

# HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

## AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

Summer has always been my favorite time of year. However, its long days seem to be spent and gone before I know it and another school year is upon us. Hopefully everyone's summer activities are in full swing and you are finding some time for fun and relaxation with friends and family. The custodial and maintenance staff have been working extremely hard to accomplish a multitude of tasks and projects this summer. Besides the annual cleaning of classrooms, scrubbing and waxing of floors, and cleaning, there is a list of projects that our staff tackles each summer. In addition, we had several contracted projects; a section of roof replaced, several doors replaced, some tuck-pointing, and a section of concrete sidewalk replaced.

As summer begins to unwind, we are excited about beginning another school year. As a staff, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our curriculum and instruction. We will be continuing looking for quality PD (Professional Development) this year. A mixture of strategies for School Safety, Authentic Literacy, Differentiated Instruction, and Social and Emotional Needs will be our focus for this school year. Our goal has been to get better each and every year . . . Continual Growth. Another 'thank you' goes to the Hartem Teachers for their continued commitment to improving the quality of education we provide. They are key to our success and upgrading in our overall school climate and culture.

We have one new staff member at this time; Jr./Sr. High School Mathematics Teacher – Jacob Pipis. We are still looking for Assistant Cook/Dishwasher, School Bus Driver, Jr./Sr. High School Special Education Teacher's Aide. If you (or anyone you know) is interested in one of the three positions, please call me at the school.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) and IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) adopted guidelines for reopening school this fall; starting the 2022-23 School Year. The last two (2) school years were unprecedented in a number of ways. COVID-19 hit the world and much mitigation and many plans were put in place (and were modified on a regular basis) to protect as many people as possible. In the summer of 2021, the State

told us that schools would have local control. We created a plan that started with the less restrictive environment and move to environments that are more restrictive if COVID-19 cases increase (3-tiered approach). However, the State took control of the first 3 quarters of last year and finally gave schools local control in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter (March) of last school year. As we look forward to the 2022-23 school year, we find State guidance that is very similar to what Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21 had for last year's Reopening Plan. So, we will begin this school year dealing with COVID-19 in a very similar way that we ended last school year. In summary, all quarantines are 10 days. There are two (2) sets of individuals who will need to quarantine. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 (vaccinated or unvaccinated) and Close Contacts. Positive Individuals will have two (2) parts to their quarantine. Part I: Isolation for 5 days . . . if symptom free may you may go to Part II. Part II: Wear Mask and Social Distance through the 10th day. Close Contacts are only unvaccinated individuals or individuals not fully vaccinated (received a booster shots). Fully vaccinated individuals or individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 3 months are not Close Contacts. In addition, a close contact will be an individual who was within 6' for more than 15 minutes during a 24 hour period of a positive individual. Close contacts will Wear a Mask and Social Distance through the 10th day (no Isolation necessary). However, if symptoms start, please isolate immediately and recommend that you test for COVID-19. We will deal with COVID-19 on a case by case basis. Masking is optional during Low Rates of Transmission (under 10% positivity rate), Recommended in Moderate Rates of Transmission (10% - 20% positivity rate), and Required in High Rates of Transmission (over 20% positivity rate). As always, we will keep you informed if we transition between levels. A full copy of our 2022-23 Re-Opening Plan is posted on our website.

Again, I would like to remind everyone that the federal program that has allowed school districts across the country to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of income for the past two years during the pandemic has expired. As a result, schools across the nation will be reverting back to paid lunches. Only students who are eligibility under the guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture will get free or reduced-price meals based on family income. Historically speaking this

is about half of our students. However, we ask everyone to fill out the paperwork at registration to see if you qualify. Since this adjustment may create a financial burden on some of our families our Board of Education did not raise meal costs. We are beginning 2022 at the same prices we began 2019. We are exploring ways to keep our lunch program costs down as many of our costs have gone up about 10% over last year. But we are fully aware, that many of our families are feeling the effects of price increases. I also ask that you please be patient with adjustments in Breakfasts and Lunches. We have experienced some supply issues for certain products. I can assure you that our Cafeteria Staff is always looking to provide well balanced and delicious meals for our students.

