

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

It's hard to believe that this school year has come to an end. I am certainly glad to have a year that was close to normal. The COVID-19 pandemic made the past few years trying ones for almost everyone. My deepest sympathies go to those who suffered loss, as we lost another student this year. I am hopeful that on the other side of your pain brighter days are ahead. I would like to thank all the parents, community members, Board members, staff, and students for all that you do to make Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21 the special place it is. We continued to take strides towards meeting your goals and continually improve to make our school district the best it can possibly be, in spite of all the obstacles. Keeping and maintaining a continual growth mindset, and making each year better than the last one, are not easy tasks. It is important to be steadfast to your principles when everything seems to be going wrong and keep chugging forward. I believe in the future of Hartsburg-Emden School District.

Learning is so important because it fuels personal growth, enhances skills, enables adaptability, drives innovation, promotes career advancement, and contributes to the progress of individuals and societies. It truly is a lifelong journey that brings fulfillment, empowerment, and a deeper understanding of the world around us. The world is constantly evolving and it seems to be picking up speed in that evolution. Learning equips us with the ability to adapt to new situations, challenges, and technologies. It enhances our flexibility and enables us to keep up with the changing demands of the world around us. We need an education system that emphasizes critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, collaboration, and digital literacy. Lifelong learning and continuous skill building are becoming ever more important as we adapt to the changing world around us. The ability to navigate diverse cultures, collaborate across borders, and understand global issues is becoming increasingly important. It is important to be true to your principles. Aligning your thoughts, actions, and decisions with the core values and beliefs requires self-reflection, commitment, and ongoing effort. It is a journey of discovery and personal growth,

enabling you to lead an authentic and meaningful life guided by your core values.

Often we face pressures to conform. There are strong pressures to become a member of a group and to conform and avoid conflict or disagreement. A desire for social harmony and maintaining a positive group atmosphere can override independent thinking, stifle the decision-making process, and discourage the expression of dissenting opinions. Being an independent thinker means you have the ability to form and evaluate your own thoughts, opinions, and beliefs, free from undue influence or conformity to external factors. It involves critically examining information, considering diverse perspectives, and making informed decisions based on your own analysis and judgment. Self-awareness, intellectual curiosity, critical thinking skills, and the willingness to challenge assumptions and explore alternative viewpoints are sometimes discouraged by our society. I encourage everyone to be fully present in each and every moment and to cultivate your own beliefs. Focus on the positive aspects of life, practicing gratitude, and reframing challenges as opportunities for growth. Choosing optimism and embracing a hopeful outlook so we can have sense of personal joy.

I hope everyone enjoys his or her summer. Take time to enjoy the little things in life, because many times we look back and realize they were the big things. A grateful heart will allow you to see the good in what is currently going on in your life. Life can be difficult at times. However, getting through the tough times in life can be just a little bit easier when you simply realize the importance, beauty, and miracle of life. Please take time and enjoy your summer. Lastly, congratulations to all our graduates. I hope your future is a bright one.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting June 1st, District Office Summer hours will be Monday-Friday 7:30am-1:00pm. Regular office hours will resume on August 1st.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Hello Hartem Families!

The school year is over and it went very quick. The weather has warmed up just in time for the kids to be playing outside. In case you didn't hear the news, I will be returning to the district in the fall. I will be joined by Ms. Zerbonia as she teaches science part of the day and is assistant principal the other part. I look forward to working with her as she enters into the administrative role.

Here are some summer events to put on your calendar. School Registration will be two days. Day one is July 17th from noon to 7. Day 2 is July 18th from 9-2. Both days will be in the high school cafeteria. It is a long time away, but mark your calendars for the first day of the 2023-2024 school year. The first day of school next year is August 16th. August 16th, 17th, and 18th are 2:00 dismissal days.

Just a few pieces of advice as the summer is getting underway. I say some of these things every year but I do because I personally and professionally believe that it is important for kids to be successful. As we get closer to the beginning of the school year, try to start getting students into the routine of getting up the time they would for school. This will help reset their circadian rhythms to the school year and prevent issues when school arrives.

I feel very strongly that some of the issues that we face as a society are correlated to a quiet epidemic called electronics addiction. School aged children are using a large amount of their free time on electronics with social media and video games. It is very important to monitor children's screen time and the types of activities they are doing on them. A new responsibility for parents in the 21st Century is to protect their children from the bad side of technology and the internet. I would suggest finding reputable research and suggestions on how to go about protecting your kids. My wife and I have made a plan for our kids.

