

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

Students across the State, as well as those here at Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21, have been busy preparing and taking the State assessments over the last few weeks. In addition to the local formative assessment we use to make instructional decisions (AIMSweb Plus), districts are also required to administer the IAR (Illinois Assessment for Readiness) Exam again as well as the SAT Exam for Juniors. The State has not made changes in the previous years' test for the first time in several years. However, the State is looking at changing its assessment again. Schools will receive results from the Math and ELA (English Language Arts). It sure would be nice if the State could resolve some of its issues with the ever-changing assessments. It seems like it has become more difficult to try to rationalize the thought process in the decisions being made (or not being made) with ever moving targets.

Regardless, Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 has stayed focused on improving instruction to do what's best for students. We ask our students to do their best at everything: Basketball, Volleyball, Scholastic Bowl, Testing, etc. The classroom is no different; we encourage all our students to show what they know, not just on the test, but each and every day. I am a firm believer that by providing our students with a solid foundation in Math and ELA, they will be prepared for the future and the State assessment, whatever they change it to, will take care of itself.

Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 values providing the highest-quality education for our students, while maintaining financial stability. We value our partnership between parents, staff, School Board, and the community in supporting the aspirations of every child we serve. So, our school budget is more than just a spreadsheet, but a very real resource that translates into excellent teachers and licensed paraprofessionals, quality curriculum and instruction materials, essential technology, clean facilities, fully-equipped buildings, safe and secure classrooms, bussing, food services, and so much more. A school budget is not limited to the specific school year dates. Rather, planning for the next school year budget is beginning now, while we are in the middle of teaching and learning this school year. Much depends on a variety of external factors, including anticipated funding from the State. It is

hard to fathom that the State of Illinois is going on year 3 of the new form of the EBF (Evidence Based Funding) Model. Unfortunately, this new model has held our funding levels of new monies for us frozen and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The new model adopted uses a factor of cost per student as a determining factor for receiving additional revenues. Since Hartsburg-Emden has class sizes below the State average (20 students per teacher in the primary grades and 25 students per teacher in the non-primary grades), we remain frozen from receiving additional funds from the State. The budget has been a high priority for the School Board and myself over the past several years. We have concentrated on making solid decisions and we are currently financially sound as a district. Hartsburg-Emden has received a nice sum of dollars from the America Rescue Plan (ARP) to address issues brought on by the pandemic, which we have until 2024 to use, which will help keep us financially sound. We also have received some funds through the school maintenance project grant to be able to address some facility needs. However, as we transition to the \$15.00 minimum wage, the \$40,000 minimum teacher salary, the current inflation levels, and increased costs for operations are all concerns to be addressed. Financial uncertainty is nothing new for Hartsburg-Emden School District, the School Board and myself have actively employed best practices in order to keep us on solid ground, with a full grasp and understanding of how these external issues may affect our budget. Over the last eight/nine years, we have worked to put us in a good financial position. Combined with the best use of additional funding sources, we have placed ourselves in a position to face our challenges sturdily. We will continue to look to make wise decisions to keep us in a strong financial position while doing what is best of for our students.

In conclusion, it was magnificent to have Family Reading Night and see everyone in the school again. As you have heard me say so many times, reading is the number one indicator for success of students. It remains a top priority at Hartsburg-Emden. Please keep encouraging your child to read regularly. I hope everyone has a great spring. I am looking forward to nice weather again.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Hello Hartem Families!

The weather is definitely looking more spring like. Rain and strong winds seem to find themselves in the weekly forecast.

Congratulations to Will Wisniewski for being top toss up answerer in the conference for Scholastic Bowl. He earned all conference recognition with that accomplishment.

Junior High Volleyball finished their season with a respectable finish. Seventh grade made it all the way to the IESA State tournament. Congratulations to the Seventh grade Team! Eighth grade had a strong showing but unfortunately lost a 3 set match game to the eventual State Champions. Both teams have a lot to be proud of and have a lot to look forward to next year.

Baseball season is underway. We had our first home game and it was great weather. Take some time to come out and see a home game. Schedules can be found on our website.

