

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

I often reflect about the social and emotional stresses this pandemic has put on students and families. It is so easy for tensions to run high during times like these. It is important that we find a way to express those feelings of anxiety. It is often recommended that we should not fight our emotions but find a positive outlet for them. There is a misconception among some that containing their emotions contains the problem or that they need to be strong for their families by avoiding those emotions. That often backfires on people. As you discuss things with people, you will also find many have similar concerns. It is important to have social and emotional support. Family and friends are a good place to start. Amanda Feltes, our school guidance counselor is here to assist our students in any way she is able. We also have Brittany Kemp, our school social worker, who comes in one day a week and is available to our students. Having Amanda and Brittany available has been a tremendous benefit to our students. For many, it just helps to find a way to relax. Prayer, meditation, or deep relaxation techniques, all offer a powerful antidote to stress. They give your body several moments where you are able to clear your mind and focus on anything other than your anxiety. However, others find that having someone to talk to is the best form to release their anxiety.

During Governor Pritzker's first year in office, a new law came into play. This new law allows Schools to use the 1% County Sales Tax money for School Resource Officers and/or School Social Workers (mental health professionals). Up to this point, the 1% County Sales Tax money is limited to school facilities and health life safety for school districts. Over the past several years, this money has been a Godsend to Hartsburg-Emden. Most of you are aware, the original building of Emden Elementary turned 108 years old and the original building of Hartsburg-Emden Jr./Sr. High School is turning 100 years old this year. With two older buildings, these funds have allowed us to keep our facilities in good shape and meet the required Health Life Safety requirement enacted by the State of Illinois. The citizens of Logan County made a wonderful investment into their schools and children. The rationale behind this new law does the

same. For the health and safety of our schools, it expands the use of the money. In additions, schools may use the dollars for School Resource Officers and/or School Social Workers (mental health professionals). Again, this does not raise our tax rate at all. It simply gives schools an option (no requirement) to use the dollars in this way. Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21 is in our second year of subcontracting a School Social Worker two days a week from Tri-County Special Education Coop. The addition of a Social Worker allows us to expand what we offer for our students Social/Emotional needs (the timing could not have been better looking back at the past year). I also, believe a School Resource Officer a couple days a week will also add to the support we offer for our students. In order to use the money in this way, voters need to grant us permission. So, on April 6th, the following referendum question will appear on the ballot.

Ballot Question

“In addition to school facility purposes, shall Logan County school districts be authorized to use revenues from the tax commonly referred to as the school facility sales tax that is currently imposed in Logan County at a rate of 1% for school resource officers and mental health professionals?”

Again, this referendum question does not raise taxes. It simply gives schools the option to use the money in these two new ways. There is no requirement to use the funds in this manner, but I believe this will give Hartsburg-Emden schools an opportunity to provide additional support for our students. In conclusion . . . I wish everyone a Happy (and blessed) Easter.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

March was an exciting month. It's hard to believe that it is almost April already. Time is flying by, and we will soon be closing out the school year. Please check the School's website and social media accounts often for the latest list of events.

As I write this article, our 12th graders have a little over 8 weeks before they graduate. It just doesn't seem possible. Seniors, you have worked very hard for 3 ¾ years. I encourage you to finish strong. Do your best. Study hard. Most importantly, DO NOT let your attendance slip. Believe it or not, future employers DO make reference calls to your high school. Parents, please insist that your child is at school every day. Our staff is dedicated to educating your children all the way down to their last day at Hartem.

We will be finishing up IAR testing in grades 3-8 over the next couple of weeks and our high school students will take the PSAT and SAT. This can sometimes be stressful for children. Parents, please support your child through it, and make certain that they get a good night's rest and good breakfast.

As you are aware, we are able to return to some normalcy and our student athletes are able to compete. We are slowly being allowed to open things up for many of our normal activities. Please pay close attention to our website and social media accounts for ever-changing guidelines and information.

Please check the rest of this newsletter for a full listing of what we have going on over the next month. There are plenty of things to choose from that could be fun for the entire family. Enjoy the warmer weather and the start to our Spring.

SR. BETA CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

The Senior Beta Club is hosting a blood drive through the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center on Tuesday, April 27 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the high school. If you would like to donate blood, please sign up on the MVRBC website (bloodcenter.org), or contact any Senior Beta Club member or Mr. Robinson to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins will be allowed, but appointments are preferred.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

A big thanks to all of those who helped with the home basketball and volleyball games this past winter. I know it's a lot of time and energy. I'm glad we got to have some sort of a season for our indoor athletes.

The high school volleyball team has begun their season for this upside down year. They will have home matches on April 12, 15, 19, and 22 with the last being Senior Night against Delavan.

The high school baseball team, junior high track teams, and the bass fishing team will all be starting their seasons very soon.

