

# MHG NEWS

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

### MONTH OF GRADUATE STUDENTS:

- Our graduate students shared their days with us on Instagram: technological entrepreneur Kristjan Maruste and designer Helen Valk-Varavin, a freelance performance artist Katrin Kreutzberg, head of marketing Hanna Loodmaa, stock analyst Artur Erik Lindmaa, opera singer Rasmus Kull, dance student Eva Metspalu and equestrian athlete Juula Reinumägi. Graduate students Merili Ginter and Karmen Nigul were giving lessons to students.
- Mart Kevin Pölluste won the 47th Tartu Maraton.
- Andrei Zevakin is participating in the final concert of Eesti Laul.
- Roosa Raadio portrays our Biology teacher and DP coordinator Kirstin Karis
- An Instagram takeover by Maili Tirel on March 2nd.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 02.03** *Regita Saksing*
- 03.03** *Kristina Lubenets*
- 03.03** *Marii Kangur*
- 05.03** *Helgi Rootslane*
- 05.03** *Rimma Verbitskaja*





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- our Biology teacher **Martin Pent** writes about his fun experiences with teaching international students on the website [edasi.org](http://edasi.org)
- A double-win in the regional round of the Geography Olympiad among grades 12: 1st place **Oliver Mõttus** (12a) and 2nd place **Ronald Judin** (12a). The supervisor was **Maiu Kaljuorg**. **Liis Siigur** and **Liisa Oks** from 11Dp shared 2nd and 3rd place. **Mikk Rooden** (11DP) received 4th place, **Toomas Tanel Tammer** (11c) 6th place and **Maria Grünberg** (11a) 8th place. The supervisors were **Ita Ilves** and **Maiu Kaljuorg**. **Lui Hendrik Lindpere** from 10b also shared the 2nd and 3rd place and **Sander Metsis** from 10a became 8th. The supervisor was **Maiu Kaljuorg**. The first place among grades 9 was received by **Ats Johannes Kaup** (9a). **Meena Rooden** (8b) won among grades 8. **Artur Ipits** (8b) received 4th and **Miia Helen Merilo** (8b) 4th place in the same age group. **Art Hendrik Joandi** and **Uku Märt Raasik** from 7b shared 8th and 9th place. The basic school students were supervised by **Maiu Kaljuorg**.
- **Oliver Mõttus** received the overall 4th place in the regional round of the online Civics Olympiad (he was 3rd in Tartu). **Ronald Judin** became 13th (4th place in Tartu). Both students study in 12a and are invited to the final round of the Olympiad. Their supervisor is **Piret Tänav**.
- **Oliver Mõttus** (12a) also received 4th place in the vide contest organized by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. The participating videos had to describe the meaning of and expectations to Europe in a creative format.
- Three students from MHG were picked to participate in the final round of the Religious Studies Olumpiad based on the essays presented on pre-set topics: **Raili Randmäe** (11b), **Liisa Oks** (11DP) and **Keili Suur** (11c). Their supervisor is **Tiina-Erika Friedenthal**.
- **Maarja Kask** (11b) received 2nd place in the student translation competition in German for secondary students of Tartu (teacher **Heikki Veinimäe**). The jury also highlighted the work of **Ann Karoliine Vabamägi** (11c) who shared 5th to 5th place (teacher **Heikki Veinimäe**).



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- The team of secondary school teachers were working hard for four months to **search for the meaning of teaching**. The learning process was supervised by the professors of UT, **Margus Pedaste** and **Äli Leijen**. During the workshop period, a huge amount of exciting scientific literature was read, different solutions were searched and found to raise the motivation of students. Great joy was found in the increase of interest in reading among secondary school students. We will continue with our projects and add new members to our team. Thank you to all who participated! **Ene Tannberg, Tiia Lepik, Terje Hallik, Maili Tirel, Jana Kübar, Ivika Hein, Piret Tänav, Alla Vinitšenko, Kaarel Viljaste, Heikki Veinimäe, Maigi Varusk, Helen Rägo, Valentin Madrid, Külli Pullerits, Jelena Nikolajeva, Kaisa Jõgi, Heiki Puusepp, Sille Eero, Janika Kaljula, Kristi Kreutzberg, Signe Kinnas, Allar Aav, Maiu Kaljuorg, Helen Semilarski, Helin Semilarski, Martin Pent, Hans Teras, Jörgen Metsik, Ivika Hiis, Sirle Lorvi, Age Raimets, Jannar Tähepõld, Tairo Talvis!**
- Most of the school employees have received the first dose of the vaccine.



### WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

**The coffee machine has  
received new  
cups**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 2 – the meeting of the Parent Advisory Board
- March 8 – Final round of the French Olympiad (participants are **Liisa Oks, Mia Sootla, Triin-Elis Kuum, Hilda Laidmets**); final round of the English Olympiad (participant **Uku Andreas Reigo**)



## HISTORY CORNER

This is not the first time school work has been disturbed because of the spread of an infectious disease. For example, in March 1933, influenza was spreading among the schools of Tartu so that almost half of the students were absent because of the disease and in some schools, almost all classes were closed. Some schools were also facing the challenges of not having enough teachers anymore and the students from the Tartu Pedagogicum had to lend a helping hand to primary schools in order to continue with the lessons. The school hit by influenza the hardest was our school - The Girls' School of the Estonian Youth Education Society. The school doctor Schultzenberg ordered classes to be closed one by one based on the spread of the disease among the classes. The principle at school was that the class would be closed when  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the students were absent.

Postimees wrote on March 18. 1933 that over 400 students had been infected with influenza at MHG with 265 secondary school students and 156 primary students among them. 11 classes were closed and only 5 classes remained at school, although, they each had more than 10 absentees. The student activities were completely stopped as well as all meetings forbidden in the school building (Postimees, March 18. 1993). The epidemic of influenza was overcome at the end of March both at MHG as well as in other schools of Tartu. The classes that had been closed for a week were reopened and, although they had more absentees at first, it did not affect the learning much anymore. (Postimees, March 21. 1933).

by Ene Tannberg

Nr. 65      Laupäeval, 18. märtsil 1933

# Tartu keskkoolid gripi võimuses

Keskoolides hulk klasse sulatud. — õpetajad haiged. —	Pedagoogiumi vanema klassi õpilased mobiliseeriti algkooli õpetajate ase- mele tunde andma. —
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