

MHG NEWS

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MIINA HÄRMA GÜMNAASIUM
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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Our German students from grades 9–11 spent their school holidays in **Berlin**. They visited the Museum Island, Reichstag Building, zoo, Estonian Embassy in Berlin and in Potsdam as well as met the graduate student of MHG IB Diploma, **Mathias Tekkel** who has been studying aeronautical engineering in Berlin. The study trip was organized by our German teacher **Maigi Varusk** and History teacher **Alla Vinitšenko**.
- **Maigi Varusk** was awarded an annual award from the Estonian Association of German teachers for promoting the German language and becoming a Master Teacher practitioner.

BIRTHDAYS

08.05. Mall Pavlenko





WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Baltic Chemistry Olympiad took place in Vilnius on April 21–23. **Liis Siigur** (12DP) received 3rd and **Hendrik Matvejev** (12DP) 11th place. They were also students with the best individual results in the team Estonia. Our students were supervised by Jõrgen Metsik.
- **Uku Märt Raasik** (8b) received 9th place and **Maria Alas** (8a) 14th place in the final round of the Science Olympiad that took place on April 23. They both are invited to participate in the selection contest for the International Science Olympiad (IJSO). The students were supervised by Riina Murulaid, Maiu Kaljuorg, Helen Semilarski and Helin Semilarski.
- **Liisa Oks** (12DP) received 1st place in the translation contest of the Estonian Writers' Association in English-Estonian translation.
- **Stefan Robin Lepp** (7b) received 1st place (with 43,329 points) among grades 7 in the national Math Championship "Nuti-Mati".
- On April 27, our Head of Studies, **Terje Hallik** participated in the debate organized by the students of the Educational Department of UT. The topic under the debate was the next generation and the workload of teachers.
- **Eeva-Lotta Herem** (12b) won the **silver medal** in Estonian Championships in bodybuilding and fitness in the women's junior class.



- The guest in the latest podcast of Roosa Raadio is our History teacher **Kaarel Viljaste**.



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- This school year is dedicated to appreciating the Homeroom teachers at MHG. During the school holidays, we visited the schools Kindlus and Järveküla as well as Viimsi Gymnasium to learn from their best practices. If we should rename the Homeroom teachers of our school to mentors or begin the next school with self-evaluation, remains to be discussed in the future. The study trip was concluded with a visit to the Art Museum of Viinistu with the lead of Jaan Manitski. The study trip was organized by our Head of Development, Tiia Lepik.





WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

On May 3, we are celebrating World Press Freedom Day dedicated to the freedom of speech.

The President of Estonia, Kersti Kaljulaid and the chief editor of Õhtuleht (and graduate student of MHG), Martin Šmutov gave an online lesson "Vaba sõna sõjas" (In the war with free speech). The students of grade 9 were watching the online lesson in the library. The school side organizer of the event was our History teacher Alla Vinitšenko.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 3. – 6a on a study trip to Selli-Sillaotsa; the written part of the national exam in English; the meeting of the Parent Advisory Board.
- May 4. – Math contest Jänku-Juta for grades 1–3; **international PISA test**; 2a visiting the Botanical Garden; schools championships on rowing ergometers.
- May 5. – oral part of the national exam in English; 4ab visiting theatre Ugala; 6b on a study trip to Selli-Sillaotsa; 7ab and 8ab watching "Apteeker Melchior" in Elektriteater; 3ab visiting Teatri kodu and watching "Mustkunstiteatri parimad palad"; a ceremony for students studying Swedish in the schools of Estonia held at the Department of Scandinavian Studies of UT; History trivia for grades 6 held at Reiniku School; the cross country running championships of the schools of Tartu for grades 6–12.
- May 6. – **final round of the Geography Olympiad**; German orienteering competition "Baltisakslaste jälgedes" for the students of grades 8–12; the speech contest for the basic school students of Tartu city.
- May 8. – **Mothers Day**. Mothers Day concert "Ehala 70+" at the concert hall of Vanemuine with the participation of the mixed choir of MHG; Härmatis 3–4, 5–6 and 7–8 performing at ERM.
- May 9–11 – 8a participating in the hike KLAPP.
- May 9 – 5b visiting the Nature House during lessons 1–3.
- May 10 – UPT defence; grade 11 career counselling sessions.



