

# MHG NEWS

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## WE ARE PROUD OF

- Uku Andreas Reigo (11DP) for winning the 1st place in the TV show Rakett 69
- Oliver Möttus (12a) for winning the bronze medal in the European Geography Olympiad

## WE CONGRATULATE

- Kristi Kreutzberg for being nominated as the secondary school teacher of the year of Tartu to the national contest „Eestimaa õpib ja tänab“
- our TOK and religion teacher Tiina-Erika Friedenthal for receiving the PhD of Religion and Theology at UT
- our physics teacher Hans Teras for completing the MA in physics and continuing to pursue the PhD.
- our English teacher Sille Eero for receiving the MA in foreign languages at UT.

## BIRTHDAYS

**02** *KARIN KANNERMA*

*TIIA TIMMA*

**03** *MARI MAIMRE*

**07** *ERIKA PUUSEMP*

*EVA INGERPUU-  
RÜMMEL*



## HOW TO STAY HEALTHY?

- Come to school on foot, by bike or scooter, avoid using public transport.
- Keep distance
- Wash or disinfect your hands (there are enough cleaning stations in hallways and classrooms)
- Stay outside as much as possible
- Wear a mask (bring your own)
- Avoid travelling abroad
- Avoid visiting crowded places
- Wear warm clothes when coming to school because we ventilate the rooms more than usual and classrooms may be chilly



## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER HAS FALLEN ILL

- You need to stay home even with mild symptoms of illness and contact your family doctor. Notify your homeroom teacher as well.
- In case of a positive Covid-19 test result from a family member, the student or teacher that has been in immediate contact, needs to stay home for 2 weeks.
- In case it comes out that a student or employee infected with Covid-19 has been to school then all those who have been in close contact, will be sent home for 2 weeks for distance learning (e.g. classmates, close colleagues, people who have been in the same classroom)



## DAILY SCHEDULE

### LESSON TIMES:

	Grade 1-2	Grade 3-12
1.		8.30-9.15
2.		9.25-10.10
3.		10.20-11.05
4.		11.15-12.00
5.	12.10-12.55	12.10-12.55
6.	13.05-13.50	13.05-13.50
7.	14.00-14.45	14.00-14.45
8.	14.55-15.40	14.55-15.40
9.	15.50-16.35	15.50-16.35
10.		16.45-17.30

### Lunch Breaks:

10.50-11.10 – grade 3-4

11.05-11.25 – grade 5-6

11.45-12.05 – grade 7-8

12.00-12.20 – grade 9

12.10-12.30 – grade 12

12.40-13.00 – grade 10

12.55-13.15 – grade 11

13.50-14.10 – grade 2

14.45-15.05 – grade 1

- School lunch is organized according to the floating schedule where the students have 20 minutes for lunch but they may occasionally need to use some time from the beginning or the end of the lesson.
- Morning porridge is served between 8.00-10.00 (must be registered and paid for separately). The cafeteria does no work during lunch breaks (except for students whose lunch break it is). The cafeteria is working during grade 1 and 2 lunch breaks.



## **GOALS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR**

1. The school's philosophy is the basis for all learning and teaching
  - 1) School values are agreed upon with the school community.
  - 2) School values are visible in the building.
  - 3) Students and teachers learn more about the school's history, traditions and values (planning thematic units in different school levels and collaborative days)
  - 4) Preparing for the celebrations of MHG 115 (held in Oct 2021).
  
2. The school's leadership and management structures ensure the implementation of the curriculum.
  - 1) Teachers follow the school's philosophy when planning their work (planning lessons, assessment)
  - 2) The school community is prepared to transfer to hybrid or distance learning when necessary
  - 3) Preparation for the IB DP internal evaluation and verification
  
3. Teaching and learning follow the school's philosophy and support personal development of each student.
  - 1) Developing the curriculum for the international classes and the Pre-IB class.
  - 2) Developing the curriculum for the secondary school.
  - 3) Service and Action in grades 5–7.
  - 4) Organizing the exhibition for personal and projects.
  - 5) Activities of the year of the joy of movement (participative budget for designing the school yard; School of Movement activities)

