

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the successes and achievements of the past academic year. Despite the challenges we faced, we can proudly say that we had a successful year, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and faculty. A few achievements were: 8th Grade Volleyball State Championship; two (2) Illinois Scholars, Academic Challenge Team advancing to Sectionals with 1st place scores in Computer Science, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry; FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team advancing to Sectionals; HS Volleyball advancing to Sectional Finals; Scholastic Bowl advancing to Regional Finals; Chess getting 2nd in the Conference; several students receiving all area, all tournament, or conference recognition for several sports and activities. It is always important to take a moment to reflect and feel proud of our accomplishments, no matter how big or small they may be. Over the years, Hartsburg-Emden has continuously advanced both financially and academically with the goal of providing the best possible education for their students. Overall, school improvements have ensured that our school district is moving forward, not just surviving. It involves a collaborative effort between students, teachers, parents, board members, school leaders, and the community to identify areas of improvement, set goals, and take action to achieve those goals. Hartsburg-Emden continues to look towards the future with a positive mindset and small daily actions moving towards our goals. We believe in our small rural school district and our potential. There is a bright future for the Hartem Stags!!

As the world continues to navigate the fallout of the pandemic and other cultural challenges, the social and emotional wellbeing of students has become a top priority for many schools. In Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21, this has been no exception. However, the district has taken a positive/caring approach to addressing these concerns and has seen promising results. Through various programs and initiatives, Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 has focused on creating a supportive and inclusive environment that fosters the emotional and social development of their students. The district has implemented a range of strategies, from social-emotional learning curricula to individual counseling services, to support the mental health needs of our students. The District has also prioritized supporting the mental health of our staff, recognizing

that happy and fulfilled teachers are better able to support their students. Overall, the district's efforts have created a positive and supportive school culture that promotes the social and emotional wellbeing of its students and staff. Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 is a shining example of how schools can provide a caring environment while providing a culture of learning.

As Superintendent of Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21, I am looking forward to my last school year before retirement. I have worked hard over the years to make a positive impact on the school district and our students. Yes, we have had our ups and downs, and it was important to learn how to navigate through both the highs and lows. Both the highs and lows in life are temporary. By embracing those ups and downs of life, we developed resilience and have navigated through challenges, we create the possibility for long-term achievement and success. This next year will be no different. It will be an opportunity for me to reflect and savor my remaining time with the students, faculty, staff, and community who have become an important part of my life the past 13 years. I am looking forward to a fulfilling final year and ensuring a smooth transition for my successor for the continued success of Hartsburg-Emden School District.

I also want to extend my warmest congratulations to the graduating class of 2023. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them and their accomplishments. You have worked tirelessly to reach this milestone, and we are excited to see where your futures will take you. To each of our graduates, we hope that you have gained valuable knowledge and skills during your time with us. We have no doubt that you will continue to grow and flourish in your future endeavors. Remember, you always are welcome here. Once a Stag, you are always a Stag!!

As the school year closes, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break. Take the time to rest, recharge, and pursue your passions. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall for another exciting year.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR MAY

Student Breakfast \$36.00

Student Reduced Breakfast \$5.40

Student Lunch \$51.30

Student Reduced Lunch \$7.20

Students at Hartsburg-Emden Jr./Sr. High School will need to pay for seconds. As a reminder, once your child is negative \$20.00 in charges, he/she will not be allowed to purchase seconds. You may check your child's balance anytime using the parent portal.

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!

This spring has been eventful to say the least. We have had everything from 80 degree days to freezing. There have been gorgeous days and days that we were ducking tornadoes. The good news is that we have had plenty of rain for our farmers and morel mushroom hunters.

Junior High track has really added some members this year and has about 20 students on the team. They have been working hard at practice and been competing in some meets and tournaments. They are competing in the Logan County tournament at the time of this newsletter writing so hopefully we will be bringing home some hardware. Please look out for them running on the road for longer distances. This year is full of optimism with two new head coaches (Alex Vetter and McKenna Werner) and 2 assistant coaches (Brody Baker and Rachael Whitted).

Softball is back at Hartem! Coach Awe and the Girls Softball team are getting games in when weather allows them too. We look forward to Senior night on May 8th. Check the schedule and check out a game with us at Luther Field.

Coach McAfee and the boys baseball team are looking forward to the warmer weather. They too have battled rain and cold weather this spring. Come check them out at the baseball field next to the High School. April 29th, the team plays on the minor league baseball field of the Peoria Chiefs. Game time is 10am at Dozer Park. Check for schedule updates for both baseball and softball postseason.

