

MHG NEWS

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MIINA HÄRMA GÜMNAASIUM
NEWSLETTER



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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- MHG Prom Night "Uus Millenium" took place on February 7. The main musical performance was made by Uudo Sepp, the DJ was Markus Niius from 12b. We thank the organizers of the event Maria-Helene Puidak and Maare Karmen Oras as well as the supporting parents and our Head of Extra-Curricular Activities, Liis Somelar.
- The representatives of MHG participated in the celebration meeting of the 102nd anniversary of the Tartu Peace Treaty on February 2 at the bas-relief of Jaan Poska.
- On February 7th, our graduate student and Ambassador of Estonia in Finland, Sven Sakkov visited our school and talked to grades 11 and 12

BIRTHDAYS

13.02. Urma Linnus

13.02. Reet Noorlaid



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- On January 27, Marta Siim (11a) won the Russian translation contest of Tartu city (teacher Külli Pullerits). Eliisabet Judin (11c, Külli Pullerits) received 6th place, Kirke Pärn (10c, teacher Maret Vaab) 7th place and Emma Elisabeth Toots (10v, Maret Vaab) shared 10th–11th place.
- Mia Karolina Altküla (10a) won the Debate contest of Tallinn English College with her team and received individual 7th place.
- A record number of voters participate in the elections of the Tartu Youth Council. Four students from MHG were elected among the 15 members of the Youth Council: Liisi Haljasorg (12a), Mia Faster (10c), Rebecca Valge (11DP) and Tea Liis Simm (8a).
- On February 2, the MHG Instagram account was taken over by our graduate student and lawyer Ave-Ly Kõuts.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 8 – graduate students Timmu Õunapuu visiting the Psychology lesson of 11abc; **meeting of the Parent Advisory Board**
- February 9 – **158th anniversary of Miina Härma**; virtual Open House Night for prospective 1st-grade students; the morning of Goethe Faustus for grades 11
- February 10 – 6b study trip to UT Art Museum; the whole-town German translation contest for basic school students; our graduate student **Koit Arro** giving a lesson to Pre-IB and DP students; our graduate student **Kati Vald** talking about the activities of "Suukool" to the students of grades 2
- February 11 – **Grade 9 Personal Project Virtual Fair**; MHG Instagram is taken over by our graduate student **Anniki Mikelsaar**; students of 11abc Psychology course participating in the active learning programme at the Dance Academy; 3ab visiting Vanemuise Theatre and watching the play "Vennad Lõvisüdamed"
- February 12 – regional round of the Physics Olympiad;
- February 12–13 – singing contest "Tuljak" at MHG
- February 14–18 – preliminary exams week of secondary school students
- **February 14 – celebrating the Valentine's Day at school**; 5b sports day at Kuutsemäe; 10b skiing at Kütiorg
- February 15 – regional round of the Geography Olympiad; whole-town English Trivia for grades 6;



ON FEBRUARY 14 WE CELEBRATE

Valentine's day

Which is why a variety of fun activities will be held at our school:

- The dress code for this day is pink and red!
- Just Dance - in the lobby during the 1st up until 5th break
- There is a photo corner with a background and a photobooth in the lobby (costs 1€)!
- Friends' Mailbox - mail can be sent until the 4th break



Let's celebrate friendship!



NEW SCHOOL CLOTHES CAN BE ORDERED UNTIL FEBRUARY 17

The students have shown interest in adding some more colour and variety to our school clothes.

Therefore we are now introducing new T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies available for ordering in the next two weeks.

Let's make MHG colourful!

Place your order before February 17th then the clothes and get the clothes in March.

The next ordering period will open in spring and then the clothes will arrive at school before the beginning of the next school year.

Place your order here: <https://koolivorm.norrison.ee/8-tartu-miina-harma-gumnaasium>





HISTORY CORNER

Our school carries the name of Miina Härma

The composer Miina Härma worked at our school as a Music teacher between 1917 and 1929. On her 100th anniversary, on February 9, 1964, the decision was made to name our school after Miina Härma. Connecting the name of a recognized musician to an educational institution presumes a sense of security and faith in the will to want and be able to cherish the name. The activity of the students of the 2nd Secondary School of Tartu had proved the stability from the previous decade. Back in 1952, then Jaan Mitt became the Estonian teacher of the school, research on the activity of Miina Härma began and her memoirs were recorded in the school's archives. In his leadership, the school museum was opened in 1962 with a special exhibit dedicated to Miina Härma. The gift from the Estonian Radio, an audiotape with the songs from Miina Härma, was also kept in the museum. (Miina Härma 150. Enne ja nüüd. 2014, pp 192-194.)

On the 100th anniversary of Miina Härma (February 9, 1964) a concert-ceremony was held where Helgi Rivis, a grade 10 student was talking about the life of Miina Härma and her journey as a musician. In the following concert, the songs of the composer were performed by the students as well as appropriate poems and piano pieces. During the ceremony, the representatives of students brought a wreath to the grave of Miina Härma in Raadi Cemetery. Since then, we are keeping the tradition of visiting the grave of Miina Härma on her birthday to light the candles.

On the 101st anniversary of the composer, in 1965 a memorial board was opened on the wall of our schoolhouse: "Miina Härma worked in this school as a Music teacher in 1917–1929." This festive opening was witnessed by the whole school, parents and visitors.

From February 9, 1966, the anniversary of Miina Härma was celebrated as an honorary day of the school. That day preceded with overseeing the amateur performance among which the best ones were selected to perform in Vanemuise on the grand concert. (Miina Härma 150. Enne ja nüüd. 2014, p 194).



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On February 9, 1698, a bronze portrait of Miina Härma was opened in the school's lobby under which some notes from her song „Isamaa, õitse sa!“ were exhibited. In addition, an ex-libris dedicated to Miina Härma was also published.

In 1984, when 120 years from the birth of Miina Härma and 20 years from the naming of the school after her had passed, the statue of Miina Härma was opened in front of the schoolhouse. The author was Juta Eskel.

On the 130th anniversary of Miina Härma, the school received its current name - Miina Härma Gümnaasium. The school's tradition of performing musical pieces at the theatre Vanemuine begin in 1987, and as a tribute to the composer, the choirs have often performed songs written by Miina Härma.

On February 9, 2011, the students organized a prom to celebrate the birthday of Miina Härma and the tradition has continued until today. Later, the proms have also been tied to Valentine's Day. At the same time, a tradition was set to invite the graduate students back to school to teach lessons. Today, the event "Back to School" has expanded throughout February and the month has become known as "The Month of Graduate Students" where, in addition to giving lessons, the graduate students are also sharing their life and activities through the school's Instagram account etc.

"Miina"

A caricature by Roman Koolmar

