

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

At the beginning of the school year, I discussed with our staff the importance of relationships. I requested that Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 Schools be committed to creating and maintaining positive, mutually beneficial relationships with our students, families, staff, and community. I often tell students that relationships with other people will bring you the greatest joy in your life and will bring you the greatest sorrow/grief. The key is to reduce the relationships that bring you sorrow/grief and increase the ones that bring you the joy. With that said, I'd like to talk for a minute about our community, Hartsburg and Emden. This community has some wonderful churches: St. Peter's, St. John's, Prairieland Christian Church, Emden Christian Church, and the former Hartsburg Methodist Church. Over the years, the members of these churches have donated not just to the schools, but also directly to the families of our students who could use a little extra hand. Paying registration fees, paying off lunch balances, new Stage Curtains, gift cards to families on Thanksgiving for family dinners, gift cards to families during Christmas to help with the holidays, books, supplies, food/household supplies, etc. are just a sampling of what our community churches have done for our school and community. They have done this without any real recognition. What they have done is nothing short of little miracles in the lives of many people. I do not know how else to explain it. We have some terrific support that does not happen in many places. I thank our churches for all they do. God Bless you.

On a personal note, another semester as the Superintendent of the Hartsburg-Emden School District is ending and it continues to be an honor to serve in this capacity. I thank everyone (students, parents, board members, and staff) for the relationships I have developed with you over the past nine years. All-in-all, I truly enjoy our students, the school, the community, and the work. It also means a lot to me that my own son loves being a Hartem Stag and takes a lot of pride in attending Hartsburg-Emden and the relationships he has here. My passion has always lied in being an Educator. I value the Continual Growth Mindset (one of the pillar of our belief statements) that education

provides. I am always looking for ways to improve both personally and professionally. Being a life-long learner, having the desire to learn and grow, is particularly important to me. I enrolled into the University of Illinois in Springfield to earn my Chief School Business Official Enforcement this semester (at age 50). I try to stress to students, lifelong learning is necessary. After graduating high school should be the start of your lifelong learning.

I do believe that our staff continues to work to develop professional and positive relationships with our students, parents, and community ensures that we are able to support the needs of our children (and their families). We are always available to you. I encourage everyone to be open to the idea of reaching out to our teachers/staff. Our staff is here for service. There is a strong belief in giving every student the tools necessary to be successful in life. We do our best to provide positive relationships with our kids to meet that goal. Having positive relationships are important because they help children develop independence, self-esteem, and well-being. Children want and need positive, loving/caring relationships with the people closest to them. Students learn better from teachers who they feel have their best interest at heart. As you may expect, the opposite is also true. The strongest driver of low well-being is where children experience weak, uncaring (even negative) relationships. So, when parents shared with me that they feel one of Hartsburg-Emden's greatest strengths is that the staff really seemed to care about the kids, I am very pleased.

I would like to finish by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! With the holidays just around the corner, I hope you are able to enjoy all the gifts you've been blessed with. Please keep in mind those who are less fortunate or may be missing someone this time of year. A heartfelt inquiry can go a long way to comfort someone. 'Tis the season to be generous.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I want to extend my warmest holiday wishes on to you and all of your family. I know that the holiday season can be very busy. Take a moment to relax and enjoy some time doing the things that matter the most.

December has been a very busy month and January will be as well. Ms. Blackwell and Mrs. Jordan put on two very impressive Christmas Concerts. It is fun to get to see our students show off their musical talents. They work hard on a daily basis. If you had the opportunity to witness the concerts, you know first-hand that the hard work has paid off. Ms. Barton and the FFA continue to represent the school well at their competitions. Scholastic bowl at the high school and junior high school level will also be competing 2nd semester. Our athletic teams have been and will continue to be busy. Jr. High Basketball and Cheerleading is well underway and Jr. High Volleyball will be starting games soon. High School Basketball and Cheerleading is underway as well. I invite you to come to one of our several scheduled activities in January. Our students and coaches always do their best to represent our community in an outstanding way.