The Bass fishing team also has their post season events later in May. Good luck to Coach Joe and the rest of the team!

The Spring Concert will be held on May 3rd. Please come out and see what Mr. Popper and Mrs. Jordan have been working with the students to present. It will be an entertaining night for the whole community.

For the month of April, the Students of the Month were Celia Cross (9th grade) and Mackenna Dellow (5th grade). Here are some comments from the staff members that nominated them. "Celia has excellent participation in class discussion and is always willing to help her peers." "Mackenna is always friendly and brings a positive attitude. She's responsible with her work and puts effort into each assignment" Congratulations to both students!

Here are some dates of interest coming up. May 7th is Baccalaureate at Prairieland Christian Church. May 10th is the Hartem FFA banquet. High School graduation will be at 3pm on Saturday, May 13th. Thursday, May 18th, is 8th grade promotion. There is no school on Friday May 19th. The Spring Sports Awards is May 22nd. High School finals will take place on May 24th and 25th with the district dismissing students at 2:00 pm both days. May 25th is the last day for student attendance!

This year has flown by so quickly. I can't believe that students are going to be done in a month. Thank you very much for letting me be part of your lives and your students' lives. I'd like to thank all the employees in the district for a great year. Thank you teachers for all the hours of planning, teaching, grading, and communicating with families over the past year. Thank you to the Custodians, Bus Drivers, Kitchen Staff, and Office Staff for everything that you do and the hard work you put in everyday. Thank you to Mr. Wisnieski for his hours of hard work and showing me the ropes. Thank you to all the parents for your hard work you do behind the scenes. Last, thank you to all the community members for their support.

I have enjoyed working in the Hartsburg-Emden school district but I will not be returning next year. My wife has been diagnosed with some health issues and I have decided to step down to help my wife with her health needs. I appreciate everyone's support and perhaps there might be a time that I can return to administration at Hartem. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!



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

Information about summer camps will be sent home in May. Questions: Call or text Coach Spencer at 309-838-0360.

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Donations

Donors Choose projects were fully funded for the Bluestem and Lincoln books and also one for the Basic Needs Drawers at the junior high/ high school.

Summer Reading

Watch the library's Facebook page for book recommendations, fun activities, videos, and more over the summer! Don't forget that books are available through the Little Free Libraries all summer. The books are rotated/ refreshed about once a week, as the weather allows.

Yearbooks

Need the 2022-2023 yearbook? You can order it online at www.yearbookforever.com. There is also a link on the school website. Look for the box that says, "Order Yearbook." Yearbooks are \$40 until summer break. They will be \$45 once summer break begins.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Elizabeth Hilgert, Student Coordinator/Guidance Counselor

This semester has flown by fast and it is hard to believe it is coming to an end! Remember, there is still one more month left of the school year. Continue working hard this last month, and do not let grades or attendance slip. Talk to your teachers about your grades and anything you struggle with. There is still time to bring up grades and end the semester strong.

Summers provide a critical time to plan. Visits to college campuses, academic and sports camp participation, and volunteer/community service activities all strengthen students' sense of what they find interesting and rewarding. Look for opportunities to grow, build self-confidence and develop essential life skills.

CLASS OF 2023

You will be graduating in just two short weeks, signaling the end of your high school career. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of you. Graduation marks a significant milestone that should fill you with pride and accomplishment. You are now starting the journey that marks the rest of your life. As you discover who you are and pursue who you want to be, I offer you one small piece of advice: challenge yourself and your thinking. See in yourself the potential we see in you. There will inevitably be obstacles in your path, but remember that obstacles/speedbumps are not roadblocks. Speedbumps are the challenges you undertake that make you stronger individuals. They are the anxiety you overcome when you find yourself outside your comfort zone. Never let fear prevent you from taking your own path. Take pride in yourself and understand that any speedbump/hurdle/obstacle can be overcome.

Graduation is not the end of your learning. Opportunities to learn will be present in every experience and with every person you meet. Wherever life takes you next, I wish you the best of luck. CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2023!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Jonathan Popper, Band/Choir Instructor

The Hartsburg-Emden Music Department proudly presents our 2023 Spring Concert on May 3rd, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Jr. Sr. High School Gym. Come

out to hear the 4 fabulous bands and choirs and a special performance at the end of the night!

