

# HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

For that last week or so, it seems like I've been unable to watch the news or listen to the radio without hearing about school violence. This is the worst year on record for school shootings. So far we've had 19 (PreK-12 and colleges). School violence is a vast and complex topic. Often school violence seems to be thought of as a shooting or bomb threat on school property. When a shooting occurs, it is covered by the media very heavily. Violence on school grounds has been associated with incidents of bullying, but that is not always the case. In the United States, the first recorded incident of school violence was in 1927 when a school in Bath Township, Michigan was bombed with dynamite by a school board member who was upset that his property taxes were increased to pay for the new school. 45 people that day (mostly children) lost their lives. Now, over 90 years later, school violence seems to be a regular occurrence and is often accomplished by fellow students. It seems that students are paving the way for future incidents of cruelty on school grounds and some of that has to do with bullying, but not all of it.

In the 1990's, public concern was ignited when America suffered several unexpected shootings. The Gun-Free School Zones Act was passed to make the possession or discharge of a firearm within 1000 feet of school property a crime. Sadly, school violence itself had yet to peak. In April of 1999, two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado shot and killed twelve students, one teacher, and later themselves. This also became the first widely publicized incident of school violence. It had an unprecedented influence, increasing SROs (School Resource Officers), zero tolerance policies, creation of crisis management plans, and renewed a debate on gun control. Americans were outraged and questioned why students would slay their peers. A number of possible explanations were proposed, such as a desensitization of students due to violence in video games and music, bullying, mental illnesses, behavior problems, etc. Many theories came forward which merit consideration and may be a piece to a much larger puzzle for each situation.

Schools aren't the only places violence has increased. Church, Mall, and Theater shootings have all increased. Terrorist events are still regular events in the news. Aggression and violence seems to be more visible than ever in our society. However, as a school administrator, the focus is to keep our school children safe and secure. The politicizing of school shootings almost seems to take us further from a solution – not closer. There will be a debate on – if we need more or less . . . gun control, school resource officers, gun-free zones, conceal-carry, mental health evaluations, metal detectors, cameras, etc. At Hartsburg-Emden, the goal is to do our best to show students that we care about them. They all are unique and special. We encourage every student to develop human relationships, so each of them feels a connectedness to someone else. It is nice to have teachers who know and care about each and every student. Being a Stag is unique and special. If a student feels he/she needs someone to talk to, we are here. When we have a concern for a student, we address it. We not only teach, but honor the golden rule, that treating each other with respect and human dignity is always important. The staff is committed to creating and maintaining a positive, safe, and secure environment for everyone. If anyone ever has a concern about a student, please let us know by contacting the main office and we'll do everything possible to help.

### MARCH BREAKFAST & LUNCH COSTS

20 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$40.00
20 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.40	\$8.00
19 Student Lunches	@\$2.65	\$50.35
19 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.60	\$11.40

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 \$3.15. You can check your student's meal account balance using the Parent Portal. Contact Erika at the high school if you need assistance in accessing this information.

### HARTEM COMMUNITY CLUB

The HCC will be meeting on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Grade School cafeteria. We will be discussing the future of the HCC and how money will be disbursed this year. The current officers will be stepping down, so anyone with students in grades K-8 who are interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend this meeting.

## **FFA NEWS**

Elizabeth Fanning, FFA Sponsor

We would like to thank everyone who ordered strawberries. Be on the lookout in March for their arrival! We have ordered some extra, but they are first come first serve.

Hartem FFA members are participating in a Service Project. We are collecting all used Crayons! We will take broken, small, large, any color, it doesn't matter. This is part of a state wide FFA project. We will be taking the Crayons collected to State Convention in June! Please drop your Crayons off at the High School Office or Ag Room!!

Sami Perschall will be competing in District Proficiencies with her Supervised Agriculture Experience. Sami also received a scholarship to attend the 212 Leadership Conference. These are amazing opportunities she is able to participate in.

Members are definitely keeping busy! FFA members will be participating in Women Changing the Face of Ag, Meats CDE, Public Speaking, Logan County Ag Day, and the Ag Day Breakfast in March. We will be having a plant sale in late April-early May! Keep your eyes out for sale dates.

