

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present challenges none of us could have imagined 19 months ago. We were mandated several items to re-opening school outlined by the State. Then we were mandated vaccinations or testing for all employees (including subs). Hartsburg-Emden became a licensed testing sight through the IDPH and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Logan County Health Department to become an extension of their facility. This allows our students and staff the convenience of testing in-house. We have already been able to keep more students in school because of the rapid testing. As confirmed cases began to rise in Illinois and local counties, Hartsburg-Emden School District has seen very low numbers. So far we've had only three (3) cases at the Elementary building and zero (0) cases at the Jr./Sr. High School building and zero (0) cases in our staff. I hope we can keep this trend going. All the restrictions do make it harder for teachers to teach and students to learn. Our staff is doing everything they can to make our In-person Learning the best it possibly can be. However, information about COVID-19 changes regularly. The discussions about different variants and increasing numbers with those variants make it feel like there is no end in sight. In addition to worrying about everyone's health and safety, the length of this pandemic has strained everyone's nerves. I understand we are living in difficult times. Hartsburg-Emden will continue to work diligently to provide what is best for our students.

At the present moment, if your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, the State is requiring us to have a test to allow siblings to stay and your child to return to school. Individuals still are not to be in school if they are exhibiting symptoms, but we can do a quick test in-house and keep kids in school as much as possible. Also, the State is still requiring, if one individual in the household has COVID-19, no individuals in the household should be in school (so, everyone in the household needs to stay home). I do encourage everyone who is ill to stay home. We need to keep Hartsburg-Emden Schools a sick-free zone. This will be the best way for us to keep students in school.

** *Newsletter Article* from the past about **SPORTSMANSHIP** **

Every year I typically discuss good sportsmanship and the importance it has in developing our students. 34 years ago, I was a senior in High School, getting ready to graduate. My goal was simple, go to ISU (Illinois State University) to study Mathematics in order to get a job teaching mathematics and coach basketball. This is my 26nd year in education. So, you can see my plan didn't quite turn out the way I anticipated. I dropped out of ISU (after my 1st semester Junior year) to join the Marine Corps after my brother was shipped to Saudi Arabia. While I was in boot camp, the "100 Hour Ground War" took place and the Iraq forces were pushed out of Kuwait. Anyway, it ended up taking me 8 years (after I graduated) to meet that goal of becoming a Mathematics Teacher, then becoming a Basketball Coach. My basketball coaching career consists of being a Head Coach for Freshman Basketball (class 4A school - over 2000 students in grades 9-12) while being an Assistant Varsity Coach (Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School). I also coached basketball at the 5th & 6th grade level at Donovan Junior High (class 1A - a little bigger than Hartem). In addition, I coached for several years at the youth league levels for my oldest son. Basketball was the only sport I ever coached. It also happened to be my favorite sport to watch, play, study, learn, and teach. Basketball consumed a majority of my time from October to March. My coaching career quickly came to an end for me after I entered administration. However, my love for all sports (not just basketball) has always been strong. I have learned that it is extremely easy to get caught up in a sport. It is also easy to express dissatisfaction in something (a bad play or a bad call). Most people like to win and hate to lose. It is not uncommon to be caught in a position where you do not represent yourself or your school in a very positive manner. However, whether we are a parent, player, coach, staff member, or spectator, it is critical that we model good sportsmanship. Our kids learn from our actions more so than what we say. So, what we do does leave an impression on them. Please keep this in mind when attending sporting events. I ask that everyone please demonstrate good sportsmanship and cheer on our kids in a positive way while attending our sporting events. I also would hope that all of you find an opportunity to come out and watch our students compete. There is something special about watching our students (at each of the levels) compete.

Please, check out our website (or come in and get a pocket calendar) and come enjoy a game with us. Go Stags!!

In conclusion, Hartsburg-Emden is doing all we can to keep our buildings safe for our students during this pandemic. The well-being of our students and staff is our number one priority. We continue to work on developing positive relationships with our students and help them deal with this pandemic while stressing the concepts of continual growth and maintaining their learning. We understand that students want to resume to normal. The changes in sports and extra-curricular activities which students have strong interest in can be additional cause for anxieties. We are doing what we can to provide support for students with what is happening in their lives, especially given the stress and strains this pandemic has brought. I encourage all parents/guardians to work with your child's teachers as much as possible. As always, I appreciate the support you give our district, staff, and especially our students. It is the positive and ongoing partnership that makes Hartsburg-Emden a great place to be! Now, more than ever, it seems like the world could use a little more kindness (positivity).

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cory Brown, Principal

Hello Hartem Families!