FFA NEWS

Sara Barton, FFA Advisor

Hartem FFA had a great April! We attended Section 14 Livestock Judging, had our annual greenhouse plant sale, and attended the Section 14 FFA Banquet. On Friday, May 5th the Hartem FFA will be hosting an "Ag Day" for the whole district! Students will get to interact with a petting zoo, learn about tractor safety, and create a craft. Our calendar year will wrap up with our Chapter Banquet on Wednesday, May 10th in the High School Cafeteria at 7pm. FFA students and parents are all invited.

HARTEM ALUMNI BANQUET

The 94th Annual Hartsburg-Emden High School Alumni Banquet will begin at 6:30pm on June 10, 2023. This year the banquet will be held at the Community House in Emden, Illinois. The banquet will be catered by the Stag-R-Inn. Invitations to the banquet will be sent out in early May. Anyone who does not receive an invitation, but would like to attend the banquet may send a request via email to Ron Spencer at coach_spencer@hotmail.com or you may call/text him at 309-838-0360.

Anniversary classes being honored this year include: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018 and the Senior Class of 2023. Any HARTEM Alumni is welcome to join us!

The winner of the "Wall of Fame" award will be selected and announced at the banquet. This year's award will be represented in the category of Athletics. Please mail nomination letters to Ron Spencer, 8923 Blooming Grove Road, Bloomington, IL 61705.



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!

THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21, I wanted to express my gratitude for the generous donation from D & D Complete Sewer Services & Portables. The past few years they have donated a porta potty free of charge. I'd like to thank them for doing this. Their donation allows us a way to

provide restroom facilities during practices and games at our baseball diamond. Again, we appreciate their support and look forward to seeing everyone at a baseball game.

HARTEM ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

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

The junior high track teams are in the Logan County Conference Meet at LCHS on April 26. They will participate in the sectional on May 6.

The baseball team is also trying to gain some momentum heading into the postseason. The boys will have their last home game on May 1st vs Porta. Their regional runs May 15 – 20. Our newly formed high school softball team is in midseason form and will have their senior night on Monday, May 8 vs Athens. Their regional coincides with the boys' baseball regional. The bass fishing team will compete in sectionals on May 4th and hopefully reach the state tournament on May 19 + 20.

Spring Sports Awards Night will be on Monday, May 22 at 5:30 in the high school gym. We will be honoring the junior high track teams, the high school softball team, the high school baseball team, and the high school bass fishing squad. We will also recognize our coop teams. Hope to see everyone there.

As we come to a close on the 2022-2023 athletic year, I would once again 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 our school and its athletic programs successful. It has been a unique experience these past couple of years and hopefully we are starting to see a bit of normalcy coming back.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the students of Emden Elementary School in our fundraiser for the American Heart Association! As a school we collected **\$3,496.69**

Our fundraiser ran for three weeks and ended with a Jump Rope Event on Friday March 31st before we left for Spring Break! Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the day so much fun and for supporting such a great cause!



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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 JHTRK @ MWC 4:00 HSBB vs PORTA 4:30 HSSB @ Edinburg 4:30	2 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip @ Cornbelters Game 9:30-3:00 JHTRK @ Greenview 4:00 HSBB @ Lexington 4:30	3 6th-12th Grade Spring Concert @ HS Gym 6:00	4 HSBB @ Heyworth 4:30 BASS-Sect. TBA HSSB @ Eureka 4:30	5 HSBB @ IB 4:30 Ag Day/Petting Zoo	6 JHTRK-Sect. TBA
7 Baccalaureate @ Prairieland Christian Church 10:30	8 HSSB vs Athens 4:30 *Sr. Night*	9 HSBB @ LCHS (JV) 4:30 HSSB @ PORTA 4:30	10 Academic Awards @ HS Gym 2:00 FFA Chapter Banquet @ HS Cafe 7:00	11 Holocaust Field Trip- 8th, 10th and 11th @ 8:00-8:00 Sr. Finals 5th-8th	12 JHTRK-State TBA Sr.Finals 1st-4th	13 JHTRK-State TBA Graduation @ HS Gym 3:00
14	15 Board Mtg 7:00 HSBB-Regionals TBA HSSB-Regionals TBA	16 HSBB-Regionals TBA HSSB-Regionals TBA	17 HSBB-Regionals TBA HSSB-Regionals TBA	18 HSSB-Regionals TBA 8th Grade Promotion Pictures @ HS 5:00 Promotion @ HS 6:00	19 NO SCHOOL BASS-State TBA HSSB-Regionals TBA	20 HSBB-Reg. TBA BASS-State TBA HSSB-Reg. TBA
21	22 Spring Sports Awards @ HS Gym 5:30	23 HSSB-Sect. TBA	24 2:00 Dismissal HS Finals-Odds HSBB-Sect. TBA HSSB-Sect. TBA	25 2:00 Dismissal HS Finals-Evens HSBB-Sect. TBA *Last day of student attendance*	26 Teacher Institute HSSB-Sect.TBA Hunter Safety Course @ Hartsburg Legion 5:30-9:30 to register call 217-735-1250	27 HSBB-Sect. TBA HSSB-Sect. TBA Hunter Safety Course @ Hartsburg Legion 9:00-3:00 to register call 217-735-1250
28	29 NO SCHOOL HSBB-Supersect. TBA HSSB-Supersect. TBA	30	31			

