

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

It continues to be a great time to be a Hartem Stag!! During this tough time, I really believe that Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21 is on the right trend. Continual growth and a positive work/learning environment continue to be the focus of the staff. We continue to make advances with school pride and academic confidence in our students. Encouraging our students to have a continual growth mindset helps tremendously. When failure happens, we need to praise the risk-taking, not criticize the initial outcome and keep trying. Focus student's attention on continual growth, rather than fixed knowledge base. Keep their attention on effort and strategy. Make challenge-seeking and knowledge-seeking a priority, rather than a fixed outcome or grade. We need to encourage students to always look for the next challenge and push themselves. We need to inspire students, show them a love for learning and that they are very capable of being successful in school. Research has shown, students opinions in middle school were almost a perfect match to their performance in High School. Those who believe they can, do and those who believe they can't, don't. It is critical we help our students develop a "can do" attitude in these grades. We need to encourage all our students to grow, learn, and develop Kindergarten through Senior . . . and beyond.

As I said earlier, this is a great time to be a Hartem Stag!! We have a lot of great things happening in our schools and we are constantly looking for ways to improve. Yes, this pandemic has made things difficult, but I believe the future of our schools remains bright. We must continue to work hard to keep it that way. After 11 years at Hartem, I have become a Stag and I will keep pushing to make our schools the best they can be. Again, literacy still is the number one indicator for college success and continues to remain a top priority. The pandemic has put most schools in a mode of playing catchup when it comes to reading skills. Hartsburg-Emden hired an additional teacher at the elementary building to create a full-time Title I Reading Teacher and added extra-individualized reading instruction this year. We are seeing many rewards in the classes and I am confident any learning loss is being recovered. I hope all our parents are encouraging

their children to read for 15-30 minutes every night. Although reading is important and a focus, Hartsburg-Emden will always continue to move forward with everything we do. We stay committed to the continual growth mindset and are looking to improve each and every day. We have pushed a positive school culture filled with school pride. Hartem students are constantly being encouraged. As our mission statement says, "*allowing students to reach their full potential.*" We work each and every day to do that, in a positive, safe and secure environment.

It has been two years since I sent my first communication mentioning COVID-19 to the district. At the time, I had no way of imagining the impact that this virus would have on our lives, our schools, and our communities. If I were to say it was vast, that would be a great understatement. As Superintendent, I have been through a whirlwind of thoughts and forced to make many painstaking decisions throughout the past two years, as I am sure many of you had to do as well. At first, I was hopeful it would pass quickly, but unfortunately that did not happen. As the past two years have unfolded, I have developed multiple reopening plans, dealt with many changes in guidance, went through a process of becoming an Illinois Licensed COVID-19 testing lab, and much more. I eventually learned to accept the position, deal with it day-by-day and issue-by-issue. It brought on many frustrations for all of us. However, I have been encouraged as we resumed in-person learning and overcome many obstacles. It was amazing to see our students, parents, teachers, community members overcome together. We have been able to provide most activities with limited disruption this year. Please, do not let up on maintaining our school as a Sick-Free-Zone. It seems like our surge of cases in January is over the hump and things are coming back together. With all the support this community gives to its school, I can't but help to remain optimistic.

SR BETA VALENTINE'S DAY SALE!

The Senior Beta Club Valentine's Day Sale is happening now through **February 4th**. Please see the order form in this month's newsletter with instructions on how to place your order. You can also check the website for the order form!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Hello Hartem Families!

We are definitely in the depths of winter and I hope everyone is able to stay warm. For the most part, I think we have been able to dodge the real heavy snow falls. With any luck, we'll continue that trend and not have to worry about school travel plans. The NOAA 30 day forecast shows the possibility of slightly higher than normal precipitation with temperatures close to normal. If there is a possibility that we could use a remote learning day for weather, we'll make accommodations for students that need them.

The Junior High Boys Basketball season is starting it's postseason. Good luck to them! The 8th grade recognition night was canceled but we would like to honor all of our 8th grade basketball players and cheerleaders at halftime of the February 1st, varsity basketball game.

Junior High Volleyball has started back up and they wasted no time winning some trophies. 7th grade won 1st place in the Logan County Tournament and 8th grade won 2nd place on their side. Good luck to them as they continue their seasons.

High School Boys Basketball will be heading into the state series at the end of the month. Their first regional match will be February 21st. Time and place has not been scheduled yet. Don't miss Senior night on February 18th. Seniors from both Basketball and Cheerleading will be recognized that night.

Chess and Scholastic Bowl are in full swing. The Chess team participated in the Redbird Classic in Bloomington on January 15th. The chess team is also gearing up for the IHSA State Tournament on February 11th at the Peoria Civic Center. Good luck to both teams

For the month of November, the Students of the Month were Blake Martin and Ella Klokkenga. Here are some comments from the staff members that nominated them. "Blake has stepped up to help others, including a homebound student". "Ella is not afraid to ask questions and is always willing to help a classmate. She is always polite and has a good personality." Congratulations to both deserving students!!

