

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

There is little doubt in my mind that schools continue to face some of the biggest challenges in the history of public education. Life is full of challenges. Navigating challenges can be overwhelming but challenges are part of the human experience. When we overcome them, we are stronger, wiser, and more confident.

Acknowledging our emotional state and our perspective in a tough situation is an important step in dealing with problems. Like most things in life, we must face issues head-on. Running away from challenges may have short-term benefits, but I have always believed in tackling an obstacle head-on and it is worth the time and energy to get it resolved. Sometimes we can find ourselves facing multiple challenges at once, and that is when we begin to lose motivation to face any of the issues. We lose sight of the potential lessons learned or the good that may be taken away from the situation. At that point, challenges seem to become problems that spiral out of control and create a lot of frustration. Stressing about the potential outcome is often what turns a molehill into a mountain. Once we shift our focus to the things we can actually control and the reason we need to address them, our anxiety/stress disappears. If we simply concentrate on the tasks at hand, without worrying about the outcome, we gain control over the situation. Some challenges seem enormous and harsh, but if we remain centered and full of awareness, I firmly believe, no challenge is too big to meet with grace and professionalism. I have to admit, I sometimes struggle from time-to-time, with challenges faced. I think we all do. Having faith, family, and friends (what I call the 3 Fs), is key to getting through it. Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21 may not be perfect, but we face our challenges head-on together to move past them and improve. We work every day to meet our mission, "Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District provides an empowering and collaborative environment allowing students to reach their full potential."

Hartsburg-Emden has earned a reputation for academic excellence, opportunities for students to participate in almost any extracurricular-activity, and being a caring environment. Beyond the classroom, we provide for all students.

As an educational leader, I value the educational process, and I have been committed to building upon our current practices to ensure that all students have opportunities to explore their interests and see what excites their passions. I will always seek opportunities to advance the work of the school district. I have always believed that I am a 'servant leader' who is empowered by the District to do what is best for our students. We work together to achieve that common goal. I am grateful for the support and patience that I receive when we need to make tough decisions involving the school district. I am extremely grateful for the support I receive from the School Board and the faculty we have here at Hartem. Whether we were dealing with the pandemic or some other issues facing the school district, I felt reinforced by their faith in me. Our children used Remote Learning days and e-learning days this school year. By making these days successful, we were able to deal with the COVID-19 that was adversely affecting student and staff attendance in our schools. The e-learning days helped us stay the course through some adverse weather. We faced the ever-changing State guidance on the pandemic and a few other adverse situations. After almost 11 years in the District, I still am amazed as I watched our students, families, and employees pivot when needed and continue to persevere. Through it all, I have seen: students learning, teachers teaching, district employees supporting students and their colleagues, and our families helping each other. We are all in this together! I have repeatedly seen that there is nothing we can't accomplish when we work together. Again, thank you for your extraordinary efforts.

I hope that we can all look forward to warmer (and brighter) days ahead. Spring begins on March 20th. Until next month, stay safe and warm. Spring is almost here and February is almost behind us.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Old Man Winter has definitely made his presence known this year. This last month, we've had to take precautions because of severe snowfall and wind. I want to compliment our teachers on working hard at creating online lessons. It was the district's goal to prevent academic loss using E-learning. I think we were able to accomplish this with the help of all the parents at home. Thank you for all of your help during these difficult times.

Junior High and High School Basketball regular and postseason has come to an end. Thank you very much to Coach Whitted, Coach Wright, and their staff for their time and dedication to this year's season. Unfortunately, the teams didn't make it out of Regionals, but both teams are young and looking to build on what they have learned this year. Speaking of the young talent, Hartem is hosting the 69th Fresh-Soph tournament during the first week of March. Come out and catch some more basketball if you can.

Junior High Volleyball returned from Effingham with a first place finish. They were challenged by the host, Effingham, but emerged victorious. Both 7th and 8th grade are gearing up to start their post season at the end of the month. Good luck to Coach Hayes, coaching staff, and the girls. After both teams win Regionals, we will be hosting Sectionals. Come out and support the girls on their IESA State ambitions.

Baseball is getting ready to start up. Coach McAfee is getting his team together and getting ready for the Spring Season. With any luck, the Groundhog will be correct and spring will be here for them. Check out the calendar and be sure to join us for the home opener on March 21st.

The Hartem High School Chess team ended their season at the State tournament in Peoria. They had a strong Sectional performance that pushed them into the State tournament. Hartem is the smallest school to ever reach the State Chess Tournament. Congratulations to Coach Hieronymus and the team. Scholastic Bowl has also been competing and getting ready for their Post Season. Coach Folkman and team will travel to Williamsville on March 7th to face Greenview in their opening match of Regionals. Good Luck to the Scholastic Bowl Team!

For the month of February, the Students of the Month were Will Wright and Clayton O'Donoghue. Here are some comments from the staff members that nominated them. "Will has shown leadership in his class and sports. Will always put an honest effort into things." "Clayton is a good student and has shown a good work ethic." Congratulations to both deserving students!!

