

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21 **JULY/AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER**

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

This July marks the beginning of my 6th year in Hartsburg-Emden School District. I have completed 4 years as principal and 1 year as superintendent of Hartem Schools. This is a great time of year for a school administrator to reflect on past successes and struggles and to learn from both. It is also a great time to re-evaluate goals and establish new ones. For the purpose of this article, I will focus on the many great accomplishments we have had over the last few years. Each of the items listed below were accomplished as a result of our outstanding staff that serve our students and our supportive community. Accomplishments include:

- Installing Smart Boards and Promethean Boards to each and every classroom K-12. This would not have been possible without funding from the Woods Foundation and the Hartem Community Club. We have made the entire High School wireless with public access during after school events. We have 30 new google chrome notebooks. We've added several kindle e-readers. We still need to update some of our older computers and software to Windows 10, we've made terrific gains in the technology in our schools.

- The Authentic Literacy Program, HARTEM LIFE (How Authentic Reading Touches Every Mind & Literacy Is For Everyone). This K-12 program focuses on the number one indicator of student success, which is literacy. Students are reading more, receiving more specific individual assistance, and have shown great strides of improvement over the last 3 years in reading ability when compared to the State average and other area schools. Academic achievement is on the rise.

- Implementation of new math curriculum aligned to the Illinois State Standards (a.k.a. Common Core Standards). This K-12 Pearson program focuses on the second biggest indicator of student success, which is mathematics (critical thinking skills). K-5 uses the enVisions mathematics series designed to strengthen fundamentals and 6-12 uses the Common Core content curriculum. Math class time has double for 8th and 9th graders to make sure students receive

all the proper fundamentals to be successful in High School Mathematics.

- RtI Instruction (Response to Intervention). Every student receives RtI time at the K-5 building, both in Mathematics and Literacy. All students are allowed extra academic engaged time in reading and math at the grade level they are performing. This more individualized approach ensures that all students are being challenged and advancing academically.

- Implementation of a rigorous teacher and principal evaluation system tied to student achievement, best practice and student engagement. The new evaluation approach to Teacher and Principal Evaluation has opened communication between evaluator and the person being evaluated. It has allowed us to develop an environment of continual professional growth. Each year is another opportunity for us to get better at our job, reach more students, and achieve more.

- Full adoption of a new elementary school math curriculum called enVisions. Teachers are enthusiastic about it as it is completely aligned with state standards and it increases higher order thinking and problem solving opportunities. The JH/HS math teachers have been working tirelessly to fully implement new curriculum for this year and the next.

- Creation of a crisis team made up of school administrators, counselors, therapists, support staff, law enforcement and fire/ambulance personnel. This group meets annually and focuses on crisis response and prevention.

- Secure entry configuration at the elementary school. This has made our schools more secure.

- New look and feel to our school website.

- Public acknowledgement of great work via Student of the Month, now the Shooting Star awards.

- After a significant deficit in the 2012-2013 school year, appropriate deficit reduction measures were put into place allowing us to secure fund balance without a need for a tax increase. Actually, the tax rates have decreased over the past few years. The current state of the State still leaves us quite concerned about future school funding and what we'll have to deal with. But we'll meet those challenges as they come. *(continued next page)*

•Updating our district mission and the adoption of our core value that every child will reach their fullest potential. New Mission Statement: “Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District provides an empowering and collaborative environment allowing students to reach their full potential”.

•We have brought back a culture of pride in our school. We’ve reestablished Homecoming Week: class competitions, dress-up days, food drive, etc. We are encouraging our students that it means something to be a Hartem Stag. It is being branded as top-notch. I attended the Alumni Banquet in June. Every time I’m more amazed at the comradery and joy people have in being a Hartem Stag. We even had one alumnus, Ron Spencer, stand up and donate \$1,000 to the school he takes so much pride in. As the superintendent, I want to instill that into today’s students.

So, as you can see, I feel we’ve come a long way in the past few years. There is always room for growth and I’ll continue to push for doing things better every year. However, I can say with confidence that Hartsburg-Emden is a good school and the staff truly cares about all their students. We are continuing to move in a positive direction. This is the primary reason I’ve chosen to bring my own son, William, to Hartsburg-Emden School District next school year. I want him to be a Hartem Stag and all that entails. I want him to receive a solid education and reach his fullest potential.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Independence Day and the rest of their summer.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

It is hard to believe that summer vacation is winding down and the school year is just around the corner. I am hoping that everyone is enjoying the nice weather and all of the activities that go along with the season. Summer maintenance of our facilities is underway. Our staff is working very hard to get our buildings in great shape for the start of the school year.