The mixed choir of MHG is performing in a concert celebrating Mothers Day and the 70th birthday of a recognised composer in Estonia, Olav Ehala. The show takes place at Vanemuine on May 8.



**Olete oodatud
Emadepäeva kontserdile
Olav Ehala 70+**

**Vanemuise Kontserdimajas
8. mail kell 17.00**



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



**MHG school family invites you to be a
partner in our journey to foster students
who change the world!**



We are looking for teachers of Estonian and Biology

**To apply for the position, please send the application, resume and
a copy of the certificates of education.**

Commencement of employment, August 2022

The final deadline for sending the documents is May 20, 2022
to the email address Ene.Tannberg@raad.tartu.ee
For more information, call 736 1921 või 5336 5447





500 HOURS OUTSIDE TOGETHER 11.04-08.05.2022

RULES OF THE CHALLENGE:

- **PARALLEL CLASSES SHARE THEIR GOAL TO GATHER 1000 HOURS OUTSIDE TOGETHER DURING THE CHALLENGE PERIOD.**
- **EVERY STUDENT SPENDS AS MUCH TIME OUTSIDE AS POSSIBLE TO HELP TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL.**
- **STUDENT FILLS IN THE WORKSHEET DAILY ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS.**
- **EVERY STUDENT PRESENTS THEIR TOTAL HOURS TO THEIR TEACHER ON MONDAYS.**
- **NB! THE OVERALL SCORE OF INTERNATIONAL CLASSES WILL BE DOUBLE FOR THE LEADERBOARD! (AS THERE ARE HALF AS MANY STUDENTS AS IN THE ESTONIAN CLASSES)**

Every student is responsible for the accuracy of their own results.



HISTORY CORNER

Browsing the Chronicles V by Ene Tannberg

During the school year of 1990/91 external communication became more active compared to the previous years. Our students and teachers went on study trips to different countries: visited the schools of Champaign-Urbana in the USA, went to Sweden and Denmark. They welcomed visitors from Finland, the USA, and Sweden. In summary during the school year, they concluded that the foreign correspondence helped to improve the students' English skills and expand their understanding of the world. At the same time, the frequent travelling disturbed the school work and was economically challenging because of the price increase.

During the ceremony of the school's birthday, **our own school hat** was inaugurated. For this occasion, our graduate student Lehte Hainsalu dedicated a poem "Oma kooli müts" that was recited during the ceremony. Traditionally, a concert at Vanemuine was held to celebrate the anniversary of Miina Härma's birth. A regular trivia tournament was initiated where the winning class received a free field trip as a prize. Disco dances were organized by students (the DJs included *Toomas Taube, Andre Maasikas and Kaupo Karelson*) as well as dance nights with the band *Justament*. School's sports day in the UT sports hall was also a success as well as the traditional Tamme Relay Run. The theme day organized on April 24 is described in the chronicle in great detail. On that day, there was no school. Instead, different activities were held throughout the day for the whole school family: speech contest, tug of war, arm wrestling, skateboarding, basketball contest, trivia, a contest of pavement drawing, skills games as well as fire brigade demonstrations. A cafe was organized by students and open for the whole day. The day ended with a party in the schoolhouse with the school's own bands performing. There were two bands at MHG (*The Claymakers and Alberts*) that also participated in the national inspection of school bands "Koolirock'91" and received recognition from both the judges as well as the audience.



HISTORY CORNER

The students showed initiative to do something together and that collaboration promoted the development of a sense of community at school. An integral part of this process was played by the Student Council which was led by Asko Lõhmus. The board of the Student Council also included Meelis Friedenthal, Tarmo Tamm, Toomas Taube, Arne Otter and Liina Velsker.

The academic results were good. In the Contest of Five Schools, our school received a combined 2nd place (Nõo High School became 1). One of our students graduated with a gold medal and 11 students were awarded silver medals. Most of our students continued their studies in the universities.

In this school year, MHG had altogether 768 students, grades 1–5 were in the afternoon shift, there was an average of 35 students in one class. There were 70 teachers.