Looking ahead to the coming weeks, we will begin our second semester (3rd Quarter) on January 7th, 2019. Report cards for the first semester and 2nd quarter will be mailed out shortly after we get back from Christmas Break. Parents, please help your children get back into the school routine as we look to begin the second half of our year.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe, stay warm, and enjoy the Holiday Season!!! Go Stags!!!!



HARTEM SPANISH CLASSES

Hartem Spanish classes have been busy preparing for finals. All levels of Spanish work on reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Spanish 1 has been learning various conjugations of the present tense. Spanish 2 is beginning to write sentences with direct and indirect object pronouns. Spanish 3 and 4 are reading short stories and dialogues. The advanced classes are writing short compositions using what they have learned in class.

HARTEM CHESS TEAM

The Hartem Chess Team is having a very good start to the year. The team scored double victories over Olympia High School and played very close matches with Lincoln High School. Will Wisniewski, Evan Rohlf, Spencer Davis, Denver Merz, Will Wright, Violet Merz, and Dani Phillips all scored in those two matches.

The Hartem Chess Team is looking forward to playing in the Illini Classic Chess Tournament on Jan. 11 at the student union of the University of Illinois. This tournament is required to be eligible for the IHSA Sectional.



JANUARY BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES

18 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$36.00
18 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.30	\$5.40
18 Student Lunches	@\$2.75	\$49.50
18 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.40	\$7.20

Students at Hartsburg 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. Adult lunches purchased are \$3.25.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, Guidance Department

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready to jump into second semester. The start of a new semester seems to be a time for both a renewal of the old and a look forward to the new. For all of us, it should be a time that we reflect on what we did well in the previous semester and to make attempts to better ourselves for the second semester. It is very important that despite some dark and cold weather in the winter months that we start the second semester with enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose. It is expected that Hartsburg-Emden students continue to set goals and establish sound practices to help them achieve those goals.

The spring semester is a busy time for students. Students will be selecting classes for next year, taking standardized tests including the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (formerly PARCC), PSAT, SAT, and the Illinois Science Assessment, and meeting daily demands of classes and programs in which they are involved. Each day provides an opportunity for students to improve and take advantage of the educational opportunities at HEHS. Students should utilize every opportunity to get the help needed for grade improvement. We strongly encourage parents to contact your student's teachers and to track student progress with the Tyler system.

Illinois Youth Survey

During the spring 2020 semester, schools throughout the state will have the opportunity to conduct the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) with students in **8th, 10th or 12th grade**. Hartsburg-Emden has chosen to administer this test in March. The purpose of the IYS is to better understand youth attitudes and behaviors that can impact student problems and academic success. It will ask about topics including nutrition, physical activity, bullying, tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. Students will be asked to complete a survey (with no names or identification numbers) that will be confidentially administered during one class period. The survey is completely voluntary and privacy will be strictly protected. The Illinois Youth Survey will provide our school with a local report of the combined student results which will help to determine which programs may be needed to keep students safe and healthy. Obtaining full participation is very important in the ability of our school to continue to improve the programs and strategies to prevent youth problems behaviors and enhance youth

development. However, if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the survey, please contact Amanda Feltes (afeltes@hartem.org) to complete an opt-out form.

Scholarships

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) 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 January deadline that any student can apply for regardless of major or college attending:

- American Mensa Education and Research Foundation – due Jan 15
- Live Mas Scholarship – due Jan 23
- IACAC Scholarships – due Jan 31

20-21 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 classes in high school and one or more college level classes on an online university. 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: **HIST 136: US History since 1865** and **BUSN 110: Introduction to Business**.

Qualifications:

If you are interested in taking a Dual Credit course next year (AY 20-21), you **MUST** complete a Heartland application by **Feb 28** and ACCUPLACER Assessment (or submit a qualifying score) by **Mar 27** 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 enrollment in each dual credit class.]

