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BIRTHDAYS

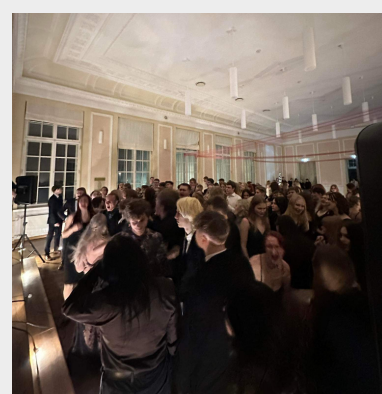
6.02 Ilmar Tammisto

13.02 Urma Linnus

13.02 Reet Noorlaid

BALL DANCE "NIGHT IN PARIS"

- On 3 February, the "Night in Paris" dance was held at the school to celebrate Miina Härma's 160th birthday. The glamorous party started with the opening waltz, and the guests were then entertained by the band "Exitum". The party was organized by **Adeliine Lail** (11a), **Sofija Tituško** (11b), **Grete Kõiv** (11DP) and **Isabella Bachour** (11DP).



The prom queen and king were **Sienna Bachour** (9e) and **Johannes Gabriel Adams** (11a), who cut the cake made by Gustav Cafe. The host was **Peeter Karl Mõtsküla** (12a).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6 February - collaborative entrance tests meeting; **UPT defences.**
- 7 February - 12a at TalTech and theatre in Tallinn; students of the Biomedicine course at the UT Institute of Cell Biology on the "Traveling Bioclass" study day; students of the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem on a study tour at OÜ Tarmetec; students of the Human and Law course on a study tour at the Supreme Court; German translation competition for grades 8 -9.
- 8 February - **Grade 6 English City Olympiad**; 5a active learning program "What would happen if"; 6a, 6b, 7a skiing at Kuutsemäe; 8b active learning program at the Estonian Sports and Olympic Museum; announcing the winners of the Juvenes Translatores translation competition.
- 9 February – **Miina Härma's 160th birthday**; Miina Härma 160 children's choir singing day at Kõrveküla school; 8a active learning program at the Estonian Sports and Olympic Museum; Student Council meeting; competition for Russian speakers for grade 8-9 students.
- 9-10 February - singing competition Tuljak at MHG
- 10 February - **regional round of the Art Olympiad.**
- 12-16 February - preliminary exams week; **Valentine's Day week will be organized by the Student Council** (more information in Sruudium).
- 12 February - 8b in the folk poetry archive.
- 13 February - Shrove Tuesday; alumnus **Andres Kalle** visits 9b Homeroom lesson; 3–4e at the Estonian National Museum; **rehearsal of Miina Härma's 160 concert performance in the MHG hall.**
- 14 February - Valentine's Day; alumna **Mai Blöndal** speaks in the 9th-grade class on the topic "100,000 beats of our heart".
- 9e visits the editorial office of Värske Rõhk; **Miina Härma 160 rehearsal at the Vanemuine Concert Hall.**
- 15 February - **at 18:00, Miina Härma 160 concert at Vanemuise; regional round of the History Olympiad for basic schools.**
- 16 February - **regional round of the History Olympiad for secondary schools.**
- February 17 - **study day for 1st-grade applicants (Estonian classes only).**
- February 20 - Estonian language national exam II mock exam; 10a sports camp in Otepää; at 17-18 information session on collaborative entrance tests for 9th grade students and parents in ZOOM (Estonian secondary schools).

NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- As a result of the preliminary round of the Linguistics Olympiad held on 29 November, **Maribel Klaïs** (12a), **Karolin Ruumet** (11a) and **Tõnu Uustare** (12DP) will be invited to the final round of the Olympiad. The students were supervised by Riina Murulaid.
- **Luca Altnurme** (12DP, teacher Kirstin Karis) and **Helga Kadi Leedo** (11b, teacher Helen Semilarski) have been invited to the final round of the Biology Olympiad.
- **Märt Mattias Alas** (4b) won 1st place at the IT quiz Kobra in Benjamin category (5th-6th grade).
- **Helene Teder** (11a) won 2nd place in the older age group at the national reading competition of Anton Hansen Tammsaare's work, which took place in Albu on 2 February. Supervised by Auli Auvärt.
- The Tartu Cultural Foundation awarded four **“High-flight” scholarships** of 2,000 euros, which are aimed at self-improvement within the framework of studies at a hobby school in Tartu. Among the scholarship recipients are **Mart Väljamäe** (10b) and **Dominic Sütt** (6b).
- At the end of January, the Estonian youth singers competition Solistica 2024 took place in Saaremaa. The opportunity to perform with a professional accompanying ensemble and high-quality sound amplification enables the singers to compare themselves with their peers and gives them and their supervisors feedback from an expert consultant and the jury, recognising and encouraging talented soloists, enriching the local cultural life and sing the music of Estonian authors. **Gloria Raudjärv** (9b) won 1st place in Solistica among grades 7-9, and **Tristan Erik Teniste** (6a) got 3rd place among grades 4-6.