For the month of March, the Students of the Month were Ashlyn Duvall (10th grade) and Micah Robison (6th grade). Here are some comments from the staff members that nominated them. "Micah is a very nice boy who makes a good team player on chess." "Willing to help out in any situation, always on top of her work. She is very personable and can interact and get along with both students and adults." Congratulations to both deserving students!!

Here are some dates of interest for April. There will be no school the week of April 11th for Spring Break. Monday, April 18th is the last day of Spring Break, school will resume on Tuesday, April 19th. The Grand March and Junior-Senior Prom will be on April 30th.

It's hard to believe that Seniors only have a month and a half until graduation and there are less than 2 months left for everyone else. We hope that the rest of the year will be great for everyone. I look forward to finishing the year strong so we can set the stage for next year!

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



HARTEM SPANISH CLASSES

Spanish 4 has been studying medical terms in Spanish. They are practicing using these terms in real world dialogues. Both Gillian and Gentry are planning on nursing careers.

Spanish 3 has been concentrating on grammar and reading short Spanish stories. The students then write commentaries and summaries based on their reading.

Spanish 2 has been doing exceedingly well and they are moving at a rather rapid pace. They have finished almost all the grammar a Spanish 2 class normally covers and have started in Spanish 3 grammar. Emphasis is being placed on class conversation in Spanish and writing in Spanish.

Spanish 1 is doing well. Most of the students have made great progress on Spanish grammar. The last nine weeks we are going to concentrate heavily on speaking in Spanish and simple writing in Spanish.

HARTEM PROM APRIL 30, 2022

Grand March will be at 5:30 pm at the High School. Prom will be 6pm - 10pm at the Emden Community House with dinner starting at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be an Italian Pasta Buffet. The theme for this year's Prom is Enchanted Forest.



HARTEM ALUMNI BANQUET

After a 2-year absence, the 93rd Annual Alumni Banquet of Hartsburg-Emden High School will begin at 6:30 pm on June 11, 2022, 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 coach_spencer@hotmail.com.

Anniversary classes being honored this year include: 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017. We will also be inviting back members of the Class of 2020, 2021 and of course 2022 for their official induction into the Hartsburg-Emden Alumni Association.

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 "Service to the District." Please mail nomination letters to Ron Spencer, 8923 Blooming Grove Rd, Bloomington, IL 61705 or email to coach_spencer@hotmail.com.

Due to the rising costs of the Alumni Banquet, the Association will be accepting donations to help 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 Ron Spencer, 8923 Blooming Grove Rd, Bloomington, IL 61705.

We will also need help this year setting up tables and chairs. This only takes about an hour the night before the banquet and an hour after the banquet. If you can volunteer a small amount of your time, please email coach_spencer@hotmail.com.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Each year, students in grades 8-12, compete in an essay contest sponsored by the Emden American Legion Auxiliary Unit 506. This year's topic was "Patriotism: How We Are More Alike Than Different". Many wonderful essays were submitted and we are proud to announce that Celia Cross's essay won first place at the district competition. (American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois District 17) Her essay will advance to district level judging. We would also like to congratulate Kylie Starcevic, she placed third in her grade level

division. The Auxiliary Unit and all of us at Hartem are very proud to have these two local students receive such recognitions for fine writing. Way to go ladies!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, 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 week 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. We will wrap up with state testing this month. The junior high will finish IAR and ISA testing during the 1st week of April. When we return from spring break, high school freshmen and sophomores will be taking the PSAT. High school students should have turned in their schedule requests for the 22-23 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

Sophomores will take the PSAT 10 on **Wednesday, April 20th** and freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 on **Thursday, April 21st**. 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.

SR. BETA CLUB INDUCTION

The Hartem Senior Beta Club is happy to announce that we have nine new members joining this year. The following will officially be inducted into Senior Beta Club at the Beta Club Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30 pm at the High School.

Alexis Becker
Jeff Ehlers
Zoe Miller
Logan Palladini
Draven Rahe
Jonah Robison
Avery Rohlf
Kylie Starcevic
Sadie Williams

Congratulations to the new inductees!



JUNIOR BETA INDUCTION CEREMONY

Lynn Curry, Sponsor

The Senior and Junior Beta Induction Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, April 20th at 5:30**. The National Beta Club is a student honor society that honors students based on academic achievement, excellent character and good citizenship. The National Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, grants scholarships, and provides a setting for students to develop interpersonal skills.

