we used some of that money to tar the gym roof, put new windows in the Ag Shop, tuck-point some broken bricks at the grade school, pay for half the new Stage Curtains (the other half came from donations), and refinish the gym floor. This year we are going to do some more tuck-pointing at the Jr./Sr. High School, put a second coat of tar on the gym roof, a few Health Life Safety projects in the Ag Shop and Greenhouse, some work on the boiler, and install a new outside LED Signboard at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Again, the Logan County 1% sales tax funds are required to be used for building and grounds purposes. These funds are allowing us to keep our buildings in good working order and do some much needed updates. This source of revenue has been a blessing for our district.

BAND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Calob Pluhm, JH/HS Band and Choir Director

Beginning Band Night - Mark your calendars!
Thursday, September 6th at 5:30pm in the high school cafeteria there will be an informational meeting for students interested in joining 6th grade band. This meeting is an opportunity to ask questions, acquire an instrument, and meet the associates from our partner music store Boyd Music. The school does have a limited amount of instruments to loan to students for a small fee. School instruments are great because they give all students in our community an opportunity to be in band and are reserved for our students who need them most.

Acquiring Instruments - Here are a few thoughts to consider when acquiring an instrument. It is important when selecting an instrument that the student is matched properly to the instrument. Interest in an instrument is important, but also how the instrument physically fits a student. I strongly suggest renting from Boyd Music as they have a rent to own program. If an instrument is not working out for a student you can apply all of your past payments to a different instrument that might fit your student better. Additionally, I have witnessed Boyd Music's repair policies for accidental damage to an instrument come in handy many times. It can be tempting to purchase an instrument because it is inexpensive, but cheap instruments are often unable to be repaired due to poor quality materials. Additionally inexpensive instruments are often more difficult to make a sound, which can only add to the struggles of a beginning student. Used instruments can be a great "less expensive" option especially if the brand is well known, but as with anything maintenance needs to happen to keep instruments in proper working order. If you are looking to buy a used instrument do your best to check with someone who knows about instruments to ensure it is in playable condition. Quality instruments can last a lifetime, I definitely recommend something that will last and can be repaired if needed.

Practice!!!! - Please encourage your students to practice their instruments over the summer. Keeping up with good habits and keeping the muscle memory strong will assist us in accomplishing even greater goals next year.



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