Please remember that we still need to follow the IDPH, IESA, and IHSA guidelines when we attend contests. Go Stags!



HARTSBURG SESQUICENTENNIAL

We are seeking contestants for Hartsburg's 150th Celebration to be held on June 18, 2021. The three categories are:

King and Queen-9th grade thru 12th grade

Prince and Princess-5th grade thru 8th grade

Little Miss and Little Mister-1st grade thru 4th grade

To be eligible to participate you must reside in town or in the country of Hartsburg. To sign-up and receive your packet please email Erin Eeten at eeeten78@gmail.com or call 217-306-6284 by May 21st. Contact Erin for more information. Please join in on the fun!!!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, District Guidance Counselor

This is typically a very busy time of year in the schools. It is the final crunch before the end of the semester. There are about 9 more weeks of school left in the school year, and with that comes the excitement and anticipation of summer. It is important for students to continue to arrive to school on time and put their best effort in each class until the end of the year. State testing continues this month. Students in grade 3-5 will be completing the IAR this month, while students in 6-8 should be finished with IAR by now with the exception of a few make-up tests. In addition, students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment this month. Finally, students in 11th grade will also take the SAT on April 13th.

I encourage all of our students to get an adequate amount of sleep and a healthy breakfast on test days so that they are in the best mindset. Testing is always a stressful time, but I am confident that our students will do great. High school students should have turned in their schedule requests for the 21-22 school year by this point. However, if any student has not turned in a schedule request yet, please do so as soon as possible. Students should be checking with me to determine requirements towards graduation and assistance in choosing the most challenging and appropriate classes for the upcoming year(s). As always, if you have any questions regarding scheduling, grades, state tests, or graduation requirements, please see your counselor. Best of luck in this final stretch of the year!

PSAT/SAT Information

The state made a decision to eliminate the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 test sessions for the 2021 spring semester. Therefore, 9th and 10th grade students will no longer need to complete the PSAT this semester. Students in 11th grade (and any 12th grade student who did not take the SAT in the fall) will still be required to participate in the SAT on April 13th. [Make up dates will be April 27th and May 18th.] This assessment will begin promptly at 8:30 am. It is EXTREMELY important that students are in attendance on the day they are assigned to test. Please plan appointments around this date. Students will be taking the test off-site at the Hartsburg American Legion Hall. I will be sending a detailed letter home with important information about the test day. Students will be instructed to arrive to school, as normal, and then they will walk to the Legion Hall at 8:30 am.

Late arrival will not be allowed after the test begins. Please encourage students to put their best effort forward on this assessment.

Freshman Orientation

In lieu of an in-person parent meeting this year, I will be meeting with 8th grade students to discuss high school scheduling in one of their classes during the first week of April. A recording of the presentation is available on my website at <http://hartemcounseling.weebly.com/course-selection.html> I encourage all parents of an 8th grade student to view this recording. If you have any questions regarding classes for next year or graduation requirements, please contact me at afeltes@hartem.org

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, District Librarian

Donations

Folkman

Dozens of Doughnuts by Carrie Finison in honor of Adaline Schmillen

L.M. Montgomery by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara in honor of Shay Designe

Leesman Family- in honor of Effie Rademaker

Dog Man: Grime and Punishment by Dav Pilkey

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Deep End by Jeff Kinney

Did you know that so far, we've already added over 200 new books to the 6-12 library? And more are on the way!

Be on the lookout for more #StagsRead book deliveries. Mrs. Folkman will be delivering the books this spring and summer. Watch the library Facebook page for updates. Every student will get multiple books in each of the spring and summer bags!

Thank you for a wonderfully successful book fair! It was very different this year, but we were able to raise enough money to buy all of the teachers the books off of their wishlists!



Yearbook News

The 2020 yearbook is here! Students have been notified over email and the announcements at school to come and get their books or to make arrangements with Mrs. Folkman. Sami Perschall helped by contacting last year's seniors. If you need to make arrangements to get a book, let Mrs. Folkman know via email nfolkman@hartem.org.

You can pre-order the 2021 yearbook for \$40 after spring break. Go to jostens.com and you can order through them. You can also order through the school, just contact Mrs. Folkman. There is no difference for us ordering either way-- we don't get any more or less money on the sales from either method. So please feel free to do whatever works best for you.

If you're looking for an older book, let Mrs. Folkman know. We do have a few select years in stock and Mrs. Folkman does keep a waitlist for any books we do not have in stock. (Every so often people donate old books. Once we make sure we've kept one of each year for the school, we offer any extras to the public.)



FFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual strawberry sale and supported our chapter! In May, we will be having a plant sale with the flowers we are currently growing in our greenhouse. More information to follow.