Here are some upcoming dates to keep in mind. February 18th is an 11:30 dismissal for School Improvement. Monday, February 21st, there is no school for Presidents' Day.

The 5 Essential Surveys are now available for parents to fill out. This is your chance to give us feedback on how you feel about the education at Hartsburg-Emden. We would like every family to fill out the survey. It is also a component for our State Evaluation so, please help us complete our goal. Here is a the link for the survey:
<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

Last, the spring is the season for student standardized testing. On February 17th, 4th Grade will be taking the NAEP. Grade School students will take the IAR, Juniors will take the SAT, and Freshmen and Sophomores will take the PSAT later this semester. Those dates will be made available as soon as they are finalized.

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



JHVB FUNDRAISING SUPPER

The Junior High Volleyball Team is hosting a FAT BOYS BBQ supper from 4:30pm-6:00pm on Tuesday, February 15th. Meal tickets are \$8.00 and include: PULLED PORK SANDWICH, BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW, PEGGY'S PLACE HOMEMADE COOKIE, AND DRINK. Tickets will be sold by all the JHVB players. Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door, carry-outs are available. Thank you for your continued support!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

The first month of 2022 has seen a lot of basketball and the start of volleyball.

The 7th grade boys' basketball team just finished participating in the Logan County Tournament. Both 7th and 8th grade teams will begin regionals at the end of January / start of February. Coach Whitted and Ferguson are looking for a solid postseason run.

The high school basketball teams are in the second half of their seasons. The boys will have home games on Feb 5, 8, and their Senior Night on the 18th against Heyworth. Coach Wright and the varsity team will then start regionals on February 21st. Coach Neaville and the fr/so team will be in our 69th Annual Frosh Tourney starting on February 26th.

The junior high volleyball teams have begun their season in the Logan County Tournament and hope to continue their success in the month of February. They will have home matches on February 15 and their eighth grade night on the 24th against Olympia. They will also have a 7th grade round robin on the 12th and go to the 8th grade tournament in Effingham on the 19th.

Good luck to all our coaches and players. Hopefully all our fans will try to get out and support their hard work.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, Guidance Counselor

22-23 DUAL-CREDIT COURSES

Are you interested in taking college classes while still in high school? Dual credit is an opportunity for students in grades 11-12 to take college-level courses while still in high school. Dual credit courses are a great opportunity to receive extra high school credit AND earn college credit towards Gen. Eds. The courses that will be offered next year are: **BUSN110 (Introduction to Business)** and **HIST 136 (History of the US Since 1865)**.

Qualifications:

If you are interested in taking a Dual Credit course next year (AY 22-23), you **MUST** complete a Heartland application by **April 1** and ACCUPLACER Assessment (or submit a qualifying score) by **April 30** in order to be eligible to enroll in

the course. Students can submit qualifying ACT or PSAT/SAT scores in place of the ACCUPLACER. See Mrs. Feltes for details. [Please note: There is a \$200 registration fee for each dual credit class.]

Seniors

If you haven't completed the **FAFSA** yet, now is the time. Remember, this is now an IL state graduation requirement. If you need help completing the application or if you would like an opt-out form, please contact Amanda Feltes (afeltes@hartem.org).

The spring semester is a busy time for scholarship applications. Many local organizations announce scholarships during the spring semester. I encourage all 12th grade students to check the scholarships list on the counseling webpage (www.hartemcounseling.weebly.com/scholarships) or on the Seniors classroom page to determine if there are any scholarships that meet their needs. See Mrs. Feltes if you need help finding and/or applying to scholarships. Listed below are several scholarships with a February/March deadline that any student can apply for regardless of major or college attending:

- Elks Legacy Awards Contest due Feb 7
- Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship due Feb 20
- CollegeBoard Opportunity Scholarship due Feb 28
- Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship due March 1
- Deputy Scott Brown Memorial Scholarship due Mar 1
- Illinois Scottish Rite Scholarship Fund due March 1
- Illinois Conservation Achievement Scholarship due Mar 1
- Independent Order of Odd Fellow-Rebekah of Illinois due March 1
- Lincoln Women's Club due March 1
- Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation due March 1
- Township Officials of Illinois due March 1
- Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior American Legion Members due March 1
- CBAI Foundations for Community Banking due March 2

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Donations

Kamden Pointer donated *Spy School Goes South* by Stuart Gibbs

Mrs. Folkman donated *What Makes a Hero* by Pamela Bobowicz in honor of Denver Latham

Postcard Field Trip

We are learning about the islands of the Caribbean Sea right now. There are so many island nations in the Caribbean that we will be there for quite some time. We are learning both about the independent nations and the territories and dependencies of other nations. We have read books about the sea animals, sea plants, rainforests, agriculture, history, landmarks, and more! And we still use estimation and learn about distances to learn how we would travel to each nation's capital.

