

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

Another school year is passing us by. This past year certainly has been one for the books. It has been a very taxing year for everyone. As far as Prom (which I believe went well), Graduation, Promotion, Beta Club Induction, and Senior Trip, we are looking at having these things go as closely to normal that social distancing and mask wearing will allow (with disinfecting before and after each of these events). I feel it is important we continue to follow the guidelines set by the IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) and ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education). Our students seemed to enjoy the modified Prom we were allowed to have and I hope the same is true with our other events coming up.

Beta Club Induction (2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Inductions will both go) . . . Wednesday, May 5th
Junior Beta Club @ 5:00pm
Senior Beta Club @ 6:00pm
Graduation . . . Saturday, May 15th @ 3:00pm
Senior Trip . . . May 20th – May 24th
Promotion . . . Thursday, May 27th @ 7:00pm

We are anticipating some type of restrictions as far as group size. I believe the space we have in the gym can accommodate about 150 spectators in our gym for these events, which is allowed under current guidelines. We are focused on making these events a safe and memorable activity for our students while meeting the safety guidelines.

Congratulations to the following employees on their announced retirements.

- Erin Eeten
- Lori Lessen
- Rod Bridges
- Cleola Fletcher

These four (4) retirees represents over 100 years of service to our district. They will be greatly missed, I personally will miss them. Cheers for the years to come for each of them!!

As I mentioned earlier, this past year has been one for the records. As superintendent, I continue to hang on strong to the schools Mission Statement. The School Board adopted a new Mission Statement during the 2016-2017 school year. It states: ***“Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District provides an empowering and collaborative environment allowing students to reach their full potential.”*** This mission remains the foundation for us establishing and maintaining a quality education for our students. An important part of students reaching their full potential is continual growth and improvement. It is my belief that perfection is something we strive to get closer to each year. I am also hopeful we can instill in all our students the mindset of continual growth/improvement, so they can become the best version of themselves. We all actually need to continue to work to be the best version of ourselves as possible. Too many people fall short of their full potential because they mistakenly fall into the wrong mindset. I firmly believe our students need to be independent thinkers and that they all have the ability to reach their goals as they journey through life. Hartsburg-Emden strives to do our best to ensure that we provide the students with the tools to allow them to reach their wishes. I truly believe Hartem is a special place (unique). We look to see the ability and individuality in each student, and assist them in growth. Many other schools struggle with this concept, but at Hartem, it is what we do well.

These have truly been unprecedented times. The commitment to our district has been shown by our entire staff. In conclusion, I'd like to **THANK** the entire staff: Teachers, Support Staff and Principal, for always looking out for our students. I wish you Happy **Teacher Appreciation Week** (May 3rd – May 7th)!! I hope you enjoy this first week of May.

Congratulations
2021
CLASS OF

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

Welcome to May. As our school year nears its end, things are getting busier than ever. This is a great thing. To me, it signifies that things are getting closer and closer to being back to normal. With that being said, I would like to thank all of the students, parents, teachers, staff members and volunteers that assist in our daily operations and activities. It has been amazing to see people do whatever it takes to help our students succeed. I would also like to acknowledge our secretaries. They are usually the voice that you hear on the phone or the first face that you see as you come into the office. They do a wonderful job and often times go unnoticed. All of them have really stepped up this year with the added responsibilities of fielding questions about Covid-19.

Students, there are only a few short weeks of school left. Every single day matters. You have worked too hard to let your grades or attendance slip. Do your best and achieve. You are more than capable. Take pride in everything that you do whether it is in the classroom, on the stage, in competition, or on the field. Finish the year strong.

To The Class of 2021:

You have only a couple weeks remaining until the end of your high school careers. It's amazing how fast the years in high school go. It almost seems as if each year of high school goes just a bit quicker than the year before. You have worked very hard to get to this point in your life, but this is really just the beginning. Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Mistakes are going to happen, but do not be afraid to make them. Use them to your advantage by making them learning experiences. Never be afraid to take risks and in doing so, chase your dreams. I know that this year is not the senior year that all of you looked forward to when you first entered high school. You have made the best of it and still continued to work hard even though many things have not been fair. For that, I would like to personally thank you. Best of luck to you in all that you do.

ATTENTION HARTEM ALUMNI!

Due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and social distancing recommendations surrounding it, the Hartsburg-Emden Alumni Association has chosen to hold off on this year's annual banquet.