Hopefully everyone has a great and relaxing summer. We will be open most of the summer with the office being closed the week of July 4th.

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

YOUTH BASKETBALL NEWS

The jr. high basketball team and coaches will be hosting free open gym sessions for grades 2-4 this summer. Grades are based on grade entering the 2023-2024 school year. We will have these open gym sessions on the following Sunday's in June from 1:00pm-2:00pm. We will host these at the high school.

Summer grade school open gym sessions:

June 4th – 1:00pm-2:00pm @ high school
June 11th – 1:00pm-2:00pm @ high school
June 18th – NO OPEN GYM – Father's Day
June 25th – 1:00pm-2:00pm @ high school

Questions: Call or text Coach Spencer at 309-838-0360.

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Donations

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Summer Library

1. Make sure to check out Whistle Stop Library's summer programming!
2. You can borrow books any time this summer from the Little Free Libraries. They are located at the grade school, high school, and the playground behind Prairieland Christian Church. There are also a lot in Lincoln!
3. Check the library's Facebook! (Search Hartsburg-Emden Library) I will post periodically throughout the summer with cool activities, book recommendations, blog posts, and more things I think families may find interesting and/ or helpful.

JH/ HS Yearbook

Order the 2022-2023 yearbook online! Check out the school website for a link under the calendar/ Twitter feed. It has also recently been posted on the school's social media. The book will arrive in the fall.



HARTEM JH CHEER CAMP

Mark your calendars!!! Hartem JH Cheer Camp will be June 21st, June 22nd, June 28th and June 29th. Camp will be held at the high school gym from 1:30-3:30 each day. See the flyer in this month's newsletter for more information.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth Hilgert, Student Coordinator/Guidance Counselor

Ahhh...Summertime and getting the most out of it! There is something about the summer that makes our brains go into hibernation mode. It is important to keep the brain from sleeping all summer long if you want to start the new school year off on the right foot. Learning doesn't stop because it is summer vacation!

Take this summer as an opportunity to discover hobbies, read new books, and expand on different things you learned during the school year. A few ideas to do during summer break:

§ Keep a journal as this will create lasting memories

§ Put the screens away and read, read, read

§ Work out, get some exercise

§ Juniors and seniors, make college visits a priority, especially if you have not already begun or need to finalize where you would like to apply

§ Get creative with art or music or baking

§ Build responsible behavior with a part-job or completing outdoor projects or planting and maintaining a garden

§ Explore local attractions- make it fun. Look into discovering local museums, historical sites and the zoos

It doesn't really matter what activity you do, do something and keep your brain from hibernating this summer.

FFA NEWS

Sara Barton, FFA Advisor

Hartem FFA had a busy month of May! On Friday, May 5th the Hartem FFA hosted an "Ag Day" for the whole district! Students interacted with animals at the petting zoo, learned about tractor safety, and created a craft. We hosted our annual Chapter Banquet on Wednesday, May 10th where FFA members were congratulated on all of their accomplishments for the year. Coming up in the month of June we will be volunteering at the annual Hartem Alumni Banquet on June 10th and we will also be attending Illinois State FFA Convention in Springfield on June 13th-15th.

2023 ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

The Academic Challenge Team (formerly known as WYSE) kicked off Regionals in Early February. In this competition, our team of 14 students each take two tests in the areas of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Computer Science, Engineering Graphics, English and Mathematics. We placed second, barely losing to Heyworth. Below is a list of our Regional Stars:

William Long - 1st Place in Biology, 1st Place in Computer Science

Morgan Riggs - 2nd Place in Biology

Avery Rohlfs - 1st Place in Chemistry

Jace Whitted - 2nd Place in Chemistry, 3rd in Math

John Long - 2nd in Math

Faith Sanders - 3rd in Math

William Wisniewski - 1st in Physics

The Sectional Competition was in early March and we placed 6th out of 12 teams. We are by far the smallest school competing in our division. We still did well. One interesting fact is that in Chemistry, three schools took the top 13 spots and Hartsburg was one of those 3 (Bloomington Central Catholic and Princevilled were the other two), with 4 students placing in the top 13. Here are our Sectional Stars:

William Wisniewski - 4th in Chemistry

Will Long- 3rd in Computer Science

John Long - 2nd In Math

Three students qualified for the State Competition in April and we are awaiting the results. We will miss our current seniors next year and wish them luck in their future pursuits.