It has been a busy summer thus far. The State of Illinois has passed several pieces of legislation that will have an effect on the upcoming school year. One of the major pieces was Senate Bill 100. This bill now known as Public Act 99-456 affects exclusionary discipline such as suspension,

expulsion, and alternative placement. This Law also eliminates most zero tolerance policy situations in a sense that students cannot be “automatically” suspended for actions that they have committed. The 2016-2017 Handbook will be available online by mid-July (students will also receive one at the start of the year) so please take the time to become familiar with the new state mandated policy.

One of our philosophies as an Administration is that of continual growth. We are very committed to our Authentic Literacy Program and will continue to push for our students to excel in the areas of reading and writing. In an effort to continually grow as a staff, our grade school teachers along with our Jr. High and High School Reading/English teachers did professional development over the summer months in the area of writing. Mr. Jeff Anderson, also known as the ‘Write Guy’ worked with our staff on how to incorporate more writing into our Daily Five and Writer’s Workshop Activities.

Registration will take place at the District Office on July 19th from 12:00 pm-7:00 pm and July 20th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. If you cannot make the registration dates, please call to set up a time to come in during our regular office hours which are from 8:00 am-2:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 8:00 am-12:00 pm on Friday. In addition to registering for our new year, fall sports will be starting very soon. Please make sure that your child has an up to date physical before the season starts.

Please take a close look at the rest of this newsletter as it has important dates and times for the start of the upcoming school year. Also, you can anticipate some School Reach Messages as reminders for the upcoming school year.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and I look forward to a great school year. I anticipate seeing all of the students on August 22 for the start of the school year. Go Stags!!!

2016-2017 REGISTRATION

Erika Sanders, District Secretary

School registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be Tuesday, July 19th from 12:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, July 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the high school office in Hartsburg. If you cannot be here on either of those days, please call the high school office at 217-642-5244 to schedule a separate time to register your child(ren).

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.

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, 2016 and May 15, 2017. Proof of examination is due no later than May 15, 2017.



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, 2016.

Students participating in sports and cheerleading must have a physical on file in the office before the tryouts or their sport's program begins. A sport's 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.

2016-2017 REGISTRATION FEES

The following are the prices for registration fees:

Early Childhood	\$60.00
Kindergarten.....	\$65.00
Grades 1-5.....	\$65.00
Time For Kids.....	\$6.50
Grades 6-12.....	\$70.00
Driver's Education.....	\$75.00
Ag Class Record Keeping.....	\$15.00
Intro to Ag.....	\$25.00
Bio/Vet Science.....	\$25.00
IVHS.....	\$75.00
Heartland Dual Credit.....	\$200.00
Lab Fees.....	\$25.00
Accounting.....	\$25.00
Journalism.....	\$25.00
Carpentry.....	\$75.00
Horticulture.....	\$50.00
Natural Resources.....	\$50.00
8 th Gr.-12 th Gr. PE shirt.....	\$6.00

Activity Fee: A participation fee per student is required for the following high school activities: basketball, baseball, volleyball, softball, golf, scholastic bowl, cheerleading, track, cross country and bass fishing. A participation fee per student is required for the following junior high activities: basketball, baseball, volleyball, softball, scholastic bowl, cheerleading and track. The fee is \$25 per activity, not to exceed \$50. All registration and activity fees **must** be paid **before** any student participates in any extra-curricular activity. In the case of a co-op activity, students will pay the host school activity fee, discounts do not apply. **Band Fee:** An instrument rental fee is \$25 per year. This fee will need to be paid on band rental day.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PRICES

Listed below are breakfast and lunch prices for students and adults for the 2016-2017 school year.

Student Breakfast.....	\$2.00
Reduced Student Breakfast.....	\$0.35
Student Lunch.....	\$2.55
Reduced Student Lunch.....	\$0.50
Adult Breakfast.....	\$2.50
Adult Lunch.....	\$3.05

Students at Hartsburg-Emden Jr./Sr. High School 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. 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.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

This is a reminder to all those who are interested in going out for any sports teams for the 2016-2017 year that you will need an **updated physical** and registration fees paid 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. Have a great summer break!