The Harvest Season is here! This is one of my favorite times of the year. The hunting seasons are starting up and the temperatures are starting to drop. We probably all know someone working in the fields. Over many generations, my family has been farming in Fulton county for over a hundred years. For that reason, I'm very proud to be educating in a community that has strong agricultural roots. On a side note, please take extra time to navigate the roadways with our friends moving equipment between fields.

Good luck to Golf and Volleyball as they start regionals this month. We look forward to seeing some deep runs in both sports. In September, Volleyball was able to win a tournament in Effingham and pick off rival Mount Pulaski at our homecoming game. Coach Hayes is very motivated to continue the winning ways.

If you haven't come out to a volleyball game yet this year, there are a few home games left. We have not turned anyone away for capacity yet this year so come out and cheer on the girls before the season is over.

I would like to give a big thank you to the Hartem Community Club! They brought in a bunch of snacks and drinks for the staff at both schools. I know that everyone appreciated the thoughtful gift.

I have brought back a tradition to Hartem with Students of the Month. This month, the students of the month were Grace Doolin and Celia Cross. They were nominated and voted for by the Junior High/High School Staff. They will get their picture taken and receive a special breakfast.

Picture re-take day for the district will be Tuesday, October 5th. We have Parent Teacher Conferences coming very soon. Conferences are in person. We ask that you bring in a mask to speak with teachers. Conferences are October 6th and 7th from 3:30 to 7. Because of that, we will not have school on Friday, October 8th. That following Monday, October 11, there will not be school either. There is also an 11:30 Dismissal/SIP day at the end of the month that has been changed from October 27th to Friday October 29th. Students at the Grade School will have their Halloween parade and parties.

I hope everyone is enjoying the last days of summer and if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL

Lynn Curry, Student Council Sponsor

Congratulations to the following Hartsburg-Emden Junior High students who were elected to student council.

6th Grade: Ava Eeten and Kyler Williams

7th Grade: Emma Eeten and Cooper McAfee

8th Grade: Morgan Riggs (President), Ellie Klokkenga (Vice-President), Celia Cross and Alayna Briggs

The logo for Student Council features the words "Student" and "Council" stacked vertically. Each letter is a different color, creating a vibrant, multi-colored effect. The letters are bold and sans-serif.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

The junior high girls' softball team recently finished their season in their regional. I would like to thank all the players and coaches for their hard work and dedication.

The high school golf team is nearing the end of their season as well. Their regional will be on October 5.

The high school girls' varsity volleyball team has been on fire. The girls just won the St. Anthony Tournament with a perfect 5-0 record. They will travel to Quincy to play in an invitational on October 9. The JV team will participate in a tournament on the 16th at Pleasant Plains. Then, the varsity will travel back to Quincy for the QNC tourney on Oct 22 + 23. They have home games on Oct 4, 12, and 19, with the last date being Senior Night against Illini Bluffs. Their regionals will be starting on October 25.

Junior high basketball is right around the corner. Tryouts will begin on October 18 and the first games are in the Midwest Central Tournament on October 30, November 1 and 6.

Good luck to all our student-athletes and coaches. Go Stags!

THE TEA WITH HCC

What is HCC?

HCC is a group of parents, grandparents, community members, and teachers who have joined together to support educational enrichment in our community. We are a small group that relies on volunteers and donations to provide students and teachers with experiences and support. We are excited to bring HCC back to life! We are hoping to expand on existing events and provide new ones as well. Our minds are fresh and we are ready for an exciting year! Please "follow" and "like" our Hartem Community Club Facebook page where we will share upcoming fundraisers, events, and other school information.

Our next meeting will be October 26th, 7:00 at Stag R Inn. Please join us!

Also, in this newsletter is a flyer and order form for our first fundraiser. Check it out and play along! Email us with any questions-hartemcc@gmail.com
Angie Zinser - HCC Leader

FFA NEWS

Sara Barton, FFA Sponsor

The Hartem FFA Chapter is off to a busy start!

During the month of September:

- Eleven students attended the Farm Progress Show
- Three students attended the Section 14 Horse Judging and placed 8th overall
- Nineteen students attended our kickoff meeting with pizza and kickball
- Ten students toured Sun Ag in Emden
- Eleven students attended the Lincoln Land Community College Ag Expo
- Our chapter held our annual mum sale fundraiser

Next month we have Leadership Training school on October 6th, Greenhand Conference on October 13th, Soils Contest on October 14th, and National FFA Convention on October 27-30th.

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!!!



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, Guidance Counselor

Progress Reports were sent home at the end of September. This is a great opportunity to review your child's progress towards semester grades.