Congratulations to the following students who will be inducted into the Junior Beta:

6th Grade-Devin Aper, David Bland, Lydia Doolin, Ava Eeten, Brayden Lane, Abby Newlun, Kamden Pointer, Micah Robison, Kiara Scott, Kaydence Sutton, Tate Whitted, Kyler Williams and Andrew Zimmerman

7th Grade-Alexis Cannon, Dayven Fletcher and Clayton O'Donoghue

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew 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. We received many compliments (again) on how well our games run and how nice our facilities are. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our 7th grade volleyball team on another trip to state.

Our Winter Sports Awards will be on Tuesday, March 29th at 6:00 in the high school gymnasium. We will have our senior night to begin and then honor these teams: JHBK, JHCH, HSBK, HSCH, JH + HS chess, and HSSC.

The month of April is filled with high school baseball games as well as junior high track meets. Let's enjoy some spring weather while cheering on those Stags.

HARTEM JUNIOR HIGH CHESS TEAM

The Hartem Jr. High Chess team also had a good year. Micah Robison and Gabby Duvall both played in the IESA state tournament and they both won two games! Other team members were Kyler Williams, David Bland, and Elliott Ross.



HARTEM HIGH SCHOOL CHESS TEAM

The Hartem High School Chess team had a very successful year this year. The High School team qualified for the IHSA State Chess Championship by placing 4th in sectional. The high school chess team set a team record with 13 wins and won the Tomahawk Chess Conference. At the IHSA state championship, the high school team came within four seconds of having the best 1A record! We placed 9th of all the class 1A schools. Our team members this year were: Will Wisniewski, Noah Doolin, Faith Sanders, Grace Doolin, Violet Merz, Ashlyn Duvall, Dani Phillips, Jonah Robison, Logan Palladini, Jace Whitted, and Jon Wright.

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Book Fair

Thank you so much for your support at Book Fair and Family Reading Night! It was an incredibly successful book fair this year! Mrs. Reber and Mr. Wisniewski got us money to be able to buy all of the K-5 students one free book AND the profits from all of the purchases at the book fair allowed us to be able to buy all of the remaining books from the teacher wishlist boxes for their school libraries! Thank you so much! Did you know that you can shop the Scholastic Book Fair all year? The percentage the school gets back is smaller when it's not Book Fair time, but it's still a great place to look for great books and help out the school!

State Book Awards

The winning books of the 2022 Monarch, Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill, and Lincoln have all been announced. In fact, our second grade class got to participate in the official announcement for the Monarch for the whole state! The video is on the Grade School Library Google Classroom page. Take a look!

The lists for the 2023 book awards have been released and I am working to get us all the books so that we can participate again next year.

Grants

The books from the Mathical grant are starting to arrive! We have books for all ages about math and math concepts. Thank you to NCTE/ Mathical Award for the money to buy these great books!



JH/HS YEARBOOK

The 2022 yearbook is here! There are a limited number of 2022 left for \$45 each.

You may also pre-order the 2023 book. Before spring break it is \$35. After spring break it is \$40. If you wait until next year, it'll be \$45 if there are any leftover.

Contact Mrs. Folkman at nfolkman@hartem.org to order any of these yearbooks OR to see if we have an extra copy of any year you might be interested in buying. We do have some vintage books available.

HARTEM FFA HAPPENINGS

Sara Barton, FFA Advisor

FFA has had a busy start to the 2022 school year! We have participated in the Food Science CDE at Tri-City High School and also the Parliamentary Procedure CDE at Mt. Pulaski High School. We had a blast celebrating National FFA Week in February. We held agriculture related games during lunch all week and ended the week with an assembly in which we did our annual FFA quiz bowl - students vs. teachers. We had our annual strawberry sale in mid-March which was a great success. Thank you to all who ordered!