Here are some dates of interest for March. March 16th, the Senior Beta Club will be having a Blood Drive starting at 9:00 am. March 17th is the preschool screening at Emden Elementary. March 30th will be a School Improvement day with 11:30 dismissal.

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 the link for the survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

One last note, SAT for Juniors is scheduled for March 23rd. Please remind students to get plenty of rest and eat well to prepare for these tests.

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



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Every year students here at Hartem participate in the American Legion's Americanism essay contest. This year students had the privilege to write on the topic of: "Patriotism: How We Are More Alike Than Different." Students in grades: 8, 9, 11, and 12 participated in the essay contest this year, and the judges of the contest selected a total of 9 local winners in three different categories. Please join us in congratulating the following winners: 8th Grade-1st place, Celia Cross; 2nd place, Kennedy McCree; 3rd place, Peyton Swinford; 9th Grade-1st place, Kylie Starcevic; 2nd place, Jonah Robison; 3rd place, Avery Rohlf; 11th grade-1st place, Abigail Montgomery; 2nd place, Dylan Fowler; 3rd place, Prescott Davis. These students will move on to the district level, and winners from the district level will be notified and move on to the state level where they can win up to a \$1200.00 scholarship. Again, CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and we wish them good luck in moving forward in the competition.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, Guidance Counselor

This time of year is always busy at the school as students are selecting classes for the next school year and preparing for state testing. This month, students will be submitting their selections for the 2022-2023 school year. Please take some time to review these courses with your child. You can view the course descriptions for each course in the 22-23 Curriculum Guide at hartemcounseling.weebly.com/course-selection.

There will be a **Freshman Orientation** held on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm in the high school computer lab. Current 8th grade students and a parent are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Students will have an opportunity to choose their 2022-2023 classes during this meeting. We will also cover an overview of required courses for graduation, grading scales, and highlights of elective offerings.

March also marks the start of testing season for schools. Testing for the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness** (formerly PARCC) will begin on March 7th. Students in 3rd-8th grade will be participating in IAR testing. Additionally, students in 5th grade, 8th grade, and 11th grade will take the **Illinois Science Assessment** during the week of Mar 23-27. Students in 11th grade will also be required to take the **SAT**

on March 23rd. This will be administered off-site again this year at the Hartsburg Legion. Please keep an eye out for more information about the test day. Illinois has mandated that all students in 9th and 10th grade must take the PSAT between April 19-29th. Exact dates for the PSAT will be sent in the April newsletter. Students can prepare for the PSAT and/or SAT by accessing practice materials at www.collegeboard.org or <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>. If you have any questions about any of the mandatory standardized tests, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Testing for the 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.

Finally, seniors are reminded to check the counseling webpage weekly as many new scholarship applications continue to arrive! Several local scholarships set deadlines during the spring semester. 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!

Local Scholarship Deadlines in March:

- GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Club - March 18
- Hopedale Medical Foundation - March 25
- Illinois Agri-Women - March 31
- Lincoln-Logan Crimestoppers - March 31

CLASS OF 2025 FUNDRAISERS

The Class of 2025 will be selling "Food From the Heartland" February 27th through March 12th. Item prices range from \$8 to \$22, and include items such as cookies, candies, nuts, desserts, and meats and cheeses. Please see a member of the class of 2025 during the fundraising periods to order your items.

Additionally, Sunday, March 27th the Stag-R-Inn located at 102 Lincoln St in Emden will be hosting a dinner fundraiser for the Class of 2025 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm. For every food-menu item purchased, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to our freshman class! (Drink sales do not apply) Please, stop by the Stag-R-Inn during dinner service on March 27th to have a bite to eat and support the Class of 2025!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

March Madness is here, which means lots of basketball and hopefully some spring weather. Coach Wright, Coach Neaville, 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 **69th Annual Hartsburg-Emden Fresh/Soph Tournament** will be on February 26, March 3 + 5. Schedules are available online.

Coach Hayes and the girls will also be participating in postseason play. The 7th grade regional is the first week of March and the 8th grade regional will be the second week. We will host the both sectionals on March 7th and 14th.

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 March 7th and have their first home game on March 21 against Midland.

The junior high track teams can begin practicing on February 28th. Best of luck to them on a successful season!

Our Winter Sports Awards will be March 29th at 6:00 in the gym at the high school. As we start to thaw out from this cold winter, let's try to get out and support our student-athletes the best we can.

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Reader's Choice Awards are a hit! Students have been voting for the 2022 winner for the Monarch (k-2), Bluestem (3-5), Rebecca Caudill (4-8), and Lincoln (teen) Readers' Choice Awards. We are also starting to preview the lists for the 2023 school year! These awards are sponsored by the Association of Illinois School Library Educators and are open for all students in the state of Illinois.

Donors Choose

Recently, Mrs. Folkman had two Donors Choose projects get funded: one for graphic novels for the grade school and one for books requested by students and teachers at the junior high/ high school. Mrs. Folkman will be adding these books to the collections in the coming weeks.