The Hunter Safety Course will be March 23rd and 24th at the Hartsburg Legion. This is a free class. Please call the High School office to reserve your spot.

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Jon Leslie, Principal

Spring time and longer days are quickly approaching. I always love this time of year when the days get warmer and everything seems to come to life. This year, however, our area seems to have been hit particularly hard with the flu season. Please make note of the following general guidelines. Parents, please call the school office before 9:00 am if your child is ill. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Any student that has prolonged absenteeism is required to have a doctor's excuse, stating the reason(s) for the excessive amount of absences. Also, if a student is absent from school due to illness, he/she should not attend any extracurricular events in the evening. However, a student is permitted to attend or participate in extracurricular events if he or she is in attendance for at least half a school day.

Next month, starting the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>, our students will begin to take the PARCC Tests. The testing period will last approximately 3-4 weeks. I would just like to remind parents that the PARCC Tests are for students in grades 3-8. Students will be tested on their proficiency in Reading and Mathematics. I ask you to encourage your child(ren) to take full advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate all they have learned. We want all of our students to do their best! It can be a stressful time for them. On test days, make sure they get a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast. The teachers have spent a lot of time preparing them for the test this year and really want them to do their best. The teachers have a lot of confidence in our students and are hoping for positive results.

February was a very busy month here at Hartem. Our Junior High School Basketball Teams and High School Basketball Teams finished their seasons in the regional. I would like to thank and congratulate our basketball and cheerleading coaches and all of the basketball players, and all of the cheerleaders for a great season. Our Jr. High Volleyball team will be beginning the State Series soon. Good luck to them in the post season. Our High School Scholastic Bowl Team has been competing this past month along with our Jr. High Scholastic Bowl Team. The FFA added even more excitement to our month of February by celebrating National FFA week the last week of February. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Pluhm, our Choir and our Pep Band. They have performed at several of our Varsity Basketball Games this year and have done an excellent job.

As I mentioned above, our athletic teams will be competing in the State Series Tournaments in the upcoming weeks. As our Principal, it is always great to look into the stands and see all of the fan support that we have for our young men and women competing. I encourage all of you to attend as many activities as you can. As always, please continue to represent Hartem in a positive way. GO STAGS!!!

## **BETA CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The Hartem Junior and Senior Beta Clubs will have their induction ceremony on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. It will take place at 6:00pm in the high school cafeteria. Congratulations to all who will be inducted!

## **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor

It's hard to believe that we will be entering the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter this month! Where did the time go?! The spring is always a busy time of year in schools. Standardized testing begins soon and students will begin to decide what classes they will take in the next school year. 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.

Additionally, seniors are reminded to check the counseling webpage weekly as many new scholarship applications continue to arrive! Don't miss out on an opportunity to gain some financial assistance for college. ". As always, if you have any questions regarding scheduling, grades, or graduation requirements, please see your counselor. Best of luck in this final stretch of the year!

It's testing season! PARCC testing at Hartem will begin the week of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be participating in PARCC testing. Additionally, students in 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and Botany will take the Illinois Science Assessment sometime between March and April. High school students will not participate in PARCC testing again this year due to the SAT School Day on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Juniors should be preparing for the SAT. An Official SAT Student Guide is posted on the Counseling Website which include test taking tips and sample questions. State tests are important for your student's success. Because of this, testing can be very stressful. Here are some ways you can help minimize stress and maximize their performance throughout the testing process:

- DO make sure your child completes homework assignments and class projects. Because tests reflect overall achievement, the more effort your child puts into learning, the more likely he/she will do well on tests.
- DO make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and gets to school on time on the morning of the test.
- DO encourage your child to think positive thoughts about their performance on the test. For example, "I am going to ace this test!"
- DO support your child. Praise him/her for what he/she does well. When students feel good about themselves, they will do their best.

