

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

I believe most schools and parents wanted to believe that we are at an all-time low of students using tobacco products. However, students seem to be turning to e-cigarettes. Schools continue to see an increase in the use of these devices. As students have available to them a new generation of easily concealed devices that have a sleek high-tech design, some even looking like an ink pen or laser pointer. E-cigarettes have become a popular trend among teenagers; kids truly believe they are safe and cool. Many students believe there is absolutely nothing wrong with using an e-cig. These devices often taste like fruits or mints and they produce a sweet smell, which can be mistaken as air freshener. It is possible to go tasteless and have no smell which makes it conceivable for some students to even vape in school virtually unnoticeable. It is possible to pin these devices on to the inside of a shirt collar and take a hit every now and then, and nobody would really know the difference. E-cigs are widely considered safer than traditional cigarettes, but they are too new for researchers to know the long-term health effects of all these flavored liquids (mostly referred to as e-liquid, e-juice, or juice). E-cigs do not necessarily have to contain nicotine, but many e-liquids/juices do. They can even have THC, (or tetrahydrocannabinol), the chemical in marijuana which produces marijuana's psychological effects.

At Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21, the use of e-cigarettes is treated the same as tobacco products. These devices are not permitted on school grounds and consequences go up to three (3) days out-of-school suspension. The Athletic Code requires a forfeit of a portion of the season and counseling on the first offense, then removal from the activity/sport. We will do whatever we can to prevent our kids from using these devices. We have received several reports these devices are being used on school grounds by students during the school day at the Jr./Sr. High School building. We ask that all caregivers help us by having a conversation with your children and discourage them from developing a lifelong bad habit.

As many of you have heard, the State of Illinois continues to pass many bills (over 600 this year) and the Governor continues to sign most of those bills into law. The past two years, we have seen a record number of bills related to education, including 100 new bills related to education this year. So, what does this mean for our schools? Schools will be working to learn about these new laws and look to update their policies to come into compliance with these new laws. Hartsburg-Emden will look at our policy manual to ensure we are compliant. We will also continue to focus on our fiscal responsibility, professional development, and student achievement. Over the next few years, as Minimum Wage increases to \$15.00 per hour and Teacher's Minimum Salary increases to \$40,000 per year, some tough choices need to be made. However, I believe we can still see an increase in the quality of instruction in the classroom, school pride, and student achievement. The goal to continually improve and make the educational experience here at Hartsburg-Emden the best it can possibly be for all students will remain the focus.

I hope everyone enjoys the four (4) **F**'s of Thanksgiving (Friends, Family, Food, & Football). I would be remiss if I did not thank all the individuals who help make our school district a great place!! The local churches, alumni, and community members have given donations to our school. The amount of support shown is wonderful. In the current financial climate, I am aware that these donations may not necessarily be easy. Several of our community members do this annually and request not to be recognized (wish it to be confidential). So, I will just give a general . . . **Thank You** to everyone who has helped us out with their donations. In addition, the new Hartem Community Club (HCC) is doing a terrific job providing us with activities and resources. The support we receive from our community cannot be understated. Being a Hartsburg-Emden Stag is a powerful thing; and your support is critical in the production of the next generation. I am truly grateful to be a part of this district. Thanks again!!

HARTEM DISTRICT WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the Hartem district website at www.hartem.org for all up-to-date information and activities that we have going on! The website is a great tool for everyone to stay informed!!!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

The weather is definitely more fall-like as we are moving into November. Leaves are changing and we have just finished up the first quarter of the school year. The Holidays are just around the corner.

The Girls Volleyball Team is hoping for a big push into the postseason. They have had a great season and we hope that we have something to celebrate. Please see our website for more information concerning times and dates. If we do have a good run, we will have a student fan bus for the Sectional Championship games and beyond. Boys basketball for both the High School and Junior High start this month as well. Good luck to Coach Wright and Coach Whitted with the season! The Chess Team has started the season as well. Good luck to them as well!

Thank you very much to the Hartem Community Club for sponsoring a field trip for the entire Emden Grade School to Gail's Pumpkin Patch. The students had a great time and the weather was perfect.

This month, the Students of the Month were Faith Sanders and Emma Eeten. They were nominated and voted for by the Junior High/ High School Staff. This is what a teacher had to say about Emma, "Emma is a very kind young lady. She treats fellow students with respect. She is a hard worker in school and on her farm. Another teacher commented on Faith, "She puts in full effort in all of her schoolwork and is a terrific representative of Hartem." Congratulations to both girls!

Please note that we will have a few days off in November. First, is Veteran's Day on November 11th. Thanksgiving break's first day off will be Wednesday, November 24th. School will resume on Monday, the 29th.

The first quarter is over so you should have received report cards. If you did not, please reach out to the school and we will send one in the mail.