LIBRARY NEWS

Exciting news! Every student at the grade school, K-5, got to pick out a book to keep! Mrs. Folkman collected ARCs (advanced reader's copies), saved extra book fair books, scoured online bargains, and supplemented with books donated by Emily Helton (former science/ special ed teacher) to be able to have enough books for students to not only get a new book to take home, but be able to choose what book they got. Mrs. Folkman plans to do this at least once yearly.

Thank you to the many people who made generous donations of books or money this month:

Bonnie Cordray

Emily Helton

Brian and Sara Boerma and Family

Beth and Walt Neikirk

Every single donation-- book or money-- goes to put books into the hands of students. Thank you so much for your contributions!

Mrs. Folkman gave the following books:

The Shape of the World: A Portrait of Frank Lloyd Wright by K.L. Going-- in memory of Leonard R. Wisniewski

Imagine! By Raul Colon-- in memory of John Mizell

Yasmin the Painter by Saadia Faruqi-- in honor of the birth of Elliot Sorenson

I Was Born to be a Brother by Zaydek G. Michels-Gualtieri-- in honor of the birth of William Yakle

Remember to take time to read over break. Reading offers us all, young and young at heart, the opportunity for quiet during a time that can be overstimulating. Reading even 10-15 minutes helps us reset and refresh.



FFA HAPPENINGS

The Hartem FFA Chapter has had a fantastic first semester! December was especially a great month for the FFA as we participated in contests and service projects. On December 4th, Hartem FFA members participated in the Section 14 Dairy Foods CDE at PORTA. The team placed 9th overall and our very own Wyatt Leinenbach placed 1st place individual in the whole contest!

On December 7th, students helped set up memorial Christmas trees at the Whistle Stop in Emden. On December 9th, the Hartem FFA, along with the Senior Beta Club, went shopping for their Angel Tree donations.

Be on the lookout for information regarding strawberry sales in the next newsletter!

JH CATCH NEWS

Students in grades 6-8 had a fun time taste testing a variety of foods while decorating edible Christmas Trees. Students were given a waffle ice cream cone to use as a base for their Christmas Tree. Items that were available to add to their trees were peanut butter, yogurt, coconut, mini chocolate chips, pine nuts, sesame sticks, sunflower seeds, craisons, dates, blueberries, raspberries, Cheerios and sprinkles. The students learned what CATCH category each one of these food items belong in: GO, SLOW or WHOA. Once their trees were decorated, they could eat their Christmas Tree creations with the hope that they tried a food that they have not eaten before. There were some interesting looking Christmas trees!!



DONUTS WITH DADS

Thanks to all the Dad's, Grandpa's, and special guests for coming to share our special day at Emden Elementary. We had such a great turnout! It was great seeing the entire cafeteria filled with love and memories! Thanks for coming!



Ad for Substitute Bus Driver

Position: Hartsburg-Emden School District is looking for Substitute Bus Drivers. Sub Bus Drivers need to be available to run morning and afternoon routes on short notice, as well as drive when we have athletic and extra-curricular events.

Qualifications: Must be able to successfully pass a criminal background check, drug screen and physical exam (as mandated the Illinois Department of Transportation) and must have bus driver training course (CDL License with SBP CLASS B – school bus endorsement). Assistance can be provided to help you through the licensing process. Any questions, please contact:

