

MHG NEWSLETTER

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BIRTHDAYS

- 14.12 Auli Auvärt
- 17.12 Kätlin Liimets
- 17.12 Kairi Land
- 17.12 Liis Somelar
- 19.12 Kari Kalk
- 19.12 Eleriin Käo-Zirk



WINTER DANCE PARTY

- On Saturday, 9 December, a traditional **winter dance party** was held at Tartu Town Hall Square, in which all **seven Härmatis groups, including the alumni group**, took part. We thank teacher **Anita Kreen** for guiding and preparing the dancers and **Regita Saksing, Lilia Ilves, Janika Kaljula** and **Teeli Roht** for accompanying the students!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11-15 December - **preliminary exams week of secondary school.**
- 12 December - 6a at the Tartu Dance Academy as part of the language and literature lesson.
- 13 December - **UPT preliminary defences**; 1ab and 2ab at Rakvere theatre watching the performance "Kessu and Tripp"; 3a on a study tour at HuviTera; 9b on Christmas dinner at ERM; students of the Business Ecosystem module on a study tour at the "Data Print" company.
- 14 December – Tartu schools cup competitions in indoor athletics; 3b on a study tour at HuviTera.
- 15 December - teachers' Christmas party.
- 15-16 December - girls' and mixed choir singing camp at Vara Basic School.
- 18 December - **grades 1-8 Christmas events**; 6a ice skating at the Town Hall Square and Christmas lunch in Vilde; 9a Christmas lunch at Aparaat restaurant; 10a Christmas lunch in the University Cafe; 11b Christmas dinner.
- 19 December - 7a on an excursion in Vanemuise and Christmas lunch in Vilde; 8a and 8b on Christmas lunch at Kolm Tilli; 11c on a festive Christmas lunch in Püssirohukelder; **grades 9-12 Christmas party.**
- 20 December - 10c Christmas lunch in Püssirohukelder; 11a Christmas morning at Pierre Cafe; **at 11:00 Homeroom lessons; at 12:00 Christmas service at Pauluse Church**; 7b class night.
- **21 December –7 January - school holidays.**
- 5 January - Teachers' Collaboration Day.
- **10 January - grade 9 Personal Project Fair.**
- 11-12 January - **Five Schools Competition.**
- **19 January - end of the 1st semester in basic school (grades 1-9).**

BEST IN ENGLISH

- On 16 November, the international English language competition **Best in English** occurred again. This time, **there were participants from 702 schools and 34 countries, a total of 24,343 students**. About 90 students from MHG participated in the competition. **Maria Kuris** (9th place, 12b, teacher Erika Puusemp) and **Erik Julius Lindgren** (81st place, 11b, teacher Annabel Moltsaar) **reached the top 100 in the world**. Among the first thousand were: **Ats Johannes Kaup** (137th place, 12DP), **Maribel Klais** (139th place, 12a, Annabel Moltsaar), **Birgit Männigo** (162nd place, 10a, Anne Aluvee), **Kärt Rentel** (210th place, 12a, Annabel Moltsaar), **Gregor Vassiljev** (243rd place, 11DP), **Andri Türkson** (377th place, 11b, Anne Aluvee), **Koit Helger Panksepp** (380th place, 11b, Annabel Moltsaar), **Helga Kadi Leedo** (424th place, 11b, Erika Puusemp), **Henrik Harjus** (433rd place, 11a, Annabel Moltsaar), **Grete Laumets** (471st place, 11c, Erika Puusemp), **Jakob Hagu** (514th place, 11b, Erika Puusemp), **Ida Parmas** (621st place, 8b, our best basic school student!, Heiki Puusepp), **Johan Talvis** (659th place, 11b, Anne Aluvee), **Ott Loper** (730th place, 8b, Tiiu Müür), **Gloria Raudjärv** (867th place, 9b, Tiia Timma), **Laur Saks** (893rd place, 12DP), **Erik Meriloo** (918th place, 9a, Tiia Timma), **Henrik Ibrus** (923rd place, 11b, Anne Aluvee), **Mia Karolina Altküla** (932nd place, 12a, teacher Kadri Türk), **Karinee Kungus** (950th place, 12b, Annabel Moltsaar), **Oliver Tammissaar** (951. place, 11b, Anne Aluvee).
- **In the schools' ranking, we achieved 4th place among 702 schools and first place among Estonian schools.**



