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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Diana Alliksaar (12c), the author of the MHG Christmas card, writes: The idea of "Winter in the Enchantment of Härmä" (Talve lummuses Härmä moodi) came to me when I remembered last winter when we skated in front of the school during PE lessons and sometimes after school. It was a lovely quality time with my classmates. The card takes you back in time. I painted it quite minimalistic and a bit "retro style". In simplicity lies the charm. In the original, you could also see the texture and the three-dimensionality of the snow slopes. At this time, you have to find joy in the smaller things and spend time with your loved ones and friends. Ice skating unites. Have a great Christmas season, everyone!"

## BIRTHDAYS

**30.12 Reda Šmitaite**

**31.12 Marje Kuus**

**01.01 Ave Hussar**

**01.01 Lilia Ilves**

**02.01 Ita Ilves**

**08.01 Jana Kübar**





Dear school family!

The year 2022 is about to become history. This year has been a momentous one for our school in many ways.

One of the highlights of 2022 was the **opening of the Näituse Street building**, which improved our school family's working conditions and eased the space shortage. The **renewal of the upper secondary school curriculum** and the opening of new study modules expanded our students' options.

Our students achieved **outstanding results in Estonian and international Olympiads** in Estonia and in various exams, all thanks to the work of our teachers.

The **folk dance groups of Härmatis** celebrated their 10th birthday, and our **choirs** have recovered from the ban on singing in the Covid era. The **low-activity track** opened in the schoolyard in spring and offers year-round fun. The traditional opportunity to skate on the school's ice-skating rink in winter is something very special and has inspired the creator of this year's Christmas card.

The **Tartu Education Achievement of the Year nomination** was awarded to recognise our work in creating and maintaining a shared value space at school. It is noteworthy that the students have chosen **good role models** from among themselves who carry the school's values and guide their actions.

Globally, the past year has been a **challenging year of crises**, which has presented challenges to the unity of the democratic world and opportunities for civic initiatives and cooperation. Our school family has been actively involved in various activities in support of the brave Ukrainian people.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Ene Tannberg







## MHG HIGHLIGHTS 2022

### Values

- Recognition of the **Tartu Education Achievement of the Year** "Creating and maintaining a shared MHG value space".
- **Egle-Diana Keldt** was chosen as Tartu Primary Teacher of the Year, **Jürgen Metsik** as Secondary School Teacher of the Year and **Regita Saksing** as Social Pedagogue of the Year. **Riina Murulaid** was the most successful supervisor in preparing students for the Olympiads in Tartu.
- **Henry Jürgenson, Gerli Raag, Uku Andreas Reigo, Katrina Laur, Matilda Mägi** were chosen by students as role models.
- **About 300 outstanding students** were invited to attend the Principal's Reception in June.
- After a break of several years, the traditional **Advent concert** was held again. **All MHG choirs performed** at Pauluse Church.
- The folk dance groups of **Härmatis** celebrated their **10th anniversary**.
- The **MHG ball, "New Millennium,"** was organised by the students.

### Studies

- At the graduation ceremony, **14 gold medals** and **6 silver medals** were awarded to students.
- For the first time, **two IB DP students** achieved maximum scores in the **international final exams**.
- Five of our students' research papers reached the second round of the **national competition for students' research papers**.
- **63 MHG students** were invited to the **final rounds of the Olympiads**.
- In the **Five Schools Competition**, we achieved **1st place in Physics, 2nd place in Mathematics** and **2nd place in Chemistry** as a team.
- **Grade 4 students** presented their **Exhibition projects** in May, demonstrating the knowledge and skills acquired in the first four years by exploring real-life issues and problems.



## MHG HIGHLIGHTS 2022

- During the IB DP study days "The Art of Science", MHG and Tallinn English College students worked together in the university's science labs, explored science as art and presented it in an art exhibition.
- For the first time in the history of the MHG, our youngest German language learners were awarded official **DSD A1 proficiency diplomas**.
- **New modules** were opened in secondary school: International Relations and Diplomacy, Medicine and Healthcare, Environment Around Us, Business Ecosystem, Drama and Theatre, and Literature as a Way of Understanding the World.
- In September, the studies were extended to the **Näituse 13a building**.

### Contribution to the Society

- Four Härma students were elected to the **Tartu Youth Council**.
- Teachers and alumni shared their experiences of Ukraine at the "Ukraine Stories" event.
- As an employer, we supported the large-scale operation "Siil".
- You can follow the news from the school's weather station, "**MHG Weather**," on the MHG website.
- The legendary "**Härma Trivia**" started again.
- **MHG Instagram** has ~1700 followers; about 20+ stories about school life are published weekly.

### Caring for our Health

- In April, we opened a **low-activity track**.
- **24 students** from grades 3 to 6 learned to be **Schools in Motion play leaders**.
- The three-school mental health project "**Success and Happiness**" took place for the second time this year.
- **First aid training** was given to teachers and 9th-grade students.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



- 21 December - 12abc maths mock exam; 2a treasure hunt and picnic with parents; 6a class teacher lesson at the Electric Theatre; 7a Christmas morning with collaborative baking; 9e, Pre-IB, 10b ice skating; at 12.00, Christmas service at Pauluse Church; Student Council Christmas evening at Lille Youth Centre; Christmas party for the Literature Salon.
- 22 December - 8 January - SCHOOL DAY.
- 3-5 January - Teachers collaboration days.
- 4 January - Pedagogical Leadership Team meeting.
- 10 January - National 5th grade English quiz; 2nd grade active learning programme "Pixillation".
- 11 January - DSD II oral exams.

## #HÄRMAARM

Call for nominations!

February is traditionally Alumni Month, and in February 2023, we want to focus on our alumni couples.

Leave your contact: [LINK](#)

More than 20 couples have already signed up for our invitation, including Presidential couple Alar and Sirje Karis and Kristel and Kristjan Maruste.





## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- In the 9th-grade Physics Open Competition on 3 December, **Art Hendrik Joandi** (9b) and **Linda Maria Pool** (9b) shared 14th-15th place, **Maria Alas** (9a) was 21st, **Mart Väljamäe** (9b) 22nd and **Ellen Hiimari Möls** (9a) 32nd. **Riina Murulaid** supervised the students. **Erik Julius Lindgren** (10b) shared 15th-16th place among the 10th grades, supervised by **Riina Murulaid**. In the 11th grade, **Tõnu Uustare** (11DP) came 14th, **Laur Saks** (11DP) 15th and **Heorhii Pasternak** (11DP) 17th, supervised by **Leo Siiman**.
- **Märt Mattias Alas** (3b) took 7th-8th place in the Informatics Olympiad preliminary round on 11 December. The result is remarkable because the other competitors ahead of him were from grades 7-9.
- **Kaisa Tullus** (7a, teacher Jana Kübar) won 3rd place in the 6th-7th grades competition of the Estonian Children's Literature Centre and Good Child magazine with her review of Stephen King's fantasy novel "Dragon's Eyes".
- On 19 December, a **Christmas party for 5th-8th grades** was organised by the 8th graders.
- On 20 December, the school held a **charity Christmas Fair** to raise money to support the Children and Young People in Crisis programme. A total of €129 was raised, which will be handed over by the members of the Student Council who organised the fair.
- On 20 December, a **Christmas party** was held for the **9th-12th grades**, organised by students **Marijana Kreek**, **Mihkel Mägi** and **Karen Kristal Anne Dunaway**.
- On 21 December, a **Christmas Service** was held in St Paul's Church.

*Happy  
school holidays!*