### **NEW TEACHERS**

- Music teachers **Lilia Kiuru** (grades 1–4) and **Sirle Lorvi** (grades 5–9)
- History teachers **Alla Vinitšenko** (basic school) ja **Kaarel Viljaste** (secondary school)
- Media teacher in secondary school **Marii Kangur**
- DP Visual Arts teacher **Mehmet Emir Uslu**
- Nature field teacher in secondary school **Jaan-Eerik Past**





## **OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

- Students enter the school building through the side door in the morning and move to their classes. This one-directional movement helps us to avoid hold-ups at the main entrance.
- The school bell is only ringing once a day - at 8.30.
- The students exit the canteen only from the back door.
- The parents don't enter the school building when bringing and picking up their children and wait for them in front of the school house.
- PE lessons are held outdoors during the first period and at least once a week throughout the year.
- Teachers ventilate the rooms during every break.
- Field trips are not organized during school hours (except museum lessons etc that are part of active learning).
- Class nights are not held.
- Large events that involve the whole school, are cancelled.
- The whole school parents' meeting is cancelled and replaced with homeroom meetings that take place in September-October. The members of the Parent Advisory Board are elected from grades 1, 4, 7, and 10.

## **PRINCIPLES FOR CONDUCTING LESSONS**

- The teachers make sure that student, who are at distance learning, receive all essential information about the assignments though Studium at the earliest possibility.
- The student's grade is not influenced by the attendance but rather by the submission/completion of assignments.
- In case the student is ill or in quarantine, then they don't come to school to take graded assessments (including re-tests).
- When the student is unable to attend the re-test then they need to notify the teacher ahead of time and schedule a new appointment. In case the student just doesn't show up then new opportunities are not granted for retaking the test.
- The optional and selective courses in secondary school (except DP) are graded with pass/fail.
- There is a distance learning day at least once a month.



## POSSIBLE LEARNING SCENARIOS IN 2020/2021

Although we begin with plan A or contact learning in September, we need to be ready to transfer to hybrid or distance learning when the situation changes. What are plans A, B and C?

### PLAN A - FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT LEARNING

- all students and teachers are at school
- students and teacher follow the rules of hygiene
- floating lunch breaks
- only class events
- no whole-school events
- parents not allowed into the school building

### PLAN B - HYBRID LEARNING

- executed in case there is a need to scatter the students more
- combined on-site and distance learning where the students have school days and distance learning days according to a pre-set system
- also possible to execute when a teacher has fallen in or students have special needs (athletes with a lot of competitions and training in their daily schedule). In this case, some subjects may be in face-to-face contact learning and others in distance learning system.

### HYBRID LEARNING MODEL 1

- whole class at school
- distance and on-site days alternate
- on-site days - teacher supervision in the lesson, whole-class activities, graded assessments

distance learning days - learning takes place at home as online learning, teacher planning and reflection time as well as individual guidance and support.

For example:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Remote Asynchronous	On-Campus Synchronous	Remote Asynchronous	On-Campus Synchronous	Remote Asynchronous



**POSSIBLE LEARNING SCENARIOS IN 2020/2021**

Or:

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>
Contact learning	Distance learning

**HYBRID LEARNING MODEL 2**

- students are scattered with 50% and classes are divided into 2 groups (group A and B)
- one group is at home practicing online learning and the other is at school on contact learning

For example:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A	Remote	Remote	High Needs Students - On Site	On Site	On Site
Group B	On Site	On Site	Others - Remote Teacher Plan	Remote	Remote

**PLAN C - DISTANCE LEARNING**

- the whole school or class studies at home
- Distance learning may be:

1) synchronous

- video lessons
- teaching and learning at the same time for everyone

2) asynchronous

- prepared assignments and tutorials
- individual time-management for students



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **School holidays**

19.–25.10.2020

23. 12.2020–10.01.2021

22.–28.02.2021

19.–25.04.2021 (except grade 12)

14.06–31.08.2021 (except graduating grades)

### **Periods in secondary school:**

1st period – 01.09.2020–16.10.2020

2nd period – 26.10.2020–11.12.2020

3rd period – 14.12.2020–19.02.2021

4th period – 01.03.2021–16.04.2021

5th period – 26.04.2021–11.06.2021

### **Semesters in basic school:**

1st semester – 01.09.2020–22.01.2021

2nd semester – 25.01.2021–11.06.2020

The Head of IT can be found in room 210 (phone number 511 9488).

The office is open on workdays from 8.00 until 16.30.

School doctor's office is open every school day at 8.30–16.00