## **CALLING ALL PROFESSIONALS!**

We would like to plan a career day for our high school students in the future. We're looking for individuals who can inspire the youth of our community by sharing their career journey, a typical workday, education requirements, and more. This will be an opportunity for students to speak with someone whose career choice interests them and to explore areas they may not have considered before. We appreciate your willingness to give back to the youth of our community. If you or someone you know are interested in participating, please contact Amanda Feltes. Thanks!

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

March Madness is here, which means lots of basketball and hopefully some spring weather. Coach Garber, Coach Bolen, and the boys finished their varsity season in the regional at the end of February. Even though the record doesn't show it, the coaches and the boys worked hard during the long season and fought until the end. The **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartsburg-Emden Fresh/Soph Tournament** will be on February 24, 26, March 1, and 3. Schedules are available online. Coach Hayes and the girls will also be participating in postseason play. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade regional is the first week of March and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade regional will be the second week. We will host the 71A sectional, which is on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Good luck to all the ladies in their quest for another strong ending.

I know it's hard to believe, but the spring sports are beginning their seasons. Coach McAfee and the high school baseball boys can begin practice on February 26<sup>th</sup> and have their first home game on March 19<sup>th</sup> against Midland. The junior high track teams can begin practicing on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Coach Hartman, McNeil, and the tracksters will officially begin their season on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Delavan. As we start to thaw out from winter, let's try and support our student-athletes the best we can.

## **WYSE**

On Feb 6, students of the Hartsburg-Emden WYSE team competed in multiple academic competitions at LincolnLand Community College. As a team, we placed 5th out of 7 teams of schools 300 students or fewer. Joe Garcia placed 1st place individually in the math competition and advances to sectionals at U of I in Springfield on March 12.

## **FREE BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD UNDER 5**

FREE book for every child under 5—We need your help!!! We've heard it time and again—literacy is the key to success. Getting books into the hands of the children and their parents is a must to help ensure this success. Mrs. Folkman has earned two grants to start an affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in our school district. In this program, EVERY child under the age of 5 gets a free, hardback book EVERY MONTH. It is delivered to the child's home and is completely free of charge to the family. We are very near our financial goal to be able to start this program but we are seeking independent donations to fill the gap. If you are interesting in making a donation of any size or have questions about the program, please contact Mrs. Folkman at [nfolkman@hartem.org](mailto:nfolkman@hartem.org) or call 217-642-5244. When we get the funding completed, we will be reaching out to all parents in the district to enroll their children under the age of 5.



## **BAND/CHOIR NEWS**

Calob Pluhm, JH/HS Band and Choir Teacher

The cast of *Back to the 80's* has been working hard to make this year's musical unforgettable. Please join us Friday, March 23rd, or Saturday, March 24th at the high school for a cruise back to the 80's! Showtime is at 7:00pm, but doors open at 6:30. Ticket prices are \$8 for an adult ticket or \$5 for a student/senior ticket. All tickets may be purchased at the door.

The 6th and 7th graders will be participating in the Logan County Music Festival at Mt. Pulaski High School. The festival is on March 27th and rehearsals start at 1:30 in the afternoon. Students will leave Hartsburg early to go rehearse with the other students of Logan County. The concert that evening will be at Mt. Pulaski High School at 6:00pm. Additional details will be provided.



## **THANK YOU FROM HARTEM POST PROM**

The 2018 Post Prom Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to Trivia Night to support us! It was a HUGE success and a lot of fun! Thanks to all the local businesses who gave us the donations we used for the SILENT AUCTION and RAFFLE PRIZES:

Four Corners Lube  
Mama's Arcade  
Cracker Barrel  
El Mazatlan  
Bonanza  
Mel-O-Cream  
Peggy's Place  
Betty Jo Lessen  
O'Reilly's  
Neal Tire  
Lisa Rohlf's  
Lincoln Grand 8 Cinema  
Studio H  
CTI Studios  
Hopedale Wellness Center  
AZ Floral

And thank you to all others that have sent in monetary donations that we will be using for the event. We will be listing all of those supporters in the May Newsletter. We are so appreciative of such amazing support for our students!