JUNIOR HIGH BASEBALL

Any boys interested in junior high baseball, practice starts Monday, July 25th. An updated physical and all registration fees need to be turned in to the high school office by July 25th. Please contact the high school office with any questions.

JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL

Any girls interested in junior high softball, practice starts Monday, July 25th. Practices will be Monday through Friday 9:00am-11:00am at Emden. Please bring your glove, cleats and a drink with you to practice. An updated physical and all registration fees need to be turned in to the high school office by July 25th. Please contact Coach Gary Rankin at 217-306-3257 with any questions.

HARTEM FFA

Elizabeth Fanning, FFA Sponsor

The Hartsburg-Emden FFA will be hosting the chicken dinner Friday, July 15th from 4:30-7 at the Emden Community House during the Emden Homecoming. Stop in to enjoy some delicious chicken and support the FFA.

Ashley Zinser, Toni Coit-Kirk and Alec Hayes were able to participate in the Washington D.C. Leadership Tour with the Illinois FFA. They had a great time! The officer team took a two-day officer retreat to set this coming year's goals and improvements for our chapter. We look forward to another successful year!

EMDEN TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALES

Clean out those closets, crooks and crannies-Emden will be having their town-wide garage sales on Saturday, July 16th from 8-12There is a Facebook page you can look at and send your info to Brianna Eeten to be added to a map – free of charge!

TITLE I FUNDS

Each year, Family Reading Night is partially funded by Title I, federal funds. These funds also help provided the district with backpacks for students in need and books for our libraries. Hartsburg-Emden School District appreciates the financial support provided by Title program.

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.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

St. Peter Lutheran Preschool is accepting registration for the upcoming school year. Your child must be at least 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2016. The 3 year old class meets Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 - 11:00. Fee is \$50 per month. The 4 year old class meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Noon-3:00. Fee is \$70 per month.

There is a registration fee of \$25 until July 1st and \$35 after that date. For registration forms please call the church office at 217-376-3137. For more information about Preschool please call Lisa Rohlf at 217-737-2742.

5K RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT ALS

The 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk to raise awareness of ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease will be held in Emden on Saturday August 20, 2016 at the Stag-R-Inn. Registration is \$25.00 and will include a t-shirt and meal. Registration will be from 7 – 8:15 am 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 for more information visit our website at <http://www.alsawareness5k.com>

JULY

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School Calendar					1	2
3	4	5 HS library open 2-3	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 GS library open 6-7	15 Emden Homecoming FFA Chicken Dinner 4:30-7:00 @ Emden Community House	16 Emden Homecoming Parade 2:00pm
17	18 JHBB Camp	19 JHBB Camp Registration Noon-7:00 HS library open 2-3	20 JHBB Camp Registration 9:00am-2:00pm	21 JHBB Camp	22 JHBB Camp	23
24	25 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> JHSB-1 st practice JHBB-1 st practice	26	27	28 GS library open 6-7	29	30
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AUGUST

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	1	2 HS library open 2-3	3	4	5	6
7	8 JHSB @ Holy Trinity 4:15 (DH)	9 JHSB vs. MWC 4:30 (DH)	10 JHSB @ Rankin 4:00 (DH) Golf-1 st Practice HSVB-1 st Practice	11 GS library open 6-7	12	13
14	15 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> JHSB @ LJHS 4:30 (DH) JHBB vs. LJHS 4:30 (DH)	16 JHSB vs. St. Agnes 4:30 JHBB @ CEL 4:15 (DH) Golf @ North Greens Olympia Scramble 1:00	17	18 JHSB @ George Evans 4:15 JHBB vs. Trinity Lutheran 4:30 GS Open House 6-7 Teacher Institute	19 JHSB vs. Georgetowne 4:30 JHBB vs. St. Aloysius 4:30 Teacher Institute	20 JHBB vs. Delavan 10:00 (DH) ALS Awareness 5K Run/Walk 8:30
21	22 2:00 Dismissal JHSB @ Dee-Mack 4:15 JHBB @ Dee-Mack 4:15	23 2:00 Dismissal JHSB @ Sangamon Valley MS 4:30 Golf @ North Greens vs. Mt. Pulaski 2:00 HSVB @ Spfld Luth. 6:15	24 2:00 Dismissal	25 2:00 Dismissal JHSB vs. Havana 4:30 JHBB @ Carroll Catholic 4:30 Golf @ Weematuk vs ICAC/Canton	26 2:00 Dismissal JHSB vs. Decatur Lutheran 4:30 JHBB vs. Williams-ville 4:30	27 JHBB @ St. Joseph Pekin 10:00 (DH) Golf @ Country Hills Greenview Inv. 8:30
28	29 2:00 Dismissal JHSB @ Christ The King-Springfield 4:15 JHBB @ Christ The King-Springfield 4:15	30 2:00 Dismissal JHSB @ IC 4:15 JHBB vs. WLB 4:30 HSVB vs. Delavan 6:00	31 2:00 Dismissal Golf @ Forsythe Hickory Point vs. Decatur St. Teresa 4:00			