If your child needs academic support:

- Discuss the course with your child. What challenges are they facing?
- Are they using their planner? HEHS provided every student a free planner the first day of school.
- Make sure you have Tyler Gradebook access. Check this often to help your child stay up-to-date with his/her course and remind them to turn in any missing assignments.
- Contact the teacher to get more information about the course expectations and outline- some teachers use a website to communicate information
- Students should attend before/after school help sessions with teachers, if possible

FAFSA

- The FAFSA opened for 2022-2023 applications on October 1st, 2021. FAFSA completion is now a MANDATORY graduation requirement. All seniors should submit their applications as soon as possible in order for the best opportunity for federal assistance. Many schools are asking students to have their FAFSA applications submitted by a priority deadline of November 15th.
- Hartsburg-Emden High School will be hosting a **FAFSA Completion Workshop** on **Thursday, October 14th, 2021**.
- All seniors and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. A representative from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISASC) will be providing a brief presentation about the FAFSA and will be available to provide hands-on assistance in creating a FSA ID and completing the FAFSA application on-site. This workshop will take place in the HS computer lab from **5:30 – 7:00 pm**. Please RSVP with Mrs. Feltes (afeltes@hartem.org) for a list of important items to bring with you to the workshop.
- If you cannot attend this workshop and need assistance with completing the FAFSA, please contact Melissa Van at Melissa.Van@Illinois.gov or (309) 434-0175 to set up an appointment.

Campus Visits

- Now is the time! Visit any college/university/technical school that you may be interested in. Remember- Juniors are allowed up to 2 excused absences and Seniors are allowed up to 3 excused absences for campus visits. Fill out a pre-arrangement form in the office as soon as you know the date you will be absent and please let Mrs. Feltes know when/where you will be making a college visit.

College Fairs/Information

- The Greater McLean County College Fair will take place on October 5th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Bone Student Center at Illinois State University. Visit illinoisstate.edu/admissions/college-fair/ or

the HEHS Guidance webpage for more information. This is a great opportunity for all students to gather information and ask questions about any college they may be interested in attending.

- Be sure to check the Guidance webpage for the most current information about other college fairs/events and scholarship opportunities (www.hartemcounseling.weebly.com)

LIBRARY NEWS

Nichole Folkman, Librarian

Grants

\$750 to buy books from the Mathical Book Award--books for all ages that have math-based themes or plots

Donations

\$250 from the Emden Sons of the American Legion-- This will be used to buy books the students have been requesting this year.

Henry and Bea in honor of Henslee Baker

Saturday in honor of Seeley Damm

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!

Olympics-- Countries of the World

This year at the grade school, our theme is the Olympics. With all of the excitement of the Summer and Winter Olympics this year, we're learning about the Olympics, Paralympics, Special Olympics and the countries of the world that Olympic athletes come from! We will learn about geography terms (country, continent, etc), culture, foods, ecology, famous people from the countries, and so much more. **STEAM** is a great way to help us explore the world. We'll learn about **S**cientists, **T**echnology created around the world, **E**ngineering marvels, **A**rt and artists, and use **M**ath to estimate distances and learn about scale.

HARTSBURG TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We will have a **Trunk or Treat** on Second Street in front of the Bank. Door to door Trick or Treating is also available. SO COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

SPANISH CLASS NEWS

Spanish 1-Spanish 1 has had a very good start to the new school year. We have concentrated on common questions, time expressions, numbers, descriptions, greetings, pronunciation, and other basic foundational Spanish concepts. Soon, Spanish 1 will begin to conjugate verbs and write sentences in Spanish. We have already started basic sentences in describing using the verb "ser".

Spanish 2-Spanish 2 has been reviewing Spanish 1 concepts and expanding on them. The students have learned how to correctly use direct and indirect object pronouns in a sentence. Spanish 2 is soon going to learn how to speak and write in the past by using the preterite and imperfect tenses. The class is very quick to learn and is doing very well.

Spanish 3-Spanish 3 and 4 are working independently on various topics. Emphasis is being placed on writing and speaking in Spanish.

HARTEM CHESS TEAM

The Hartem High School and Jr. High chess teams are getting ready for the 2021-22 chess season. The High School Chess Team is playing in the Central Illinois Chess League this year. We will be playing the following teams: Normal Community, Normal West, Central Catholic, Olympia, LaSalette, Bismarck-Henning, Mattoon, U-High, Mahomet, and Lincoln. The High School Chess team will also be playing in a couple of tournaments and the IHSAA state tournament series.

The Jr. High Chess team is practicing and getting ready. We hope to be able to schedule 6 matches and attend the IESA state chess tournament. When we played in the IESA tourney two years ago, our 7th grade chess team placed 20 out of 80! This included many larger schools.



CLASS OF 2022 GREENERY FUNDRAISER

The Hartem class of 2022 will be selling live Christmas greenery this year. 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.



4TH GRADE ADOPT-A-CALF

The 4th Grade Class has once again teamed up with The Hoerbert's Little Brown Cow Dairy Farm to adopt a calf! Once a month, Terry Hoerbert speaks with our class and teaches us all there is to know about dairy farms and Jersey cows. We enjoy this experience and are so lucky to have this opportunity! We are super excited!