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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>
		1 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA HSBK vs Peoria Christian 6:00 *JHBK/Cheer Will Honor 8 th Grade During Halftime Of Varsity Game*	2	3 HS Sch Bowl @ MWC 5:00 JHVB vs IC 6:00	4 Progress Rpts HSBK @ Illini Bluffs 6:00	5 HSBK vs Greenview 5:00 *Homecoming Game*
6	7	8 HSBK vs Tremont 6:00 JHVB @ MP 5:00	9 JHBK-8A Sect TBA	10 JHVB @ Little Flower 6:00 HS Sch Bowl-Host 5:00	11 HSBK @ Ridgeview 5:30 Chess-State @ Peoria Civic Center 10:00	12 JHBK-8A State TBA JHVB-Host 7 th Grade RR 8:00 Chess-State @ Peoria Civic Center 9:00
13	14 HSBK @ White Hall vs North Greene 6:00	15 HSBK @ MWC 6:00 JHVB Fundraising Supper @ HS 4:30-6:00 JHVB vs Chiddix 6:00	16	17 JHBK-8A State TBA JHVB @ Kingsley 4:30 HS Sch Bowl-Host 5:00	18 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day HSBK vs Heyworth 6:00 *Sr. Night*	19 JHVB @ Effingham 8 th Grade Tourn TBA HSBK-1A Reg. TBA
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 JHVB @ WLB 5:30	23 HSBK-1A Reg. TBA	24 JHVB vs Olympia 6:00 *8 th Grade Night* HS Sch Bowl @ IC 5:00	25 HSBK-1A Reg. TBA	26 HSBK-Host Fr/So Tourn 9:00 JHVB-7A Reg. TBA Post Prom Trivia Night @ Emden Community House 7:00
27 Emden Homecoming Drive Thru Chicken Dinner 11-1 @ Stag R Inn	28 Board Mtg. 7:00 HSBK-Host Fr/So Tourn 6:00 JHVB-7A Reg. TBA					

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Breakfast Menu	A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.						
		1 French toast sticks Sausage links Peaches Apple juice	2 Yogurt w/ strawberries Toast Pineapple Apple juice	3 Breakfast pizza Apricots Apple juice	4 Assorted cereal Toast Mandarin oranges Apple juice	5	
6	7 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Pears Cherry juice	8 Bagel w/ cream cheese Pineapple Cherry juice	9 Assorted muffins Mixed fruit Cherry juice	10 Scrambled eggs Sausage links Toast Applesauce Cherry juice	11 Nutri-grain bar Peaches Cherry juice	12	
13	14 Fruit frudel Mixed fruit Orange juice	15 Biscuit with egg patty Sausage patty Pineapple Orange juice	16 Uncrustable Applesauce Orange juice	17 Pancake & sausage on a stick Mandarin oranges Orange juice	18 English muffin Pears Orange juice	19	
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Omelet frittata Peaches Apple juice	23 Waffles Sausage links Mixed fruit Apple juice	24 Oatmeal Pears Apple juice	25 Donuts Pineapple Apple juice	26	
27	28 Pop tarts Mandarin oranges Cherry juice						

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Lunch Menu	<p>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.</p>						
		1 Walking taco Lettuce/cheese Corn Peaches Graham crackers	2 Pig in a blanket Baked beans Pasta salad Pineapple	3 Chicken wrap Lettuce/cheese/salsa Apricots Jello	4 Hamburger horseshoe French fries Corn Mandarin oranges	5	
6	7 BBQ pulled pork on bun Baked beans Cole slaw Pears	8 Chicken and noodles Green beans Pineapple	9 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Corn Mixed fruit	10 Loaded tater tot bowl Peas Applesauce Cookie	11 Beef stew on biscuit Peaches Lettuce salad Carrots	12	
13	14 Bosco sticks Marinara sauce Green beans Mixed fruit Cupcake	15 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes w/gravy Corn Pineapple Baked apples	16 Corn dog Potato smiles Carrots Peaches	17 Crispito with cheese sauce Salsa/sour cream Peas Mandarin oranges Pudding	18 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day		
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Hamburger on bun French fries Green beans Peaches President cookies	23 Chili or chicken noodle soup Fresh veggies Mixed fruit Cinnamon roll	24 Hot dog on bun With/without chili Peas Sun chips Pears Cake	25 Pizza Corn Lettuce salad Pineapple	26	
27	28 Tomato or chicken Noodle soup Toasted cheese sandwich Mandarin oranges						

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