5th Annual ALS Awareness 5k Run/Walk

Saturday August 20th, 2016

Stag-r-Inn

102 Lincoln Street, Emden, IL

Registration/Sign-in 7:00 – 8:15 am; Run/Walk starts at 8:30 am

Packet Pick Up: Friday August 19th, 2016 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the Stag-r-Inn,

102 Lincoln Street, Emden, IL

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per person.

All registered participants will receive a t-shirt, post-race snacks and water, free drink ticket to the Stag-r-Inn, and a meal.

Proceeds from this event will go to ALS Worldwide and the Les Turner Foundation

**Please complete the following registration form and mail it with your check payable to:
ALS Awareness 5k Mail to: Lori Lessen, P.O. Box 185, Emden, IL 62635**

Please fill out one registration form per participant. Forms are due by August 1, 2016 to guarantee a t-shirt. Registration forms received after August 1, 2016 will receive a t-shirt app. 2 weeks after the race.

FIRST NAME _____ **LAST NAME** _____

ADDRESS _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Phone _____ **Email address** _____

DATE OF BIRTH mm/dd/yy ____/____/____

SEX (CIRCLE ONE) M F

Choose one: Walker _____ **Runner** _____

T-shirt Only (\$15.00) _____

SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE ONE) Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL XXL

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE PARTICIPATION WAIVER BELOW

Disclaimer – I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able & properly trained. I also know that there could be traffic on the course route; therefore, I assume the risk of running in traffic. I also assume any other risks associated with running this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, and the effects of weather and conditions of the road. I understand I am solely responsible for my own safety while traveling to and from or participating in this event. Knowing these facts & in consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, sponsors or contributors to this event, any race officials, volunteers, the town, their representatives successors or assignees from any & all claims of liability for death, personal injury, property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of my participation. The release form and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen & unforeseen, known and unknown. Signing this paper also grants full permission to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any purpose.

Signature (parent or guardian required if under 18) _____

Date _____

There will be a Silent Auction, 50/50 drawing, a Bags Tournament and a DJ the day of the event.

Questions? Please contact Lori at lessen@mchsi.com or 217-871-3762

AUGUST

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Breakfast Menu	22 Pancakes Sunset sip Orange juice	23 Peanut butter and Jelly jamwich Peaches Orange juice	24 Waffles Pears Orange juice	25 Assorted cereal Toast Fruit Orange juice	26 Donut Toast Mixed fruit Orange juice	27
28	29 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Apple juice	30 Assorted muffins Mandarin oranges Apple juice	31 Egg & cheese biscuit Pears Apple juice			
Lunch Menu						
	22 Pizza Romaine lettuce Corn Peaches	23 Tacos with salsa Lettuce/tomatoes Cooked carrots Pears Jello	24 BBQ Rib on bun Baked fries Green beans Applesauce	25 Chicken nuggets Peas Macaroni & cheese Mixed fruit	26 Deli sub sandwich Fresh veggies/dip Hard pretzels Pineapple	27
28	29 Chicken strips Green beans Pasta salad Mandarin oranges	30 Corn dog Soft pretzel Mixed vegetables Pears	31 Pork tenderloin on bun Tomato/onion slices Broccoli with cheese Peaches Pudding			

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.

2016-2017 Registration

Tuesday, July 19th Noon to 7:00pm
Wednesday, July 20th 9:00am-2:00pm

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