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BREAKFAST MENU	A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					
	1 Breakfast cookie Fruit Orange juice	2 GS-Cereal JH/HS-Brown sugar/cinn. oatmeal Fruit Orange juice	3 Biscuit w/sausage gravy Fruit Orange juice	4 Frittata/cheese omelet Toast Fruit Orange juice	5 Breakfast pizza Fruit Orange juice	6
7	8 Assorted muffins Fruit Cherry juice	9 Scrambled egg bowl Toast Fruit Cherry juice	10 Donut Fruit Cherry juice	11 French toast sticks Sausage links Fruit Cherry juice	12 Biscuit Sausage patty Egg patty Fruit Cherry juice	13
14	15 Mini pancake bites Fruit Apple juice	16 Coffee cake Fruit Apple juice	17 Assorted cereal Toast Fruit Apple juice	18 Waffles Sausage patty Fruit Apple juice	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22 Fruit frudel Fruit Cherry juice	23 Nutri grain bar Fruit Cherry juice	24 GS-Pancake/sausage on a stick JH/HS-Danish apple claw Fruit Cherry juice	25 Poptart Fruit Cherry juice	26 TEACHER INSTITUTE	27
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LUNCH MENU	A variety of milk is available everyday. Chef salad and peanut butter sandwiches are available every day at the high school. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					
	1 Fair Day @ School Corn dog Vinegar fries Funnel cake Lemonade GS -Ice cream JH/HS -Frozen ice	2 GS -Fish shapes, tater tots, carrots, strawberries w/ cake JH/HS -Popcorn chicken Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Mandarin oranges	3 Tater tot bowl w/taco meat Cheese sauce & sour cream Carrots Pineapple Cake w/strawberries	4 BBQ Rib on bun Potato smiles Green beans Apricots	5 Chicken fajita Lettuce & cheese Sour cream & salsa Corn Peaches	6
7	8 Quesadilla pizza Corn Lettuce salad Pineapple	9 GS -Sloppy joe on bun, nacho chips & cheese sauce JH/HS -Tater tot casserole Green beans Frozen fruit	10 Crispito w/cheese sauce Refried beans Rice Mixed vegetables Peaches	11 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Carrots Mandarin oranges Brownie	12 Sub sandwich Chips Fresh veggies Tiger bites Pears	13
14	15 BBQ pulled pork on bun GS -Green beans JH/HS -Baked beans Cole slaw Applesauce Pudding	16 Chicken strips Macaroni & cheese Peas Mandarin oranges	17 Loaded nachos Lettuce/sour cream/salsa Corn Apricots	18 Hot dog on bun Pasta salad Chips Pineapple	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22 Chicken day French fries Carrots Peaches	23 Pizza day Lettuce salad Pineapple	24 Bosco sticks Marinara sauce Carrots Frozen fruit and Cookie	25 PB & Jelly Uncrustable Carrots Applesauce Chips	26 TEACHER INSTITUTE	27
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Class of 2027 Fundraiser

The 8th Grade class will be selling Casey's Pizza cards starting Friday, April 22, 2023 through Friday, May 6, 2023. The cost is \$20 a card. The cards will expire in March of 2024. Each card is good for 10 free medium 1 topping pizzas with the purchase of 10 speciality pizzas. These cards can be used at any Casey's in the U.S.A. that makes and sells pizza. If you would like to get on a list for a card or two please email Michelle Reber at mreber@hartem.org, call the high school at 217-642-5244 or see one of our 8th graders starting April 22. Thank you for your support of the 8th grade class.