The Hartem Post Prom Committee

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Susan Wilson, Librarian

The Lincoln Woman's Club donated a copy of the book, *An Affectionate Farewell: the Story of Old Bob and Old Abe*, to the Emden library, in honor of Lincoln's birthday. Scholastic Book Fair will be held March 12-16 at Emden Elementary, in conjunction with Family Reading Night on Thursday, February 15. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## **AMERICANISM ESSAY WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following students that won the Americanism essay contest: junior high students 1<sup>st</sup> place Prescott Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Abby Montgomery, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Gage Shawgo; 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Grace Beekman, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tyson Andrade, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Collin Schriber; 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place Zach Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Hunter Buck, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Antonio Poole.

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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>
<b>School Calendar</b>				<b>1</b> HSBK-Host Fr/So Tourn 6:00 JHVB-7A Reg. TBA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> HSBK-Host Fr/So Tourn 9:00 JHVB-8A Reg. TBA Science Olympiad @ Western IL University 8:00 Solo & Ensemble Contest @ PORTA 8:00
<b>4</b> Sons of the American Legion Breakfast @ Emden Comm. House 7:00-1:00	<b>5</b> JHVB-7A Sect. TBA  HS Sch Bowl Reg. @ Williamsville 3:15	<b>6</b> <i>HCC Mtg. GS Café 6:30</i> Spring Pictures @ GS 9:00  JHVB-8A Reg. TBA	<b>7</b> JHVB-8A Reg. TBA FFA-District Record Books @ Jacksonville 4:00	<b>8</b> JHVB-8A Reg. TBA	<b>9</b> <i>Qtr 3 Rpt Cards</i> JHVB-7A State TBA	<b>10</b> JHVB-7A State TBA
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> JHVB-8A Sect. TBA  Scholastic Book Fair @ Grade School	<b>13</b> JH Sch Bowl @ Zion Lutheran 4:00 FFA-Meats CDE @ Jacksonville 3:30 Scholastic Book Fair @ Grade School	<b>14</b> JH Sch Bowl @ Carroll Catholic 4:00  Scholastic Book Fair @ Grade School	<b>15</b> JH Sch Bowl-Host 4:00  Family Reading Night @ GS 6:00  Scholastic Book Fair @ Grade School	<b>16</b> JHVB-8A State TBA  Scholastic Book Fair @ Grade School	<b>17</b> JHVB-8A State TBA
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Board Mtg 7:00</i> HSBB vs. Midland 4:30	<b>20</b> FFA-Ag Day @ Lincoln 8:30-3:15  Beta Club Induction Ceremony @ HS Café 6:00	<b>21</b> FFA-Section Public Speaking @ New Berlin 4:30 <b>11:30 Dismissal</b> <b>SIP Day</b>	<b>22</b> JH Sch Bowl-Host 4:00  HSBB vs. Dee-Mack 4:30	<b>23</b> HSBB @ Lewistown 4:30  HS Musical Hunter Safety Course @ Hartsburg Legion	<b>24</b> HSBB-RR @ Cuba TBA  HS Musical Hunter Safety Course @ Hartsburg Legion
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> JH Sch Bowl @ Greenview 4:00	<b>27</b> Logan County Music Festival @ MP High School 6:00	<b>28</b> <b>2:00 Dismissal</b> JH Sch Bowl – Host 4:00	<b>29</b> HSBB vs. Athens 4:30  <b>No School</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>No School</b>	<b>31</b> HSBB @ Roanoke- Benson 11:00 (DH)