In April we have the following events:

April 12th- Livestock Judging CDE at Taylorville

April 20th - Horticulture CDE at Franklin


April 27th - Section 14 Banquet at Athens

April 30th - Dairy Cattle Judging CDE at Beason



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					1 HSBB @ Havana 4:30	2
3	4 HSBB @ W-L 4:30 Post Prom Smoked Meatloaf meal 4:30-6:30	5 HSBB vs Delavan 4:30	6	7 JHTRK @ Delavan 4:00	8 Sr. Trip	9 Sr. Trip
10 Sr. Trip	11 Sr. Trip No School	12 No School FFA-Livestock judging @ Taylorville 10:30 HSBB @ MWC 4:30	13 No School	14 No School HSBB vs Cuba 4:30	15 No School	16 JHTRK @ Olympia 10:00
17 	18 No School HSBB @ IC 4:30 JHTRK @ Havana 4:00	19 HSBB @ LeRoy 4:30 JHTRK @ IC 4:00	20 PSAT-10 th Grade 8:15-1:30 FFA-Horticulture CDE @ Franklin 4:30 Jr/Sr Beta Induction @HS Café 5:30	21 PSAT-9 th Grade 8:15-12:00 HSBB vs El Paso-Gridley @ Illinois Wesleyan 7:00	22 <i>Qtr 4 Progress Rpts</i>	23 HSBB @ Ridgeview 10:00 (DH)
24	25 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> JHTRK @ IC 4:00	26 HSBB vs MP 4:30	27 JHTRK-LoCo Conf. Meet @ LCHS 9:00 CEO Tradeshow @ American Legion 4-6 FFA-Sect 14 Banquet @ Athens 4:30	28 HSBB @ Blue Ridge 4:30	29	30 JHTRK @ PORTA 9:00 FFA-Dairy Cattle Judging @ Beason 9:00 HSBB @ Peoria Christian 10:00 (DH) Prom Grand March @ HS Gym 5:30 Prom 6:00-10:00 @ Emden Comm. House

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Breakfast Menu	A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.						
					1 Assorted cereal Toast Peaches Orange juice	2	
3	4 English muffin Apricots Apple juice	5 Cinnamon coffee cake Mandarin oranges Apple juice	6 French toast sticks Sausage links Peaches Apple juice	7 Biscuit with sausage gravy Pears Apple juice	8 Nutri-grain bar Mixed fruit Apple juice	9	
10	11 No School	12 No School	13 No School	14 No School	15 No School	16	
17	18 No School	19 Pop tart Peaches Cherry juice	20 Breakfast cinnamon cookie Mixed fruit Cherry juice	21 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Cherry juice	22 Peanut butter and jelly Uncrustable Pears Cherry juice	23	
24	25 Pancake and Sausage on a stick Applesauce Orange juice	26 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Apricots Orange juice	27 Assorted muffins Pears Orange juice	28 Scrambled eggs Sausage patty Toast Mixed fruit Orange juice	29 Donut Pineapple Orange juice	30	

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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 Assorted sandwiches Chips Peas Peaches	2	
3	4 Chicken strips Macaroni & cheese Peas Mixed fruit	5 Walking taco Cheese/lettuce Salsa/sour cream Corn Pineapple Graham cracker	6 Hamburger horseshoe French fries Green beans Apricots	7 Baked ham Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Dinner roll Peaches Baked apples	8 Bosco sticks Marinara sauce Carrots Lettuce salad Mandarin oranges	9	
10	11 No School	12 No School	13 No School	14 No School	15 No School	16	
17	18 No School	19 Corn dog Soft pretzel Carrots Peaches Pudding	20 Popcorn chicken bowl Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Pineapple	21 Crispito w/cheese sauce Salsa/sour cream Peas Pears Brownie	22 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Green beans Mandarin oranges	23	
24	25 BBQ pulled pork on bun Baked beans Cole slaw Peaches	26 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Mandarin oranges Baked apples	27 Nacho supreme w/lettuce Sour cream/salsa Apricots	28 Chicken patty on bun French fries Green beans Mixed fruit Cookie	29 Pizza Lettuce salad Corn Pineapple	30	

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A stylized, cursive logo for "Happy Easter". The word "Happy" is written in a black, flowing script above the word "Easter", which is also in a similar script. The letters are decorated with colorful Easter eggs: a yellow egg with orange spots on the 'y' in "Happy", a blue egg with white spots on the 'e' in "Easter", and a pink egg with white spots on the 'e' in "Easter". There are also small, colorful teardrop shapes in yellow, blue, and pink scattered around the text.