BEST IN ENGLISH 2023

DEBATE NEWS

- Last weekend, the first stage of the **Estonian Secondary School Championship** took place in Tartu Hansa School, which was won by the team, which also included **Mia Karolina Altküla** (12a). A good result was also achieved by the team consisting of **Lisanna Tõnne** (12DP), **Simone Nairis** (12DP) and **Brita Jõgiaas** (12b), who reached the quarterfinals. The 8th place was shared by **Lisanna Tõnne** (12DP) in the individual ranking of speakers.
- Härma team also won first place in the beginners' category, where **Eliisabet Jürimäe** (10c), **Norah Elisabeth Ratas** (11c) and **Marjana Kreek** (12DP) debated. **Norah Elisabeth Ratas was also recognized as the best beginner speaker.**
- During the tournament, the topic "People who spread false information should be punished" was debated, which taught the participants about the effects of false information and the principles of penal law. A total of 86 teams and over 250 debaters participated in the competition. This time, there was also a record number of participants from MHG - 8 teams!
- On 17 November, a **debate event organized by Eesti Pank, the Financial Supervision Authority and the Estonian Debating Society** took place, where young people from four secondary schools debated in the Estonian Bank museum on the topics "Price increase brings more benefits than harm" and "Are people well protected when using financial services in Estonia?".
- Our school was represented at the event by **Mia Karolina Altküla** (12a), **Lisanna Tõnne** (12DP) and **Simone Nairis** (12DP), who debated against the students of Tallinn English College.
- On 9-10 December, the **SSE Riga Debating Tournament** in the BP format took place in Riga. Härma was represented there by **Mia Karolina Altküla** (12a) and **Andreas Põšnograjev**, instructor of our school's debate club, who also reached the final. Mia finished 8th and Andreas 6th in the individual competition.
- The overview of debate competitions was written by Lisanna Tõnne.



Winners of the beginners' debate: Norah Elisabeth Ratas, Eliisabet Jürimäe, Marjana Kreek.

NOTICED AT HÄRMA

564 voters participated in the selection of the 2023 Miina Härma Gümnaasium's Christmas card. The following cards turned out to be the audience's favourites (from the left in the picture):

grades 1-4 – card by Britta Sokk (4b),

grades 5-9 – card by Leo Fišel (8b),

grades 10-12 – card by Aleksandra Kamberg (11a)

Since Leo and Aleksandra's cards were equal in the vote, both cards will become representative cards.

Congratulations to all the winners!



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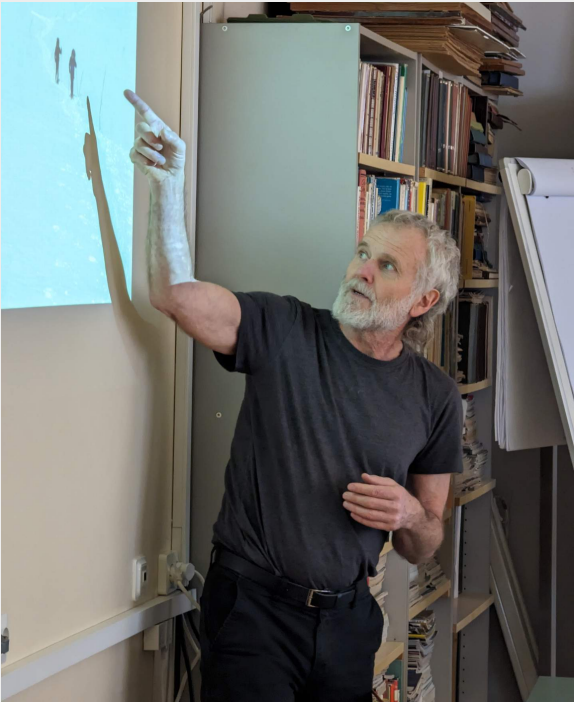
- The **Tartu Cultural Foundation** supports the studies of the following Härma teachers with the Tartu teacher's scholarship: **Maiu Kaljuorg** - course of study at Michigan State University STEM for CREATE training centre in the USA; **Kadri Türk** - 57th IATEFL International Conference & Exhibition (Brighton, UK) annual conference of English language teachers; **Martin Kimmel** - training on the right to use the tests of the school psychology assessment tools set at Tallinn University.
- **Silvia Kronberg** (7a, teacher Marilin Lõhmus) took 57th place out of 1,467 participants in the online mother tongue-themed competition "Secret Language", held on 6 December.
- In the Winter Starts 2023 Swimming Sports Club competition (held on 9 December), the following MHG students reached the top three: **Sebastian Tõnnisson** (1st place in 50 m freestyle and 50 m backstroke), **Mikk Mihkel Ruus** (3rd place in 50 m backstroke), **Aino Parmas** (25 m freestyle and 25 m backstroke 1st place).
- **Kaur Lilo's** (3a) invention App "Go Outside!" won the 2nd prize at the national competition for student inventors. Kauri's father, Märt Lilo, received the supervisor award. Mrs. Sirje Karis, the wife of the Estonian President, the patron of children and youth talent development and an alumnus of MHG, presented the awards.



- On 8 December, the students of b7b delivered food at Sõbra Prisma's Food Bank during the food collection days. We contribute to making the world a better place.

NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- On 7 December, the Czech diplomat and former ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Kingdom of Denmark, **Zdeněk Lyčka**, visited our school. He opened the "Expedition to the North Pole" dedicated to the polar expedition of the Czech polar explorer Julius Payer at the Natural History Museum of Tartu on 6 December. Zdeněk Lyčka spoke to the 8th graders about his trip through Greenland.



