

# MHG NEWSLETTER

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 13.02 **Reet Noorlaid**
- 13.02 **Urma Linnus**
- 17.02 **Nisha  
Shailendra  
Kulkarni**
- 18.02 **Egle-Diana  
Keldt**
- 19.02 **Kaisa Karjane**

## MIINA HÄRMA 160



### 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)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 12-16 February - preliminary exams week for secondary school; **Valentine's Day week organized by Student Council** (more information in Stuudium).
- 12 February - 8b in the folk poetry archive.
- 13 February - Shrove Tuesday; **Geography Olympiad regional round**; Alumnus Andres Kalle visits the Homeroom lesson of 9b; 3–4e in the Estonian National Museum; **rehearsal of Miina Härma's 160 concert performance in the MHG Aula.**
- 14 February - Valentine's Day; alumna Mai Blöndal speaks to the 9th grades on the topic "100,000 beats of the heart"; alumna Maret Ahonen visits the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem lesson; 9e visits the editorial office of Värske Rõhk; Miina Härma 160 rehearsals in the Vanemuine Concert Hall.
- 15 February - **at 18:00, Miina Härma 160 concert at Vanemuine concert hall**; a regional round of the History Olympiad for basic schools.
- 16 February - regional round of the History Olympiad for secondary schools; **Valentine's Day movie night.**
- 17 February - admission day for 1st-grade applicants (Estonian classes only).
- 20-21 February – 10a sports camp in Otepää.
- 20 February - Estonian language state exam II mock exam; at 17-18 information session on collaborative entrance tests for 9th-grade students and parents in ZOOM (Estonian secondary schools); 4th-grade Exhibition information sessions for 4e.
- 22 February - regional round of the French Olympiad; 7b at Kuutsemäe; **parenting circle from 18:00 to 20:00**; at 16:00-18:00, MHG Trivia II round; 4th grade Exhibition information sessions for 4a and 4b.
- **23 February - activities of the anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.**
- **24 February - the 106th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.**
- **26 February - 3 March - school holidays.**

## NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- In the **final round of the Informatics Olympiad**, **Bamdad Khoshkhah** (8e) shared 5th-8th place, and **Märt Mattias Alas** (4b) shared 9th–12th place.
- In the **regional round of the Chemistry Olympiad**, **Kaisa Tullus** (8a) shared the 9th-10th place, **Erik Meriloo** (9a) was the winner among the 9th grades, **Saara Lei Konksi** (9b) took 3rd place, **Ott Loper** (8b) took 4th place, **Roland Saar** (9b) took 8th place, and 9th was **Uku Raudmäe** (9b). The young chemists of the basic school were supervised by Helle Sorge. Among the 10th grades, 1st-2nd was shared by **Nurkhan Torekhanov** (Pre-IB), 3rd place went to **Uku Nael** (10b), 8th place to **Jelizaveta Shčura** (10b). **Karolin Ruumet** (11a) took 4th place among the 11th grades, and **Laur Saks** (12DP) took 4th place among the 12th grades; the 5th-8th place was shared by **Triin Punab** (12DP). The secondary school students were supervised by Jörgen Metsik.
- In the **regional round of the Physics Olympiad**, **Ott Loper** (8b) took 3rd place, **Lennart Sein** (8a) 5th place, **Ats Joosep Laineste** (8b) 6th place, and **Kaisa Tullus** (8a) 9th place. Among the 10th grades, Härma students achieved a triple victory: 1st place **Sherkhan Torekhanov** (Pre-IB), 2nd place **Jelizaveta Shčura** (10b), 3rd place **Uku Nael** (10b); 7th place went to **Mart Väljamäe** (10b), 9th place to Uku **Märt Raasik** (10b). Among the 11th grades, **Erik Julius Lindgren** (11b) took 2nd place, **Karolin Ruumet** (11a) came 4th, and **Andri Türkson** took 6th place. All grade 8-11 students were supervised by Riina Murulaid. **Laur Saks** (12DP) took 2nd place, **Lauri Sarap** (12DP) 5th place and **Triin Punab** (12DP) 7th place in the 12th grade competition. The 12th-grade students were supervised by Leo Siiman.
- In the **regional round of the Mother Tongue Olympiad**, among grades 7-8, **Anni Maria Volt** (7b, teacher Reet Volmer) took 5th place, **Leo Fišel** (8b, teacher Auli Auvärt) took 7th place, **Kaisa Tullus** (8a, teacher Jana Kübar) took 9th place. Among grades 9-10, **Elin Hainsalu** (10c, Jana Kübar) took 2nd place, and **Laura Kirke Bertel Pertel** (10a, Reet Volmer) took 9th place. **Mirtel Tähepöld** (12b, Jana Kübar) took 7th place in the 12th-grade competition.
- In the district round of grades 7-9 Mathematics Olympiad, **Leo Fišel** (8b, supervisors Allar Aav and Janika Kaljula) took first place, **Lennart Sein** (8a, Veronika Lehesaar and Janika Kaljula) took 5th place, **Lille-Mai Kangur** took 10th place (8a, Veronika Lehesaar and Janika Kaljula). In the 9th grade competition, **Saara Lei Konksi** (9b, Janika Kaljula and Hendrik Matvejev) won 3rd place, and **Jaan Pruulmann** (9a, Tiiu Sasi) took 9th place.



## NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- In the **preliminary round of the Religious Education Olympiad**, Henrik Harjus (11a) took 9th place in the 11th-grade category, and **Merit Ots** (12a) shared 8th-11th place in the 12th-grade category. Supervised by Kätlin Liimets.
- On 9-11 February, the II stage of the Estonian Middle School Championship 2023/24 took place in debate. **Adele Mikelsaar** (8b) was declared the best basic school speaker. The title of the best beginner team was awarded to team ABA, which included **Adele Mikelsaar, Hanna Karileet** (10c) and **Anna Margaret Petrone** (10c). Our debaters are supervised by Andreas Pyšnograjev.
- On 8 February, the jury of the **Juvenes Translatores competition** of the EU Commission announced the winners of the 2023 year. At 12:15, MHG secondary school students **Helga Kadi Leedo, Riin Värton, Marian Pärn, Doris Poom** and **Erik Julius Lindgren** gathered in the reading room of the school library. Together, they watched the live broadcast of the announcement of the winners of the competition via the web. From the MHG students, **Riin Värton** (teacher Erika Puusemp) received special praise for her translation from English to Estonian and **Erik Julius Lindgren** (teacher Heikki Veinimäe) for his translation from German to Estonian. A total of four Estonian students received special praise. The overall winner in Estonia was a student of Rapla Gymnasium.





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- In February, the cross-country skiing championships for Tartumaa schoolchildren took place, where our 11th-grade student **Adeliine Lail** took 2nd place in the U18 T 5 km joint start distance.
- In the ball battle of Tartu schools, we achieved 3rd place among the boys of grades 1-3. The team included: **Herman Kull, Aron Kruustük, Jakob Uibo, Jakko Kingo, Emil Efraim Kolk, Kasper Käära, Karl August Rämmel, Romet Hirno** and **Reinar Toompere**. The team was supervised by Tähti Kilik and Saime Aule.



- The **8th-grade students** donated the research they had completed as part of their school work to the **Estonian Folklore Archive**, and at the end of the topic, they got to know how folklore (that is, texts and audiovisuals that express the world view of an ordinary person) is preserved in ERA. 8b students were directed and guided by teacher Auli Auvärt.



## ALUMNI FEBRUARY

- MHG alumnus **Andreas Kalle** from the Ruutu10 impro troupe as a fir cone in the middle of 9th grade students.



- Alumnus Minni Hein speaks in the 11th-grade Literature and Art class about the necessity of art, the language of art as a way of making sense of oneself and the world.





## MIINA HÄRMA 160

Miina Härma was the first Estonian female composer, the first female organist and the first female conductor, one of the sewists of the first blue-black-white flag. She taught at the world's first Estonian-language secondary school and, in 1939, was elected as the first woman to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Tartu. She has been selected as one of the 100 great Estonian figures of the 20th century.

**Miina Härma was born on 9 February, 1864 in Kõrveküla, Tartu County. Her father was a schoolmaster who conducted the local choir and orchestra. After graduating from the municipal school, Miina Härma's education continued at the German-speaking Schultze private school in Tartu.**

It is extraordinary that in 1883 she had the courage to travel to St. Petersburg to take the entrance exams to the conservatory. At first, she studied the piano but soon switched to the organ class. The great city of Petersburg remained her residence for 11 years. Alongside and after her studies, Miina Härma's professional musical life began - she gave singing lessons and concerts, conducted choirs, wrote music and even went on tours in Germany and England. In 1894, homesickness brought Miina Härma back to Tartu. Although there was a lot of musical activity here, it was still not enough to support oneself. In 1903, she went to Kroonlinn, where she worked as a music teacher, but she also spent time composing music. In 1904, her stage play "Murueide Tütar" was performed in Kroonlinn.