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January

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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 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4
5	6 Teacher Institute	7 JHBK @ Dee-Mack 5:30 HSBK vs. Athens 6:00	8	9 JHBK vs. Cornerstone Christian Acad. 6:00	10 HSBK @ MP 6:00	11 JHBK-7 th LoCo Tourn @ LC TBA HSBK @ LCU Shootout TBA HS Chess @ Illini Classic Tourn TBA
12	13 JHVB-7 th LoCo Tourn @ CEL TBA	14 JHBK vs Limestone Walters 6:00 (8 th Grade Night) HSBK @ Havana 6:00	15 JHVB-7 th LoCo Tourn @ CEL TBA	16 JHBK-7 th LoCo Tourn @ LC TBA JHVB @ Delavan 6:00	17 HSBK vs Lewistown 6:00 Homecoming Game Homecoming Dance After Game in HS Cafe	18 JHBK-8 th LoCo Tourn @ LC TBA
19	20 No School JHVB-8 th LoCo Tourn @ Delavan TBA	21 HSBK vs Greenview 6:00 JHVB @ W-L 6:00	22 JHVB-8 th LoCo Tourn @ Delavan TBA Chess @ Normal West 4:30	23 JHBK-8 th LoCo Tourn @ LC TBA Jr. Class Spaghetti Dinner @ HS Café 4:30-7:00 JHVB vs IC 6:00	24 HSBK @ Quest Charter Academy 6:00	25 JHBK-7A Reg. TBA JHVB-Host 7 th Gr. RR @ 8:00
26	27 <i>Board Mtg 7:00</i> JHBK-7A Reg. TBA JHVB vs Limestone Walters 6:00	28 JHBK-7A Reg. TBA HSBK @ W-L 6:00	29	30 JHBK-7A Reg. TBA JHVB vs BJHS 6:00	31 HSBK @ Tri-City 6:00	

Breakfast Menu

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.			1 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4
5	6 Teacher Institute	7 Cereal bar Toast Cherry star juice Apple juice	8 Tornado w/egg, bacon and cheese Peaches Apple juice	9 Fruit frudel Cheese stick Applesauce Apple juice	10 Pancakes Pineapple Apple juice	11
12	13 Mini pancakes Pears Orange juice	14 Peanut butter & Jelly uncrustable Mixed fruit Orange juice	15 Biscuit w/egg patty Applesauce Orange juice	16 Trix yogurt Toast Pineapple Orange juice	17 Breakfast pizza Peaches Orange juice	18
19	20 No School	21 Assorted cereal Mandarin oranges Apple juice	22 Muffins Applesauce Apple juice	23 Pop tart Fresh fruit Apple juice	24 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Pears	25
26	27 Waffles Applesauce Orange juice	28 Cereal bar Strawberry applesauce Orange juice	29 Frittata Toast Pears Orange juice	30 French toast Pineapple Orange juice	31 Pancake & sausage on a stick Peaches Orange juice	

Lunch Menu

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<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 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4
5	6 Teacher Institute	7 Pork tenderloin on bun Broccoli Tomato/onion slices Peaches	8 Buffalo chicken wrap Corn Lettuce salad Applesauce Cookie	9 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Breadstick Green beans Pineapple	10 Crispito w/cheese sauce Mixed vegetables Bread Pears	11
12	13 Cheesy breadstick Marinara sauce Peas Lettuce salad Mixed fruit	14 Walking taco w/Doritos Lettuce Cheese Corn Applesauce	15 Chicken patty on bun Fresh veggies w/dip Hard pretzels Pineapple	16 Open faced turkey sandwich Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans Peaches	17 Rib patty Pasta salad w/veggies Baked beans Mandarin oranges	18
19	20 No School	21 Meatloaf Baked potato Green beans Bread Baked apples	22 Chicken nuggets Sun chips Peas Fresh fruit	23 Pulled pork on bun Potato smiles Cole slaw Pears	24 Pizza Romaine salad Corn Applesauce	25
26	27 Corn dog Soft pretzel Cooked carrots Strawberry applesauce	28 Chili w/crackers Carrot/celery sticks Pears Cinnamon roll	29 Ham pony shoe French fries Peas Pineapple	30 Chicken alfredo Green beans Bread Peaches Jello	31 Pizza burger on bun Tri tater Corn Fruit cocktail	

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Class of 2021 Spaghetti Dinner



When: Thursday, January 23rd, 4:30PM-7PM

Where: Hartsburg-Emden High School Cafeteria

Cost: Donation

Meal Includes: Spaghetti, garlic bread, side salad, and dessert

*Carry-out and dine-in available

*Lemonade and Iced Tea will be available for dine-in meals