The health and safety of our alumni is and will always be our biggest priority. For that reason, we've made the difficult decision to cancel this year's alumni banquet. We will miss seeing everyone once again, but look forward to seeing you all, healthy and safe, next year. Save the date for June 11, 2022!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

The weather is finally warming up and the Stags are trying to do the same as our athletic seasons come down the home stretch.

The junior high track teams are in the Logan County Conference Meet at LCHS on April 27. They will participate in the sectional on May 8.

The baseball team is also trying to gain some momentum heading into the postseason. The boys will have their last home game on May 25th against LeRoy. Their regional runs the week after.

As we come to a close on the very unique 2020-2021 athletic year, I would like to thank all the student-athletes, their parents, our coaches, the administration, our school board, and both communities of Hartsburg and Emden for their efforts in making it possible for our student-athletes to participate in sports during these trying times. Although it was not the same as in past years, we still managed to give the kids an opportunity at some type of normalcy while having fun with their teammates. For that, we should all be proud.

FFA NEWS

The Hartem FFA will be holding our Greenhouse Plant Sale on Saturday, May 8th from 9am-12pm at the high school greenhouse. We will be selling a variety of flowers, grasses, and vines. The horticulture class and FFA members have been hard at work in the greenhouse this spring and would love for you to come out and support our program by purchasing our beautiful plants!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, District Guidance Counselor

It's hard to believe that May is here. We're in the final stretch of the year and summer is just around the corner. However, students please don't forget that there's still one more month left of the school year. Continue to work hard in this last month and don't let grades or attendance slip. Be sure to talk to your teachers about your grades and anything you are struggling with. There's still time to bring up grades and end the semester strong.

To the Class of 2021: You did it! These past 2 years sure have been a struggle. I am so proud of all of you for taking this year in stride and getting to this place. You all should be very proud of your accomplishments. There will be more struggles ahead, but I am confident that you all will handle them with grace and dignity. Take time to learn and grow from new experiences. Opportunities to learn will be present in every experience and every person you will meet. Now is the time to find out who you are and who you want to be. If I could offer you one piece of advice, it would be "Don't be afraid to take risks". Yes, there will be challenges on the road ahead in life. Don't hold yourself back because it seems a little scary. Take pride in yourself and believe that you can overcome any obstacle. I wish you all the best of luck in this next chapter in life!

SR. BETA CLUB

I am pleased to announce our new Senior Beta Club members, who will be inducted at our ceremony on Wednesday, May 5:

Gentri Fangmeier, Camden Groth, Will Wright, Addison Beekman, Michelle Benner, Evan Cross, Noah Doolin, Ashlyn Duvall, Cloee O'Donoghue, Kyleigh Ott, Lorisa Riggs, and Jace Whitted.

All of our current members and myself welcome these 12 new students in and look forward to them being a part of Senior Beta Club for the rest of their high school careers.

JR. BETA CLUB

On Wednesday, May 5th, eight junior high students will be inducted into the Hartem Junior Beta Club. This is quite an honor for students to be chosen and membership is based on grades and character. The National Beta Club is a student honor society that honors students based on academic achievement, excellent character and good citizenship. The National Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, grants scholarships, and provides a setting for your child to develop interpersonal skills.

Congratulations to this year's (2020-2021) inductees:

6th Grade: Emma Eeten, Alicia Grelck, Owen Whitted, Cooper McAfee, Cambelle Hopkins, Braden Schleder, Alexis Wetherell

7th Grade: Matthew McGill

I would also like to recognize last year's (2019-2020) inductees whose induction ceremony was cancelled due to COVID:

7th Grade: Alayna Briggs-Miller, Celia Cross, Jasey Bradburn, Kennedy McCree, Ella Klokkenga, Morgan Riggs, Peyton Swinford,

8th Grade: Draven Rahe

****Current Members:** Zoe Miller, Logan Palladini, Jonah Robison, Avery Rohlf, Kylie Starcevic, and Sadie Williams

WHISTLE STOP LIBRARY

Whistle Stop Library will host a summer library program this year, beginning June 3rd from 2:00-5:00 and continuing each Thursday in June. The program will be outside, weather permitting (inside in case of rain).

June 3rd-Woodworking Kits

June 10th-Playdough or Clay Modeling/Slime

June 17th-Comic book heroes

June 24th-Bean bag competition

This is a free program with treats and supplies provided, also great books for summer reading are available. Masks will be available! For more information call LaDonna Gass at 217-737-8029.