The hardships of the First World War and the expectation of the emerging republic forced many Estonian sons and daughters to leave the expanses of Russia and return to their homeland. "Talents home!", said Tartu. So Miina Härma came to Taaralinn and, in 1917, started working as a music teacher at the Girls' Gymnasium of the Estonian Youth Education Society. Beloved Teacher worked in our school until 1929. In 1964, on the 100th anniversary of Miina Härma's birth, the school was named after her.

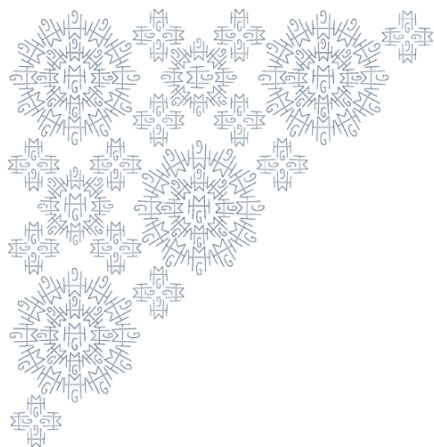
Miina Härma died on 16 November 1941, escaping the depressing grip of the Soviet government. She is buried at the Raadi cemetery. Every birth anniversary, the students of our school visit her grave.

Miina Härma's musical heritage is worthy of respect - she wrote more than 200 choral songs, was the conductor at all public singing parties, her "Tuljak" composed to the words of Karl Ferdinand Karlson speaks to every Estonian even today. Miina Härma's "Tuljak" was created by Anna Raudkats, and as such, it is the grand finale of every general dance party.

Sources used: Miina Härma 150. Before and now. Kirjastus SE&JS, 2014. History of Estonia in biographies. Assembly. Sulev Vahre. Publisher Olion, 1997.



## THE PROGRAM OF MIINA HÄRMA 160 CONCERT



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Miina Härma ärasõit

Vanemuise Concert Hall

15.02.2024 at 18.00



## THE PROGRAM OF MIINA HÄRMA 160 BIRTHDAY CONCERT

### **Lastekoor**

"Labajala valss" rahvaluule/Riho Päts  
Dirigent Sirle Lorvi

### **Segakoor**

"Lootuse laul" psalm 121/Miina Härma  
Orelil Anna Humal  
Dirigent Markus Leppoja

### **3.-4. klasside mudilaskoor**

"Lumi nagu valge samet" Jaan Speek/ Miina Härma  
"Emakesele" Miina Härma  
Dirigent Külli Karask

### **Koraaliimprovisatsioon**

Orelil Anna Humal

### **Härmatis 3-4**

"Kungla rahvas"  
Koreograafia Anna Raudkats/muusika Karl August Hermann  
Tantsujuht Anita Kreen

### **Lastekoor**

"Kui sa tuled, too mull` lilli"  
Anna Haava/Miina Härma  
Dirigent Sirle Lorvi

### **Härmatis C2**

"Soovide valss"  
Koreograafia Niina ja Alfred Raadik/muusika Eino Tamberg  
Tantsujuht Anita Kreen

### **Härmatis 5-6**

"Ruttame koos"  
Koreograafia Ene Jakobson/muusika Piret Laikre  
Tantsujuht Anita Kreen

### **Härmatis 7-8 ja Härmatis 9**

"Pärimuspõimik noortele"  
Koreograafia Tiiu Haljaste/rahvamuusika seadnud Tiiu Haljaste ja Reine Niin  
Lavale seadnud Oliver Mäesalu (Härmatis 7-8)  
Tantsujuht Anita Kreen

### **2. klassi mudilaskoor**

"Õhtul"  
Ernst Enno/Miina Hermann  
Dirigent Külli Karask

### **Poistekoor**

"Õitse, kasva, ela!" Mattias Johann Eisen/Miina Härma  
"Kuku, sa kägu, kuldalindu"  
Tekst eeposest "Kalevipoeg"/eesti rahvaviis, seadnud Karl August Hermann  
Dirigent Lilia Ilves

### **Neidudekoor**

"Ei saa mitte vaiki olla" Anna Haava/Miina Härma  
Dirigent Kadri Leppoja  
"Nooruse unenägu" Gustav Suits/Miina Härma  
Dirigent Markus Leppoja

## THE PROGRAM OF MIINA HÄRMA 160 CONCERT

### **Härmatis C1**

"Mäella"

Koreograafia Ingrid Jasmin/ rahvalaul, ansambel Rüüt  
Tantsujuht Anita Kreen

### **Miina Härma Lauluseltsi segakoor**

"Pidu hakkab"