- On 7 December, the **students of the Environment module** visited the **Tõravere Observatory** as part of the remote sensing and geoinformatics course. **Tõnis Rüütel** introduced the research areas of remote sensing and conducted the tour. Teacher **Maiu Kaljuorg** organized the study trip.



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- On 8 December, 10th graders went on a field trip to **Kuperjanov's battalion** as part of National Defense lessons. The students were accompanied by class teachers **Allar Aav** and **Jannar Tähepõld**. The study tour was organized by the National Defence teacher, lieutenant colonel in reserve **Tõnis Asson**.



- On 5 December, the first of four MHG Trivia games took place in the Aula. The team "Tuduut" won the trivia this time.



22 DECEMBER IS JAAN TÕNISSON'S 155TH BIRTHDAY


Jaan Tõnisson was a creator. **He was a statesman, politician, and jurist**, one of the creators of Estonian national political ideology and the leader of its moderate direction. He advocated a nationalism based on a solid moral foundation, aiming to become more significant in spirit. In many ways, his organization laid the foundation for the so-called Tartu Renaissance. In 1896, Jaan Tõnisson and his friends bought the newspaper "Postimees", turning it into a tribune of the national movement for decades.

At the beginning of the 20th century, young Estonian intellectuals led by Jaan Tõnisson founded the first Estonian-language secondary school, the present-day Miina Härma Gümnaasium, and in the following decade, came to create their own country. He was a member of the Constituent Assembly and Riigikogu, a minister, prime minister and head of state. Jaan Tõnisson was one of the creators of the Estonian state.

At the conference "Aade viib edasi", dedicated to the 155th anniversary of Jaan Tõnisson's birth, held on 22 December at the library of the University of Tartu, the spirituality, morality, justice and law will be discussed, which Jaan Tõnisson was guided by in his activities. These are the values on which our school was founded at one time and which we still consider important today.

All those interested are welcome to the conference dedicated to Jaan Tõnisson starting at 12 on 22 December in the University Library; also to the lighting of candles at the foot of the Jaan Tõnisson monument at 17:00 and the concert at St. John's Church at 18:00.

Ene Tannberg



Ootame Teid Jaan Tõnissoni 155. sünniaastapäevale pühendatud konverentsile

AADE VIIB EDASI

Tartu Ülikooli raamatukogu konverentsisaali reedel, 22. detsembril 2023. a kell 12

Konverentsi avasõnad:
Tartu Ülikooli rektor Toomas Asser
Tartu linnapea Urmas Klaas

Kas aadetal on veel välispoliitikas kohta?
Indrek Kannik, välis- ja kaitsepoliitika asjatundja

Katkestuste kaart
Viivi Luik, kirjanik

Jaan Tõnissoni keeleideaal kaasajal ja nüüd
Jüri Valge, keeleteadlane

Pärandi olulisus muusikas
Pärt Uusberg, helilooja ja dirigent

Kas vaimsus, kõlbelisus, õiglus ja õigus võivad
poliit-tehnoloogilistes moevooludes pinnale jääda
Ülle Madise, õiguskantsler

Kell 17 süütame küünlad Tartus
Jaan Tõnissoni mälestusmärgi jalamil.
Kõneleb Trivimi Velliste

Kell 18 algab Jaani kirikus Jaan Tõnissoni
sünniaastapäevale pühendatud kontsert –
AAVIK DUO – Hans Christian Aavik ja Karolina Aavik

JAAAN TÕNISSONI SELTS

THE DAY WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR
Christmas
Sweater Day



On 15 December, wear the prettiest/most awful Christmas sweater you have to help create the Christmas spirit.

Take out your best Christmas sweater and show it to the world!

15TH DECEMBER

Take a photo and share @MHGTARTU

WALK INTO CHRISTMAS WITH JOY



We invite all members of the MHG school family to walk around in December and take photos of the nice Christmas decorations in the urban space of Tartu.

The online gallery is open to everyone, and the best moments will be published on the school's Instagram account!





KiVa

Christmas mailbox



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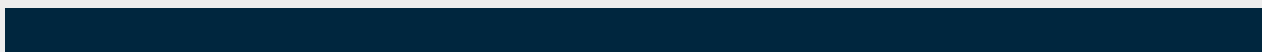
Doing good is very easy! Cheer up friends,
schoolmates with good wishes for Christmas.

More information:



Kiusamisvaba
Kool

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR GRADES 5-8



CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR GRADES 9-12



DETSEMBER

19

TEISIPÄEV

ALGAB 18.00

*Pidu 9.-12.
klassidele
Valmistu
Eurovisiooniks*

MIINA HÄRMA BALL 2024

Night in Paris



3. VEEBRUAR

9. - 12. KLASSIDELE

UKSED AVATAKSE 19.30

ROHKEM INFOT FACEBOOKIS