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

JH DANCE-LET'S GLOW CRAZY

On Friday, November 19th, the 8th grade class will be sponsoring a junior high dance. The dance is the class's fall fundraiser. It is open to Hartem students only in grades 6-8 and no outside guests are allowed. Students will be asked to follow all safety guidelines (example-wearing a mask and social distancing).

The dance will be held in the high school cafeteria from **6:00-8:00 on Friday, November 19th**. Students are asked to dress casually and to wear neon colors. We will be **GLOWING CRAZY!!** Admission to the dance will be \$10. The admission fee will cover admission, several glow sticks and a bottle of water. Fliers will be sent home with students with more details at a later date.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Harvest season means basketball is here. The junior high teams have already begun to practice and will tip off their season in the Midwest Central tournament on Oct 30, Nov 1, and 6. They will have home games on November 9, 11, 15, 22, 29. Good luck to Coach Whitted and the boys this season.

The high school girls' volleyball team is ready to begin its post-season run. Coach Hayes, Coach, Weatherell, Coach Detmers, and the girls are the number 1 seed in the Sciota regional at the end of October.

Coach Wright and the high school boys are ready to begin their season as well. We have a new assistant this year. Matthew Neaville is our new PE teacher and assistant basketball coach. He is a welcome addition who has worked out with some of our players over the summer and into fall. The High school teams begin practice on November 8th and head to Beardstown for their Thanksgiving tournament Nov 22- 27.

A couple of reminders: we will have the fall sports awards on November 16th at 6:00 in the high school gym. We will be recognizing junior high softball, high school golf, and high school volleyball. Also, we will have our Meet the Stags Night on November 12th at 6:00 to kick off the basketball seasons.



FFA NEWS

Sara Barton, FFA Sponsor

The Hartem FFA Chapter has had a very productive month of October! On October 19th, nine FFA members competed in the Section 14 Land Use CDE. That night we had our chapter meeting around a bonfire and played outdoor games. On October 21st, ten students helped volunteer moving furniture at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg. Additionally, 7 FFA members attended the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana from October 27th-30th. These students attended sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium, strolled through the agriculture career expo, and toured an apple orchard, popcorn business, and wood factory during their time in Indiana.

Be sure to check out the flier in this month's newsletter to reserve your Memorial Christmas Tree.

Upcoming Dates for November:

11/10 - Agronomy CDE and Fall Grain/Ag Business Fair

TBD - Raking leaves in Hartsburg and Emden

Please email Ms. Barton at sbarton@hartem.org if you would like your leaves raked



SPANISH CLASS NEWS

Spanish 1

We have been learning more about verb conjugations and just started a project with "Shoe Verbs" or Stem Changing verbs. Spanish 1 is also listening to native speakers of various Spanish speaking countries. All of the Spanish 1 students do a very good job of reading Spanish out loud.

Spanish 2

Spanish 2 has been learning the past tenses in Spanish. We are currently learning the preterite tense and will soon study the imperfect tense. The Spanish 2 students are all excellent readers in Spanish.

Spanish 3 and 4

Spanish 3 and 4 have been concentrating on listening and writing short compositions in Spanish. The advanced students have been studying various grammar concepts in Spanish.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, Guidance Counselor

In the month of November, we often focus on an attitude of gratitude. Did you know that gratitude can have a significant impact on your mental health? While it may be difficult at times to find things that you are thankful for, training your brain to see the good in hard times is an essential life skill. Check out the following benefits as stated by Nationwide Children's Hospital (2020):

- "Expressing gratitude can improve your mood. People who regularly express gratitude for the positive things in their life are shown to be happier overall, leading to lower rates of stress and depression.
- Showing gratitude can make you more optimistic. Studies show that those who express gratitude regularly appear to have a more positive outlook on life.
- Sharing gratitude can improve social bonds. People have reported feeling more loved and more connected to others in their lives when they routinely practice gratitude or those around them practice gratitude.
- Practicing gratitude can improve your physical health. People who actively express gratitude tend to be more engaged in activities to take care of their physical health, life eating well and exercising. This leads to higher energy levels, better sleep, and a stronger immune system, or the ability to fight off illness or infection. "

As you can see, you have immediate and long-term benefits from exercising gratitude and being thankful for the things in your life that are good. Take time this month to practice this skill. Find a counselor or other adult at school to practice with if you need help.

"It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy."

Wishing all of our students, families, faculty and staff a wonderful Thanksgiving season. May your plates be full, your homes warm and safe, and your hearts content. Stay well!

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Books donated by Mrs. Folkman in honor of...