Rahvaluule/Miina Härma  
Dirigent Külli Karask

### **Segakoor**

"Tuljak" Karl Ferdinand Karlson/Miina Härma  
Dirigent Markus Leppoja

### **Härmatise gümnaasiumirühmade poisid**

Meeste massvõimlemiskava

Ernst Idla originaalharjutuste ainetel seadnud Katrin  
Reinup/ muusika Ingrid Idla  
Tantsujuht Anita Kreen

### **Härmatise viiastlasrühm**

"Oh keeruta"

Koreograafia Ene Jakobson/muusika Raimond Valgre, seade  
ansambel Kosmikud  
Tantsujuht Anita Kreen

### **Ühendkoor**

Segakoor, Miina Härma Lauluseltsi segakoor,  
neidudekoor ja poistekoori meeshääled  
"Veel kaitse, kange Kalev, oma lapsi". Lõpukoor  
kantaadist "Kalev ja Linda"  
Karl Ferdinand Karlson/Miina Härma  
Orelil Anna Humal  
Dirigent Markus Leppoja

Osades:

Miina vanemad **Gerli Raag** ja **Pärt Kõrgesaar**  
Miina Hermann **Helene Teder**  
Peterburi linnaelanik **Meribel Võimre**  
Peterburi linnaelanik **Minni Riin Lamp**  
Kontserdikülastaja Leipzigis **Helerin Salve**  
Kontserdikülastaja Leipzigis **Riin Värton**  
Korrespondent **Margaret Roost**  
Parun Heinrich von Trebra **Koit Helger Panksepp**  
Karl August Hermann **Frank Tigane**  
Aleksander **Jakob Hagu**  
Anna Haava **Grete Elisabeth Laumets**  
Haiglaõde **Arabella Leego**  
Ajakirjanik **Johanna-Marie Nöps**

Orelil **Anna Humal**  
Lavastaja **Ivika Hein**  
Lavastaja abi **Gerli Raag**  
Tantsujuht **Anita Kreen**  
Koorijuhid **Kadri Leppoja, Markus Leppoja, Külli  
Karask, Lilia Ilves, Sirle Lorvi**



## REET NOORLAID 80

On 13 February, our English teacher, Reet Noorlaid, celebrated her 80th birthday. She is one of the legendary English teachers of Miina Härma Gümnaasium, who has always been ready to immerse herself in modern teaching methods and develop new elective courses; she has developed the teaching of English in our school. Reet has contributed significantly to the substantive development of English language teaching nationwide.

**Teacher Noorlaid started working at our school after graduating from the University of Tartu in 1967 and taught even a year ago when we needed a substitute teacher. Reet Noorlaid is an active, energetic, cheerful and helpful colleague. What has been admirable has been her fanaticism and unwavering commitment to school-work-related goals and activities.**

Her entire teaching career is connected with our school. Teacher Noorlaid has taught English, journalistic English, business English and academic English; she has organized written and simultaneous translation courses in collaboration with university lecturers and guided students in preparing for student competitions. Teacher Noorlaid has shared her wealth of experience with the university's teacher-training students. She has participated in the work of the English Language Teachers' Association and participated in the English Language State Examinations Committee as an evaluator. Young colleagues have always received useful tips and encouragement from teacher Noorlaid to try and experiment with new materials and methodologies.



Reet Noorlaid and her student, President Alar Karis, at the MHG's 115th-anniversary event in the Vanemuine concert hall.

## REET NOORLAI 80

Reet Noorlaid's ability to form positive self-esteem and self-image in students has ensured a learning environment that promotes the effectiveness of teaching.

**Teacher Noorlaid has been certified as a pedagogue-methodologist four times; she has been recognized with the honorary title of Teacher of the Year (2007) and the President's Cultural Fund education award (2011).**

**Happy birthday, teacher Noorlaid!**



2011 President of the Republic Education Award laureate Reet Noorlaid and President Toomas Hendrik Ilves

## What to expect?

Valentine's Day theme week  
on 12-16 February

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



The dress code for the  
week is red, pink and  
white!!!





# MHG Mälumäng

Tule kohale  
ja naudi  
koos  
sõpradega!

Teine mäng  
neljast'  
Kuni neljased  
võistkonnad

Mälumäng on  
mõeldud  
kõigile MHG  
õpilastele,  
1.-12. klass!

22. veebruar, 16.00-18.00, Kooli aulas



## EV 106

### 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



## WE WEAR GLOVES WITH ESTONIAN PATTERNS!

8th grade girls, teacher Marje Peedisson and [Kudujate Koopiaklubi](#) invite everyone to wear genuine Estonian gloves on 24 February!







Daily

WE SERVE  
TRADITIONAL  
ESTONIAN FOODS

19th-23th February

*Oma on haa!*