CLASS OF 2025 GARAGE SALE

The Class of 2025 will be hosting a garage sale at the Emden Grade School on July 21st and 22nd during Emden Homecoming. If you would like to donate items for the class to sell, you can see a member of the class of 2025 or drop them off at the Emden Grade School during the designated drop off times. Drop off times will be Saturday July 15th from 10AM-1PM and Tuesday July 18th from 10 A.M-1 P.M . If you would like to donate and the provided drop off times do not work, You can contact Mr. Gardiner at egardiner@hartem.org or Mr. Collins at ccolins@hartem.org , and additional drop off appointments can be arranged.

HARTEM COMMUNITY INVITATION

HARTEM Community: We are inviting families in our community to participate in one or both events below.

Hoosier Experience - The Movie

The JH and HS basketball teams have reserved one of the big screens at the Lincoln Theater to have a private showing of the movie Hoosiers on Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00pm. This is a lead up to our trip to the actual gym. Even if you can't or don't want to travel to the Hoosiers Gym with us on June 30th, you can still take part in this private viewing!!! There will be an admission charge for the movie, but it is TBD based on the numbers that attend. If you are interested in attending the movie, Ashley Aper is coordinating this part of our Hoosier experience. You can text or call her at 217-871-5454.

Hoosier Experience - The GYM

We have rented the Hoosier Gym on Friday, June 30th from 3:00PM-5:00PM (Eastern Time) for both our JH and HS basketball teams to have an open gym at this iconic location. The Hoosier Gym is a basketball gymnasium, museum, and community center located in Knightstown, Indiana. It is famous for being the filming location for the 1986 basketball movie Hoosiers, starring Gene Hackman and Dennis Hopper. The gym was the home court of the movie's Hickory Huskers. We have rented the gym for 2 hours and will spend part of the time for photo opportunities and then run a normal open gym and split the boys up for a short scrimmage.

This opportunity is open to the community for any families that don't have an athlete on the 2023-2024 JH or HS basketball team, but want to join us as fans for this great adventure. You will have opportunities to take pics and enjoy the experience. During the combined JH/HS open gym portion, you will be able to sit in the iconic bleachers and cheer on your STAGS.

The teams will stop to eat dinner on the way home and you are welcome to join us as well. I don't have the details yet on when we will depart or where we will eat, but will try to get there about 30 minutes before we are scheduled to take the court. It is a 3.5 hour drive from Hartsburg. I will announce those details later and we can possibly caravan together for those who want to join us. Watch our team FB page as well as the school FB page for departure times.

There is no charge for attending the gym experience... other than your gas and meal. If you are interested in attending the Hoosier Gym experience, please call or text Coach Spencer at 309-838-0360

Deadline to RSVP for one or both events is Friday, June 9th. Go STAGS!

HARTEM ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Congratulations to all of this year's seniors as they embark on a new adventure in their lives. I wish them all well and it was a pleasure watching them grow up before our eyes.

I would like to say thanks again to all those who helped make our athletic teams a success this past year. Among the throngs of people who ensure our success are the school board, administration, cooks, janitors, secretaries, teachers, game helpers, coaches, players, parents, and the two communities of Hartsburg + Emden. Thanks again.

This is a reminder to all those who are interested in going out for any sports teams next year that you will need an **updated physical** before participating. PLEASE try to remember to get this taken care of before your season begins. I would highly recommend doing this during the summer months so you'll be good for all of next year.

Also, for jr. high baseball and softball players, please pay attention to the papers and our school website for announcements regarding the start of your seasons. Both teams will begin practice and games before school starts in the fall.

Have a great summer break!!!

JUNE 2023

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HARTSBURG FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

We invite all of you to join us on Friday, June 23rd for the Hartsburg Founder's Day Celebration. All activities will be held on 2nd Street in Hartsburg in front of the Legion building, bandstand, and firehouse. There will be many fun activities for everyone! The Kiddie Tractor Pull will be from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in front of the Firehouse. Winners will receive trophies. Hartsburg Fire Department will have its annual Firemen's Pork Chop Dinner from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Hartsburg Firehouse. Cost is donation. Game stands will be open from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. There will be Bingo, the Ring Toss Game, the Coin Toss Game, Pick-A-Duck 50-50 raffle, a Dunk Tank, and the Hoop Shoot Game. Be sure to stop by the food stand and enjoy ice cream sweet treats, popsicles, soda, and water. Music will be provided throughout the evening.

There will also be Town Wide Garage Sales on Friday, June 23rd from noon – 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, June 24th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in having a garage sale, contact Garage Sale Coordinator Marvin Hilton at 217-642-9014 and leave a message. There is no cost to participate.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Hartsburg Founder's Day Celebration!