Luna Schafer- *I Am Marie Curie* by Brad Meltzer

Arya Lessen- *Women Who Launched the Computer Age* by Laurie R. King

Chad Osborn-- *Three Little Words* by Amy Novesky

Kason Guy- *Thomas Edison: Lighting the Way* by

Lori Haskins Houran

Frances Steberg- *Frankie Liked to Sing* by John Seven

Aric Miller- *The Rocky Mountains* by Marion Dane Bauer

Ashley Zinser- *Around the World in Numbers* by Clive Gifford and Josh Hurley

Sarah and Peter Walsh- *In Another Time* by Caroline Leech

If you are a former student of Mrs. Folkman's and have had a special event in your life-- marriage, baby, job promotion, graduate college/ trade school, etc, please email her at nfolkman@hartem.org to let her know! She would love to donate a book to the school library in your honor!

Basic Needs Available in the HS Library

Mrs. Folkman did a Donors Choose project this summer to get some basic needs items for students who may need a little extra help. In the junior high/ high school library, students can find travel sized shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, flossers, soap, deodorant, a variety of menstrual products, school supplies, and snacks. Everyone needs a little help from time to time, so all students are welcome to use these items when necessary. If you would like to make a donation, please let Mrs. Folkman know. (She's also looking for a source for travel sized contact solution to include.)

Countries of the World

So far this year at the grade school, we have traveled through a number of countries in North America! We have learned about Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, and Honduras. During this, we have also learned about how chocolate, sugar, and oil go from the earth to products we buy in our stores. We've used math to compare travel times, populations, and sizes of countries compared to US states. We're also learning about the flags of each nation when we study it.

CLASS OF 2025 FUNDRAISER

From November 21, 2021-December 4, 2021, the Class of 2025 will be selling holiday scented candles. Fragrances include: Christmas Memories, Balsam Fir, Christmas Wishes, Baked Apple Pie, Gingerbread, and Christmas Spice. Each candle is 8oz and all are being sold for \$12 each. See a member of the Freshmen class to get your candle orders in when they go on sale.

HARTEM CHESS TEAM

We started our chess season on Oct. 14 against Bismarck Henning. Hartem had a great start with Will Wisniewski and Jonah Robison both winning their two games in this match. Noah Doolin won his second match. The final results were: Hartem drew Bismarck Henning 29-29 and lost in a close match 38 - 20. The High School team has another 8 matches in the Central Illinois Chess League. Our next match is Oct. 21 against Normal Community. Jr. High Chess has been going very well. The sixth grade class has 8 students who have been to chess practice. Altogether, there are ten players on our Jr. High Chess Team. We are trying to schedule some matches and hope to have a few scheduled soon.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following Hartsburg-Emden High School students who were elected to student council:

9th grade-Zoe Miller, Karter Ross

10th grade-Lorisa Riggs, Addie Beekman

11th grade-Gage Shawgo, Abby Montgomery

12th grade-Jon Wright, Emmary Matson

Student Council

JH SPEECH “SHOWCASE OF TALENT”

On **Wednesday, November 10th, at 5:00pm** the junior high speech team will hold their “Showcase of Talent” in the high school gym. The community is invited to this event and will be asked to follow all COVID guidelines.

The speech team normally attends 2 competitions. However, there are no competitions being hosted in our region this year. So, we are opting for the Showcase format. Participants will perform their skits for family and friends in the high school gym. This year there will be 2 official judges and team members will receive IESA awards. We hope to see you there to support our Junior High Speech Team.

8th Grade members: Kennedy McCree, Gabby Duvall, Ellie Klokkenga, Alayna Briggs, Celia Cross

7th Grade member: Emma Eeten

6th Grade members: Lydia Doolin, Ava Eeten, Abby Newlun, Robby Benner, Tate Whitted

CLASS OF 2022 GREENERY FUNDRAISER

The Hartem class of 2022 will be selling live Christmas greenery through November 6th. Fresh greenery to be sold will include items such as different size wreaths, garland, and centerpieces. All purchases are fresh and will last for many weeks. Please see a Hartem Senior and order your beautiful display early before the holidays. Thank you for supporting our Seniors! If you have any questions please call Melanie Wright at 217 841 2163.



HARTEM CHEER DISCOUNT CARDS

It is that time of year again-the Hartem Cheerleaders are selling discount cards! You will find multiple newly added businesses this year! The Jr. High and High School Cheer Squads will be selling cards November 7th through November 20th. Reach out to any cheerleader, Hunter Langley or Ms. Barton at the high school for information. Thank you for your continued support!