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		1 HSBK-1A Sect TBA JHVB-7A Reg TBA	2 2:00 Dismissal Faculty Mtg HSBK-1A Sect TBA JHVB-7A Reg TBA	3 HSBK-Host Fr/So Tourn 6:00 JHVB-7A Reg TBA	4 HSBK-1A Sect TBA	5 HSBK-Host Fr/So Tourn 9:00 JHVB-8A Reg TBA
6	7 JHVB-Host 7A Sect	8 HSBK-1A Supersect TBA JHVB-8A Reg TBA	9 JHVB-8A Reg TBA	10 JHVB-8A Reg TBA	11 <i>Qtr 3 Rpt Card</i> HSBK-1A State TBA JHVB-7A State TBA	12 HSBK-1A State TBA JHVB-7A State TBA
13 Sons of American Legion Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 7:00- 1:00 @ Emden Comm. House	14 JHVB-Host 8A Sect TBA	15 HSBB @ Roanoke Benson 4:30	16 Sr. Beta Club Blood Drive 9:00-2:00 @ HS Gym	17 Preschool Screening @ GS 3:00-7:00 Family Reading Night @ GS 6:00	18 JHVB-8A State TBA HSBB @ Edinburg 4:30	19 HSVB-8A State TBA
20	21 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> HSBB vs Midland 4:30	22	23 SAT-Juniors	24 HSBB vs Dee-Mack 4:30	25 HSBB @ Lewistown 4:30	26
27 Class of 2025 Fundraiser @ Stag-R-Inn 5:00-8:00	28	29 Winter Sports Awards @ HS Gym 6:00	30 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	31 HSBB vs Athens 4:30		

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Breakfast Menu	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</p> </div>					
		1 Cinnamon coffee cake Pears Cherry juice	2 Scrambled eggs Sausage links Toast Mixed fruit Cherry juice	3 Breakfast apple square Pineapple Cherry juice	4 Biscuit w/sausage gravy Peaches Cherry juice	5
6	7 Bagel w/cream cheese Mandarin oranges Orange juice	8 Yogurt parfait Toast Peaches Orange juice	9 Pancake Sausage patty Pears Orange juice	10 Breakfast cinnamon cookie Mixed fruit Orange juice	11 Assorted cereal Toast Pineapple Orange juice	12
13	14 Nutri-grain bar Mixed fruit Apple juice	15 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Pineapple Apple juice	16 Assorted muffins Mixed fruit Apple juice	17 French toast sticks Sausage links Peaches Apple juice	18 Biscuit w/egg patty Peaches Apple juice	19
20	21 Pop tart Mandarin oranges Cherry juice	22 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Cherry juice	23 Waffles Sausage links Mixed fruit Cherry juice	24 Frittata/cheese omelet Toast Pears Cherry juice	25 Donuts Peaches Cherry juice	26
27	28 Uncrustable Peaches Orange juice	29 Oatmeal Toast Pears Orange juice	30 Biscuit w/egg patty Sausage patty Pineapple Orange juice	31 Pancake & sausage on a stick Mixed fruit Orange 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 BBQ pulled pork on bun Baked beans Cole slaw Strawberry cups	2 Sub sandwich Chips Corn Applesauce	3 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green beans Pineapple Bread Jello	4 Nacho supreme Lettuce/sour cream/salsa Peaches	5	
6	7 Hot ham & cheese sandwich Sun chips Carrots Pears	8 Chicken & noodles Mixed vegetables Pineapple Graham cracker	9 Corn dog Soft pretzel Corn Apricots	10 Tater tot casserole Green beans Mixed fruit Cake w/strawberries	11 Chicken nuggets Macaroni & cheese Peas Applesauce	12	
13	14 Chicken patty on bun French fries Carrots Cottage cheese Applesauce	15 Pig in a blanket Baked beans Pasta salad Mandarin oranges Pudding	16 Bosco sticks Marinara sauce Peas Pineapple	17 Tomato soup or Chicken noodle soup Toasted cheese sandwich Peas Cereal bar	18 Chicken fajita Lettuce/sour cream/salsa Con Peaches	19	
20	21 Sloppy joe on bun Nacho chips w/cheese Carrots Apricots	22 Country fried steak Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Peaches Baked apples	23 Hamburger on bun French fries Green beans Applesauce Brownies	24 Chicken alfredo Broccoli w/cheese Breadstick Mixed fruit	25 Pizza Lettuce salad Mixed vegetables Pineapple	26	
27	28 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Green beans Mandarin oranges	29 Chili/chicken noodle soup Fresh veggies Peas Cinnamon roll	30 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	31 Chili cheese dogs Sun chips Cooked carrots Pineapple			

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POST PROM SMOKED MEATLOAF DINNER

Take Out or Delivery (Hartsburg and Emden Only)

Hartem Post Prom is serving a smoked meatloaf dinner at the high school scheduled for April 4, 2022. We will be serving at the high school cafeteria beginning at 4:30. The menu will consist of 1/2 pound of smoked meatloaf, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, corn, roll, and cookie for \$10.00. We will serve from 4:30 - 6:30. We will also deliver to Hartsburg and Emden if you are interested. Call Nora Phillips at (217)871-1910 if you have any questions, would like tickets, or want to set up a delivery. Thank you for supporting Post Prom!