PISA 2022

WHAT IS PISA?

PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) is an international study conducted on the initiative of the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development), during which the knowledge and skills of 15-year-old students are assessed in reading comprehension, mathematical and scientific literacy. PISA examines:

- how well-prepared young people are to face the challenges ahead;
- whether students are able to analyze, find reasons and present their ideas;
- how able students are to apply their skills and knowledge in real life.

The main focus of PISA 2022 was on mathematics. After solving the tasks, the students filled in a questionnaire about their attitudes towards subjects, e.g. mathematics, their study habits, and how they are taught and supported.

PISA 2022 took place in 81 countries. In mathematics, Estonia shared the 7th-8th place in the world (1st-2nd place in Europe); in reading, Estonia was 2nd-9th in the world (1st-2nd place in Europe) and in science, Estonian children were 4th-8th in the world (1st place in Europe).

40 MHG students from grades 8-9 took part in the test (they are currently studying in the 10th and 11th grades).

MHG results:

***The best school in Estonia in reading, 2nd place in Estonia in mathematics and natural sciences!**

*In mathematics, we have been able to maintain a high level 5-6. level (top of the world!) in terms of students. As many as 62% of the students in our school reached it (on average 13% in Estonia).

***Students highly value the quality of our math teachers.** 65% of students thought that our math teachers teach in the best possible way.

*Compared to the Estonian average, the closing of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic affected our students less negatively.

*Our students have a more growth mindset than Estonian students on average.

*Among our students, there are more students than the average in Estonia who are very satisfied with their lives (35%).

104TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE TREATY OF TARTU

On 2 February, a traditional Tartu secondary school speech meeting was held at the Jaan Poska High School to celebrate the 104th anniversary of the peace treaty of Tartu. Students performed the song "Isamaa ilu holders" together; **Riin Värton** (11b), **Marian Pärn** (11c), and **Koit Helger Panksepp** (11b) sang from our school.

In between the song, well-known quotes were heard, and our student **Koit Helger Panksepp** presented Jaan Tõnisson's writing published in Postimees on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Tartu Peace: "To truly understand the importance of the Tartu Peace Treaty, our people only need to imagine for themselves what would have become of our nation, our country, of all of us if it would not have been possible to sign the peace agreement in Tartu at all? Even that is hard to imagine. What would have happened if the peace agreement had been delayed for a few more months?"

Next to the statue of Jaan Poska, **Uku Karl Kass** (11a) and **Otto Karl Kuuseok** (11a) were guarding the flag. As representatives of the school, the Head of Extra-Curricular Activities, Liis Somelar, with students Margaret Roost (11b), Mia-Chanel Susi (11c) and Hanna-Mirjam Roots (11a), were present. The Minister of Education and Research, Kristina Kallas and the Mayor of Tartu, **Urmas Klaas**, also held speeches. This time the event was organized by Tartu Annelinna Gymnasium.





MIINA HÄRMA 160 BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

“Miina Härma ärasõit”

Vanemuise Concert Hall
15.02.2024 at 18.00

PERFORMING:
CHOIRS AND FOLK DANCE GROUPS
OF MHG,
ANNA HUMAL (ORGAN)

Ticket 18 euros, supporter's ticket 35 euros
Tickets available at Piletimaailm, school's
office and before the concert in cash.
(tickets available soon)

104TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE TREATY OF TARTU



A festive poster for Valentine's Day theme week. The background is a dark teal color with a light green border. At the top left, there are several pink hearts. The title 'What to expect?' is in a light green, serif font. Below it, the text 'Valentine's Day theme week on 12-16 February' is in white. A horizontal timeline with an arrow pointing right shows the daily activities. To the left of the timeline, the days of the week are listed vertically. To the right, the activities are listed vertically. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a strawberry cupcake. At the bottom right, there are several yellow and pink hearts. The text 'Letters will be collected in the mailbox on 12-15 February' is in white. Below that, the text 'CELEBRATE WITH MIINA HÄRMA GYMNASIUM' is in white. The main title 'Valentine's Day' is in a large, white, serif font. At the bottom right, the text 'The dress code for the week is red, pink and white!!!' is in pink.

What to expect?

Valentine's Day theme week
on 12-16 February

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| Monday | Just Dance (4th & 5th break) |
| Tuesday | Valentine's Day Fair |
| Wednesday | Valentine's Day & Game of Half Hearts |
| Thursday | Just Dance |
| Friday | movie night & letter distribution |

Letters will be collected in the mailbox on
12-15 February

CELEBRATE WITH
MIINA HÄRMA GYMNASIUM

Valentine's Day

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white!!!



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FORMAL CEREMONIES ON 23.02.2024

grades 3–6

3rd lesson in Aula

grades 7–9

4th lesson in Aula

grades 10–12

5th lesson in Aula

grades 1-2

7th lesson in Aula

NB! The school day finishes after the formal ceremony with school lunch.

NB! FORMAL CLOTHES IN BLUE-BLACK-WHITE AND SCHOOL HATS