MANDATORY JHVB PARENT MEETING

There will be a **MANDATORY** Jr. High Volleyball meeting for any girl 5th-8th grade wanting to try-out for Jr. High Volleyball. This mandatory meeting will be in the cafeteria on Tuesday, November 16th after the fall sports awards. A parent/guardian **MUST** be present for your daughter to be able to try-out. If a parent/guardian is unable to be at the meeting due to a prior commitment, he/she must contact me at school or home **PRIOR** to the meeting. If you do not contact me prior to the meeting, your child will be unable to try-out for the team. **Try-outs will be the week Nov. 29th – Dec. 3rd**




FIRE SAFETY WEEK AT EMDEN

Emden Elementary recognized Fire Safety Week with posters, essays, and a Fire Safety Assembly. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Emden Fire Department for coming in to talk to our students about the importance of fire safety. The students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades entered a poster coloring contest. Winners received ribbons. Fourth and fifth graders wrote fire safety essays. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners were recognized with ribbons also. To end the assembly, all students' names were put in a random drawing separated by class. Lucky winners in each class received carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers, and all students received candy bars and water bottles!



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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 HSVB-Sectionals @ Abingdon 5:30 JHBK @ MWC Tip-Off Tourn 6:00	2	3 HSVB-Sectionals @ Abingdon 6:00	4 Chess @ Normal West 5:00	5 HSVB-Supersectional @ Granville Putnam County 6:00	6 JHBK @ MWC Tip-Off Tourn 9:30 Chess @ Morton JH 9:00
7	8 JHBK @ Pekin St. Joseph 6:00	9 JHBK vs IC 6:00	10 Speech Showcase Of Talent @ HS Gym 5:00 FFA Contest @ Williamsville 5:00	11 No School JHBK vs Carroll Cath. 6:00 Chess @ Normal West 5:00	12 HSVB-1A State TBA Meet the Stags @ HS Gym 6:00	13 HSVB-1A State TBA
14	15 Board Mtg. 7:00 JHBK vs MP 6:00 Chess vs Normal West 5:00	16 Fall Sports Awards @ HS Gym 6:00 JHVB Parent Meeting After Awards @ HS Cafe	17	18 JHBK @ Delavan 6:00 Chess @ Mahomet-Seymour 5:00	19 Progress Reports JH Dance @ HS Café 6:00-8:00	20
21	22 JHBK vs Athens 6:00 HSBK @ Beardstown Tourn 8:00	23 JHBK @ Havana 6:00 HSBK @ Beardstown Tourn 6:30	24 No School	25 No School 	26 No School HSBK @ Beardstown Tourn 6:30	27 HSBK @ Beardstown Tourn TBA
28	29 JHBK vs MWC 6:00	30 JHBK @ Tremont 5:30 HSBK vs Lutheran HS 6:00				

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Breakfast Menu

A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

	1 Peanut butter & jelly Uncrustable Pineapple Apple juice	2 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Pears Apple juice	3 Cheese omelet Peaches Apple juice	4 French toast sticks Sausage links Mixed fruit Apple juice	5 Assorted cereal Mandarin oranges Apple juice	6
7	8 Pop tart Applesauce Cherry juice	9 English muffin Peaches Cherry juice	10 Pancakes Sausage links Pineapple Cherry juice	11 No School	12 Warm breakfast bar Mixed fruit Cherry juice	13
14	15 Waffles Sausage patty Pears Orange juice	16 Assorted muffins Mixed fruit Orange juice	17 Breakfast pizza Applesauce Orange juice	18 Biscuit w/sausage gravy Peaches Orange juice	19 Pancake & sausage On a stick Pineapple Orange juice	20
21	22 Nutri-grain bar Mandarin oranges Apple juice	23 Donut Peaches Apple juice	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27
28	29 Fruit frudel Pineapple Cherry juice	30 Oatmeal Applesauce Cherry juice				

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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 Chicken wrap Lettuce/salsa/cheese Pears	2 Beef vegetable soup Peanut butter sandwich Mandarin oranges Juice bar	3 Chicken strips Macaroni and cheese Peas Applesauce	4 Country fried steak Mashed potatoes Corn Peaches Jello	5 Hamburger on bun Pickles/onion French fries Green beans Mixed fruit	6
7	8 Nacho supreme Lettuce Pineapple	9 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Corn Pears Cake	10 Loaded tater tot bowl Green beans Mandarin oranges	11 No School	12 Quesadilla pizza Lettuce Corn Peaches	13
14	15 Bosco sticks Marinara sauce Peas Cottage cheese Applesauce	16 Cream chicken on biscuit Green beans Peaches Banana pudding Vanilla wafers	17 Corn dog Soft pretzel Carrots Apricots	18 Turkey roast Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Dinner roll Pineapple Pumpkin bar	19 Chicken patty on bun French fries Peas Pears	20
21	22 Goulash Breadstick Lettuce salad Mixed fruit	23 Sub sandwich Sun chips Carrots Applesauce cup Cookies	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27
28	29 Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup Fresh veggies Mandarin oranges	30 Walking taco Lettuce Corn Pineapple Graham cracker				

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