MAY

2021

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
All events and activities are subject to change during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.						
2	3 HSBB @ Athens 4:30	4	5 Beta Club Induction Ceremony-HS Gym JH @ 5:00 HS @ 6:00	6 HSBB @ Heyworth 4:30	7	8 JHTRK-Sect @ Lincoln HS FFA Greenhouse Plant Sale 9:00-12:00
9	10 HSBB @ Delavan 4:30	11	12	13	14	15 Graduation 3:00 @ HS Gym
16	17 <i>Board Mtg 7:00</i> HSBB vs MWC 4:30	18 HSBB vs Tri-City 4:30 *Sr. Night*	19 11 th Grade ISA 10:15-1:30	20	21	22
23	24	25 HSBB vs LeRoy 4:30	26	27 8 th Grade Promotion 7:00 @ HS Gym	28	29
30	31 No School					

MAY**2021**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Breakfast Menu	A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					1
2	3 French toast sticks Applesauce Orange juice	4 Yogurt Toast Pears Orange juice	5 Warm breakfast bar Peaches Orange juice	6 Bagel Cream cheese or peanut butter Pineapple Orange juice	7 Nutri-grain bar Toast Strawberries Orange juice	8
9	10 French toast Mandarin oranges Apple juice	11 Peanut butter and Jelly jamwich Fruit Apple juice	12 Mini pancakes Pineapple Apple juice	13 Sausage patty biscuit Peaches Apple juice	14 Pop tart Cheese stick Mixed fruit Apple juice	15
16	17 Frittata Toast Pears Orange juice	18 Pancake & sausage on a stick Peaches Orange juice	19 Assorted cereal Pears Orange juice	20 Biscuit Egg patty Applesauce Orange juice	21 Mini waffles Mixed fruit Orange juice	22
23	24 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Apple juice	25 Fruit frudel Mandarin oranges Apple juice	26 Sausage patty Tri tater Peaches Apple juice	27 Cook's Choice	28 Cook's Choice	29
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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>
Lunch Menu	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.					1
2	3 Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup Carrot/celery sticks Pears	4 Hamburger on bun Bean salsa Nacho chips Cooked carrots Peaches	5 Chicken fajita Lettuce/cheese Corn Jello Pineapple	6 BBQ Rib on bun Green beans Cole slaw Strawberries Cake	7 Turkey & cheese wrap Sun chips Romaine salad Mandarin oranges	8
9	10 Chicken patty on bun French fries Peas Applesauce	11 Spaghetti w/meat sauce French bread Green beans Pineapple	12 Hot ham & cheese on bun Broccoli Tater tots Peaches	13 Pizza Romaine salad Corn Mixed fruit	14 Corn dog Soft pretzel Mixed vegetables Pears	15
16	17 Pork tenderloin on bun Baked beans Peaches Pudding	18 Beef walking taco With Fritos Lettuce/cheese Pears Juice bar	19 Chicken nuggets Green beans Tri tater applesauce	20 Crispito w/cheese sauce Peas Bread Mixed fruit	21 Cheesy breadstick Marinara sauce Romaine salad Corn Pineapple	22
23	24 Hot dog on bun Macaroni & cheese Green beans Mandarin oranges	25 Deli sub sandwich Mini carrots w/ dip Hard pretzels Peaches	26 Sloppy joe on bun French fries Corn Applesauce	27 Cook's Choice	28 Cook's Choice	29
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WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

Please join us for a Wiffle Ball Tournament hosted by St. Peter's Youth to celebrate 150 years of Emden! The tournament will take place on Saturday, July 17th & Sunday, July 18th at Luther Field in Emden. **Teams will consist of a maximum of 6 people and the cost per team is \$50.** All players on the roster may bat, but only 4 can play on the field at a time. We invite anyone junior high age and older to put a team together! At this time, we are planning a double elimination tournament. The winning team will receive a monetary prize. Please consider putting a team together, or just come out to cheer everyone on! Like the "Celebrating 150 Years of Emden" Facebook page for a registration form and more information on the Wiffle Ball Tournament, and to see what other events will be happening that weekend! Contact Kelsi Meeker (217-737-3776 or kmeeker527@gmail.com) for more information about the Wiffle Ball Tournament.