HSVB FUNDRAISING SUPPER


The High School Volleyball Team is hosting a FAT BOYS BBQ supper on Tuesday, October 19th. Meal tickets are \$8.00 and includes, PULLED PORK SANDWICH, BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW, PEGGY'S PLACE HOMEMADE COOKIE, AND DRINK. Tickets will be sold by all the HSVB players and coaches. Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door, **carry-outs are available**. Thank you for continuing to support Hartem Volleyball!

EMDEN ELEMENTARY HALLOWEEN PARADE

Come see our Ghosts and Goblins walking the streets of Emden on Friday, October 29th. The parade will start at 10:00 at the Grade School and will continue walking through downtown! All students grade K-5 will participate. Classroom parties will follow! REMINDER: NO SCARY COSTUMES! Keep it fun for all ages! **There is an 11:30 Dismissal on this day!**

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3	4 HSV B vs MWC 6:00	5 Picture Retake Day GS @ 9:00 and HS @ 10:00 HSV B @ IC 6:00	6 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00	7 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00	8 No School	9 HSV B @ Quincy Inv. TBA
10	11 No School	12 HSV B vs Lutheran HS 6:00	13	14 FAFSA Completion Workshop @ HS Comp Lab 5:30-7:30	15	16 HSV B @ Pleasant Plains JV Tourn TBA
17	18 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> HSV B @ Greenview 6:00	19 HSV B vs IB 6:00 *Sr Night* HSV B BBQ Supper 4:30-6:00 @ HS	20	21	22 <i>Qtr 1 Rpt Cards</i> HSV B @ QND Tourn TBA	23 HSV B @ QND Tourn TBA
24	25 HSV B-1A Reg TBA	26 HSV B-1A Reg TBA	27 HSV B-1A Reg TBA	28 HSV B-1A Reg TBA	29 Halloween Parade @ GS 10:00 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	30 JHBK @ MWC Tip- Off Tourn 12:00
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Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

Breakfast Menu

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

1
Pancake
Sausage patty
Pears
Cherry juice

2

3

4
Peanut butter and Jelly
uncrustable
Mixed fruit
Orange juice

5
French toast sticks
Sausage links
Pineapple
Orange juice

6
Sausage patty
Tri tater
Toast
Peaches
Orange juice

7
Fruit frudel
Applesauce
Orange juice

8
No School

9

10

No School

12
English muffin
Mandarin oranges
Apple juice

13
Pop tart
Mixed fruit
Apple juice

14
Waffles
Sausage patty
Pears
Apple juice

15
Breakfast pizza
Peaches
Apple juice

16

17

18
Cheese omelet
Toast
Pineapple
Cherry juice

19
Bagel w/cream cheese
Pears
Cherry juice

20
Biscuit with
Sausage gravy
Applesauce
Cherry juice

21
Assorted muffins
Peaches
Cherry juice

22
Scrambled eggs
Bacon
Toast
Mandarin oranges
Cherry juice

23

24

25
Nutri-grain bar
Pears
Orange juice

26
Yogurt w/strawberries
Toast
Applesauce
Orange juice

27
Biscuit w/egg patty
Sausage patty
Pineapple
Orange juice

28
Pancake & sausage
on a stick
mixed fruit
orange juice

29
Donut
Peaches
Orange juice

30

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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 Chicken fajita Salsa/sour cream Lettuce Corn Peaches	2
3	4 Sub sandwich Broccoli w/cheese Sun chips Cottage cheese Applesauce	5 Bosco cheese stick Marinara sauce Lettuce Pears Rice crispy treat	6 Chicken strips Macaroni and cheese Peas Mandarin oranges Jello	7 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes/gravy Corn Dinner roll Pineapple	8 No School	9
10	11 No School	12 Pork BBQ on bun Cole slaw Baked beans Mixed fruit Italian ice	13 Creamed chicken on biscuit Peas Peaches	14 Hot ham & cheese Green beans Tater tots Apricots	15 Sloppy joe on bun Nacho chips Cheese/salsa Corn Pears	16
17	18 Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup Fresh veggies/dip Mixed fruit Pudding	19 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green beans Bread Pineapple Juice bar	20 Pork tenderloin on bun French fries Carrots Pears	21 Chicken alfredo Breadstick Peas Lettuce salad Mandarin oranges	22 Pizza Corn Lettuce salad Peaches	23
24	25 Chicken patty on bun French fries Carrots Cottage cheese Applesauce	26 Walking taco Lettuce Corn Mixed fruit Graham cracker	27 Chili Fresh veggies Pears Cinnamon roll	28 Tater tot casserole Green beans Peaches Jello	29 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	30
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