Lastly, I hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of the summer. I cannot believe my youngest child will already be a Senior here at Hartem and that I'm starting my 12<sup>th</sup> year here. We are looking forward to another great year here at Hartsburg-Emden. GO STAGS!!

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Cory Brown, Principal

It is about that time for another school year at Hartem! I am excited to start another year with your students and the entire community. Last year, it was a privilege to be a part of this community and I can't wait to get started again. We will have plenty of sports, FFA activities, scholastic events, and club activities in store this year.

Even though our seniors won't be with us this year, I will be thinking of them as the year begins. Good luck to all of them in the journeys that are about to begin or have begun already. You left me with some great Hartem memories that I'm thankful for.

We have a couple weeks before school starts but it's about the right time to get into that frame of mind. If you plan on playing sports this year, summer is a great time to get your sports physicals. They are valid for 1 calendar year so you will only need to get it done once for the entire school year. Another thing to keep in mind is getting students into a good sleep pattern. Younger students especially will benefit from going to bed and getting up at a scheduled time. With these longer days, it definitely is a task to get children to sleep before dark so a good dark room will help. Last, if your students may have taken a break from medications, it might be beneficial to start them back before school.

Some medications need a week or two to see results so now is a great time to get back into the habit.

We will be having a new Math teacher this year at the High School. Mr. Jacob Pipis will be joining us for his second year in teaching. He is a graduate of Washington High School and a graduate from Bradley University. He will be teaching Algebra, Algebra II, Pre Calculus, and Calculus.

Here are some important dates to mark your calendar. August 15th will be Locker decoration night at the Jr/Sr High School. The doors will be open for locker decorating from 4:30 to 6pm. The Grade School Openhouse will be on 8/16 starting at 5:30. First Day of School is 8/17 with both schools starting at 8:15. 8/17-8/19 will be 2:00 dismissal dates. Golf's first home match is August 23rd versus Mr. Pulaski in Atlanta at 2pm. Softball's first home game will be August 25th Havana at Luther Field at 4:30. Volleyball's first home game will be August 30th at 6:00.

We have some upcoming sports that are still looking for some athletes to help out with this year's season. Junior High Softball is just getting started and is looking for a few more girls to help fill out the team. Coach McAfee says that we will be able to field a team this year for Junior High Softball, but is inviting more girls to help give the team some depth. We are hoping to boost softball athlete numbers so that we can bring back a High School Softball Team. There have been a number of girls that have expressed interest in playing High School Softball in the Spring. It would be great if we could develop a strong Junior High team to help build a strong High School team. Golf is also around the corner and looking to add to their core of golfers. Boys and girls are both welcome to join Coach Robinson on the links. No prior experience is necessary to play. If you don't have clubs and are interested, please contact Coach Robinson.

I look forward to this year being a great one. This community has a lot of support in many different areas. I thank everyone for their support and enthusiasm for the upcoming year. If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to me.

## HARTEM GOLF CLASSIC

The Senior Class of Hartsburg Emden will be hosting an 18 hole golf tournament Saturday, August 6th at the North Greens Golf Course in Atlanta. There will be two times available to sign up. First round of golf will start at 7a.m. with lunch being served at 12p.m. The second round of golf will start at 1p.m. with dinner being served at 6p.m. There will be a total of 13 teams allowed for each session. Teams will consist of 4 players each. Cost per player is \$60.00. Please pick your team and secure your spot early. The Senior class will be looking for sponsors to help with the cost of the tournament. Sponsorships are a great way to advertise your business and get name recognition. If you have any questions please contact Tanya Zerbonia or Melanie Wright (217) 841-2163. We are excited for this Golf Classic and look forward to a great day on the green!



## BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR AUGUST

Student Breakfast \$22.00  
Student Reduced Breakfast \$3.30  
Student Lunch \$31.35  
Student Reduced Lunch \$4.40  
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.



## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, Guidance Counselor

**Girls on the Run** is coming back to Emden Grade School this Fall!! We are so excited to bring back the GOTR program after a hiatus during COVID. GOTR is not “just a running program”. It inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. We meet twice a week for 10-weeks. At the end of the season, the team participates in the GOTR Community 5K at Lincoln Land Community College. This will be our school’s 3rd season hosting a GOTR team!

### **Who can participate?**

- GOTR is open to all girls in 3rd - 5th grade in the Hartem community.

### **How much does it cost?**

- The program fee is \$150. The program fee includes 20 lessons with materials, program t-shirt, 5K entry (all pre-5k activities + medal), coach training and CPR certification for volunteers, insurance, etc.

### **Is there financial assistance?**

- GOTR of Central Illinois offers scholarships to families in need. Girls can receive a scholarship to reduce the registration fee to as little as \$25. Currently, 50% of all girls in the program receive some type of financial assistance equaling over \$50,000 per year. Scholarship applications open two days prior to registration opening and must be completed FIRST. You can find the scholarship form at <http://www.gotrcentralillinois.org/>

### **Who is running the program at our school?**

- Site Liaison - Amanda Feltes
- Coaches - Amanda Feltes, Julie Cross
- Practice Partners – Lori Lessen

### **When and where does the team meet?**

- We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm starting September 5th, through November 10th. The team will meet in the gym at Emden Grade School. We will also accommodate for the JH softball schedule, so girls can participate in both if they wish.

## **How can students register?**

- All registration is done online through the GOTR website: [www.gotrcentralillinois.org](http://www.gotrcentralillinois.org) Registration opens August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Amanda Feltes if you have any questions.

## **How can parents get involved?**

- **Become a practice partner!** We're still looking for 1 more practice partner and/or 1-2 more coaches to help us this season.
- **Cheer on the girls at their practice 5K!** Just as actors need a dress rehearsal before stepping into the spotlight, the girls need to practice their 5K before their big day. We will announce the date and location of our practice 5K soon. Help us cheer the girls on by running with them, making signs, donating healthy snacks, or cheering them on as they cross the finish line.
- **Run with the team during the Community 5K!** The Community 5k will be held on November 5th at 10:00 am at Lincoln Land Community College and is open to any and everyone. The coaching staff will send more information out when registration opens.

## **FANCLOTH STAG GEAR FUNDRAISER**

Hartem Fans-Welcome Back 2022! Get ready to cheer us on in your new STAG GEAR! The Hartem junior high and high school volleyball teams will be selling Stag Gear August 6th-August 21st. All orders will be online and shipped directly to your home! Every player will have the information you need to stock up! There is something for everyone! We are so excited to get back on the court! As always, thank you for your continued support! Go Stags!

## **MEET THE STAGS**

### ***Stags that Play Together Stay Together***

The High School Volleyball team will kick off its 2022 season with Meet the Stags Night! It will be on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00!! We will start with CO-ED PARENT TEAM NIGHT! We will have our Stag PARENTS competing in a volleyball scrimmage followed by the Junior Varsity Expedition. The night will end with the Varsity Scrimmage as the Main Event. Love to fill the stands with our Hartem Fans!

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

This year on our travels with Postcard Field Trip, we're back to the states. We will "visit" Washington, California, Oregon, New York, and more! We will read books and share resources online, viewing virtual tours when possible. We will also weave in the books from the Monarch and Bluestem with our travels. In February, students will vote for their favorite book from the Monarch or Bluestem.

Mrs. Folkman was awarded the VOYA Unsung Heroes grant again! This gives us \$2,000 to use for actual field trips related to our studies of states and local interest. This money will be used for all grade levels— kindergarten through 12th grade! Look for more information as the year progresses.

At the junior high/ high school, students will be able to participate in the Rebecca Caudill and Lincoln Readers Choice Awards again this year. Students read whichever books they want off the list and then vote in February for their favorite. They must read a minimum of four books from their age group's list to participate in voting.

## **FEA— Educators Rising**

This year FEA (Future Educator Association) is changing its name to Educators Rising to align with the national name change. Students who are interested in becoming educators of any type should email Mrs Folkman ([nfolkman@hartem.org](mailto:nfolkman@hartem.org)) and listen to the announcements for field trip opportunities to local colleges and universities with education programs.