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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>
<b>Breakfast Menu</b>				<b>1</b> Mini pancakes Peaches Apple juice	<b>2</b> Pancake & Sausage On a stick Applesauce Apple juice	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal Toast Orange juice	<b>6</b> Yogurt parfait Toast Applesauce Orange juice	<b>7</b> Pancakes Mandarin oranges Orange juice	<b>8</b> Breakfast burritos Apricots Orange juice	<b>9</b> Assorted muffins (HS) Fruit Smoothie (GS) Peaches Orange juice	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Breakfast pizza Pineapple Apple juice	<b>13</b> French toast Peaches Apple juice	<b>14</b> Donut Applesauce Apple juice	<b>15</b> Fruit frudel Pineapple Apple juice	<b>16</b> Cereal bar Toast Pears Apple juice	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Assorted cereal Toast Mixed fruit Orange juice	<b>20</b> Bagel Cream cheese Pears Orange juice	<b>21</b> Cinnamon triangles Strawberries Orange juice	<b>22</b> Mini waffles Pears Orange juice	<b>23</b> French toast sticks Applesauce Orange juice	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pop tart Toast Mandarin oranges Apple juice	<b>27</b> Peanut butter & jelly Jamwich Mixed fruit Apple juice	<b>28</b> Biscuit Egg patty Peaches Apple juice	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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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>
<b>Lunch Menu</b>	<b>A variety of milk is available every day.</b> <b>Chef salad and side salads are available every day at the high school.</b> <b>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b>					
				<b>1</b> Deli sub sandwich Fresh veggies/dip Hard pretzels Applesauce	<b>2</b> Cheese pizza Pasta salad Gold fish crackers Orange slices	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Chicken fajita Lettuce/tomatoes Corn Applesauce Graham cracker	<b>6</b> Chili mac Cornbread Peas Mandarin oranges	<b>7</b> Meatloaf Baked potato Green beans Apricots	<b>8</b> Pork tenderloin Tortilla chips Bean salsa Cooked carrots Peaches	<b>9</b> Cheesy bosco sticks Marinara sauce Romaine salad Mini carrots Pineapple	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Hamburger on bun Baked beans Peas Peaches Pudding	<b>13</b> Ham horseshoe Oven fries Mixed vegetable Applesauce	<b>14</b> Pork BBQ Rib on bun Broccoli Pineapple Vanilla wafers	<b>15</b> Sloppy joe on bun Tater tots Green beans Pears	<b>16</b> Cheese quesadilla pizza Lettuce salad Mixed fruit Green jello	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Chicken nuggets Macaroni & cheese Peas Pears	<b>20</b> Crispito w/cheese sauce Carrot/celery sticks Bread Strawberries Cake	<b>21</b>  <b>11:30 DISMISSAL            SIP DAY</b>	<b>22</b> Soft shell taco Lettuce & cheese Refried beans Applesauce	<b>23</b> Assorted sandwiches Cole slaw Tri tater Mandarin oranges	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Hot dog on bun Sun chips Corn Mixed fruit	<b>27</b> Open-faced turkey sandwich Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans Peaches	<b>28</b> Chicken patty on bun Garden salad Peas Applesauce Cookie	<b>29</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	

## **FAMILY READING NIGHT**

Hartsburg-Emden...do you like to Read and have fun with pets? Come woof and purr with us at Family Reading Night 2018! We are excited to announce Family Reading Night for 2018. We are set to fetch into reading on Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 at Emden Elementary. We will be sitting with our favorite stuffed animal for a reading time with family. Bring your favorite books, stuffed animal, and blanket to enjoy some family reading time. We will be sharing a healthy pet snack. We will have some other fun activities too. There will be a pet walk of the book fair for you to purchase some great new books for the kids. There will also be a Teen/Adult book swap happening for any of our older guests that want to look at swapping a few books they are done with for a few new titles to read. If anyone has books that they would like to donate to the Teen/Adult book swap, please drop books off at the grade school by Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

We will also be accepting pet supply donations to give to a local pet shelter to help take care of pets that are looking for a great home. Come share your love of reading and pets with us on Family Reading Night 2018.

## **HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOWL**

Tomahawk Conference Names All-Conference Team. Each year the Tomahawk Conference plays a round robin season-long tournament. As the post-season approaches, the Tomahawk has named their All-Conference team. In scholastic bowl, the All-Conference individuals are selected based on their number of individual toss-ups answered. The All-Conference Team this year consists of Alex Morris (Athens) with 213 toss-ups, Bryson Beccue (Mt. Pulaski) with 89, Ethan Sego (Midwest Central) with 84, Mag Monroe (Greenview) with 67, and Joe Garcia (Hartsburg-Emden) with 62. The Conference Champion this year is Athens who went 21-0 in conference play. IHSA scholastic bowl regionals are Mar. 5.

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