Join the “All for One Color Run” frenzy. Hartsburg and Emden are both celebrating their 150th anniversary in the summer of 2021. To help kick off these events, and as a “fun”raiser, the two towns are coming together for a “Color Run.” You get to celebrate with us in whatever manner works for you and your group. Our course will start at the high school ball diamond in Hartsburg and end at the ball diamond in Emden. The whole route is about 5.4 miles, but you can choose to start and finish anywhere along the route that you feel comfortable. Nothing is timed. You just get to have FUN!! We will have “color” stations along the way, where you will be splashed with washable chalk. You can walk, run, ride a bike, or push a stroller--whatever works for you (sorry, no vehicles allowed). This will be a day where you can social distance by deciding where and when you are comfortable starting and stopping. The route will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Included in the \$25 entry fee are a t-shirt to get “colorized” during the race, sunglasses, and water and a snack at the end. You get to add your own touch—beads, tutus, fun socks, boas, or wigs—again, whatever makes this fun for you. We are also looking for sponsors for this event. We welcome individual sponsors, as well as family groups and businesses. An entry form for the Color Run and a sponsorship form are both included in this newsletter. For more information, please feel free to contact: Christy Cross at cja62@gmail.com or 217-871-9805 or Leonard Racine at LeonardRacine@gmail.com or 773-209-3509.



“ALL FOR ONE COLOR RUN”

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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>
	All events and activities are subject to change during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.			1 No School HSV B @ Athens 6:00	2 No School	3
4	5 No School HSV B @ MWC 6:00	6	7 HSV B vs Greenview 5:00	8	9	10
11	12 HSV B vs IC 6:00	13 HSV B @ IB 6:00	14	15 HSV B vs Routt Cath 6:00 JH Track @ Delavan 4:00	16 <i>Qtr 4 Progress Rpt</i>	17 Prom
18	19 <i>Board Mtg 7:00</i> HSV B vs Williamsville 6:00 JH Track @ Havana HS 4:00	20 HSV B @ Lutheran HS 6:00 JH Track @ IC 4:00	21	22 HSV B vs Delavan 6:00 *Senior Night* HSBB @ Cornerstone Christian Academy 4:30	23	24
25	26 JH Track @ IC 4:00	27 Sr. Beta Club Blood Drive 10:00-5:00 In Parking Lot JH Track @ MWC 4:15 HSBB vs IC 4:30	28 JH Track-Logan Cty Conf. @ LCHS 9:00 CEO Trade Show	29 HSBB @ MP 4:30	30	

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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 No School	2 No School	3
4	5 No School	6 Yogurt Parfait Mixed fruit Orange juice	7 Frittata Toast Applesauce Orange juice	8 Donut Pineapple Orange juice	9 Bagel w/cream cheese Peaches Orange juice	10
11	12 Breakfast pizza Applesauce Apple juice	13 Sausage patty on biscuit Pears Apple juice	14 Mini pancakes Peaches Apple juice	15 Pop tart Mandarin oranges Apple juice	16 Fruit frudel Pineapple Apple juice	17
18	19 Warm breakfast bar Apricots Orange juice	20 French toast Peaches Orange juice	21 Nutri-grain bar Mixed fruit Orange juice	22 Sausage & pancake on a stick Pineapple Orange juice	23 Cereal bar Applesauce Orange juice	24
25	26 Peanut butter & Jelly jamwich Apricots Apple juice	27 Assorted cereal Mixed fruit Apple juice	28 Mini waffles Peaches Apple juice	29 Egg patty on biscuit Pears Apple juice	30 Breakfast pizza Applesauce Apple juice	

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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 No School	2 No School	3	
4	5 No School	6 Meatloaf Baked potato Green beans Bread Mixed fruit	7 Corn dog Pretzel rod w/cheese sauce Mixed vegetables Applesauce	8 Chicken soft shell taco Lettuce/salsa Refried beans Pineapple	9 Pizza Corn Pudding Peaches	10	
11	12 Chicken nuggets Macaroni & cheese Green beans Applesauce	13 Open faced turkey sandwich Mashed potatoes w/gravy Corn Peaches	14 Hot ham & cheese on bun Carrots Sun chips Pears	15 Chili mac Corn muffin Peas Lettuce salad Mandarin oranges	16 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Baked beans Pineapple	17	
18	19 Chicken patty on bun Peas Cookie Apricots	20 Hamburger pony shoe French fries Corn Peaches	21 Cream chicken on biscuit Carrots Jello Mixed fruit	22 Sloppy joe on bun Green beans Graham cracker Pineapple	23 Cheesy breadstick With marinara sauce Lettuce salad Corn Applesauce	24	
25	26 Crispito With cheese sauce Mixed vegetables Bread Apricots	27 Pulled pork on bun Broccoli Tater tots Mixed fruit	28 Walking taco w/Fritos Shredded lettuce/salsa Corn Peaches	29 BBQ chicken on bun Peas Pears Cookie	30 Assorted sandwiches Green beans Sun chips Applesauce		

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