## **Yearbook**

The 2022 yearbook is nearly finished! If you'd still like to order one, they are \$40 until they arrive. (Current projected time of arrival is late September.) If you want the 2023 yearbook (this school new year's book) it is \$35 all of the first semester. Contact Mrs. Folkman ([nfolkman@hartem.org](mailto:nfolkman@hartem.org)) with any questions. We also have assorted vintage yearbooks. If you're looking for a particular year, contact Mrs. Folkman. Vintage books are available for a minimum donation of \$25.

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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>
	<b>1</b> Summer School @ GS 8:15-1:30	<b>2</b> Summer School @ GS 8:15-1:30	<b>3</b> Summer School @ GS 8:15-1:30	<b>4</b> Summer School @ GS 8:15-1:30	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Hartem Golf Classic @ North Greens 7:00am and 1:00pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> JHSB vs MWC 4:30	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> HS Golf @ Meridian 10:00 JHSB vs Calvary 4:30	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Board Mtg 7:00 <b>Teacher Institute</b>  JH/HS Locker Decorating 4:30-6:00	<b>16</b> <b>Teacher Institute</b> JHSB vs St. Agnes 4:30  HS Golf @ Oly 1:00 GS Open House @ 5:30	<b>17</b> <i>Students' First Day</i>  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b> JHSB @ MP 4:30	<b>19</b>  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b> JHSB @ Clinton JH Tourn TBA	<b>20</b> JHSB @ Clinton JH Tourn TBA
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> JHSB @ Dee-Mack 4:15	<b>23</b> HS Golf @ MP 2:00	<b>24</b> HSVB Meet the Stags @ HS Gym 6:00	<b>25</b> JHSB vs Havana 4:30  HSVB vs Dee-Mack 6:00	<b>26</b> JHSB @ Georgetown 4:30  HSVB @ Spfld Lutheran Tourn TBA	<b>27</b> HSVB @ Spfld Lutheran Tourn TBA HS Golf @ Greenview 8:30
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> JHSB @ IC 4:30  HSVB vs Delavan 6:00  HS Golf @ Sunset Hills 4:00	<b>31</b>			

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<b>BREAKFAST MENU</b>	<b>15</b> Teacher Institute	<b>16</b> Teacher Institute	<b>17</b> Pop tart Fruit Apple juice	<b>18</b> English muffin Fruit Apple juice	<b>19</b> Assorted cereal Toast Fruit Apple juice	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Peanut Butter and jelly Uncrustable Fruit Orange juice	<b>23</b> Biscuit Egg patty Sausage patty Fruit Orange juice	<b>24</b> Fruit frudel Fruit Orange juice	<b>25</b> Pancake & sausage on a stick Fruit Orange juice	<b>26</b> Donut Fruit Orange juice	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> GS-Granola bar JH/HS-Nutri grain bar Fruit Cherry juice	<b>30</b> French toast sticks Sausage links Fruit Cherry juice	<b>31</b> Cheese omelet Toast Fruit Cherry juice			
<b>LUNCH MENU</b>	<b>15</b> Teacher Institute	<b>16</b> Teacher Institute	<b>17</b> Corn dog Potato smiles Green beans Pineapple	<b>18</b> Chicken patty on bun French fries Carrots Mandarin oranges	<b>19</b> Sub sandwich Sun chips Fresh veggies Applesauce	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bosco sticks Marinara sauce Carrots Apricots	<b>23</b> Chicken fajita w/lettuce Salsa/cheese Corn Peaches	<b>24</b> GS-Hamburger on bun JH/HS-Assorted sandwiches Chips Peas Mixed fruit	<b>25</b> Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Green beans Pears	<b>26</b> Pizza Corn Lettuce salad Pineapple	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Chicken strips Macaroni & cheese Peas Peaches	<b>30</b> Sloppy joe on bun Nacho chips/cheese Carrots Mandarin oranges	<b>31</b> Hot dog on bun Potato smiles Green beans Cottage cheese Applesauce			

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