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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



BIRTHDAYS

- 17.12 Kätlin Liimets
- 17.12 Kairi Land
- 17.12 Liis Somelar
- 19.12 Kari Kalk
- 22.12 Paul Martin Kull
- 31.12 Marje Kuus
- 01.01 Lilia Ilves
- 08.01 Jana Kubar
- 08.01 Helene Hütt



HEAD OF SCHOOL, ENE TANNBERG'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Dear school family!

The year 2024 is becoming history. The important keywords of the ending year in Tartu have been related to being the European Capital of Culture. Our school family also participated in the activities of the Capital of Culture. **One of the secondarylights was the participation of all our choirs and folk dance groups in the Tartu Song and Dance Festival in June.** After a seven-year break, a **spring concert** was held again, and we revived the choir **exchange with the mixed choir and orchestra of a partner school in Bielefeld, Germany.** secondary-level collaborative concerts occurred in Bielefeld in April and Tartu in September. A collaborative **concert** of our children's choir and the EMÜ male choir Gaudeamus was held as a new initiative on **Father's Day.** Härmatis folk dancers introduced our dance culture at an **international cultural festival in Nepal** in the spring.

The students' most notable achievements include **winning the TV show Rakett69** and winning the **first prize in the national student research paper competition.** The debaters debated to become the **best Estonian debate school,** and our students represented Estonia at the **World Debate Championship.** We recognized almost a **fifth of the secondary school graduates with a gold or silver medal.**

Several student initiatives deserve recognition, such as restoring the **Citizens' Day debate tradition, organizing a school ball, and organizing a second-hand fair.**

In regular study circles, our teachers learn how to better teach approaches to learning. The teams of the **Schools in Motion** and **KiVa programs** are active. **The city government plans to reconstruct our school's yard into a sports and recreation area in the new year, offering many opportunities.** After this construction work, our schoolyard should no longer turn into a small Venice, as it did last summer.

Dear school family! May we continue to be enthusiastic about maintaining everything we consider important in our school in the new year! Have a wonderful holiday season!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 17 December – 6a Christmas lunch; 6a gathering and Christmas lunch in Handicraft class; 7a skating in Town Hall Square; 8b at the annual exhibition of contemporary youth art at the Jakobi Gallery; 10a class evening; 11a Christmas evening.
- 18 December – **Christmas parties for grades 1–8**; 1a Christmas party; 5–6e Christmas muffin baking; 12a active learning program in the KGB cells; Entrepreneurship Ecosystem module study tour to A. Le Coq.
- 19 December – **Christmas Sweater Day**; Christmas morning for employees; **Christmas party for grades 9–12**; 1–4e at the Christmas program at the Tartu Citizen’s Museum. 2a and 2b at the Christmas program at the Sports Museum; 3b at the SKA Park on a class night; 5a at Christmas lunch at the Kolm Tilli restaurant; 5b at Christmas lunch; 7b at Christmas lunch at the University Café; 8a at the escape room and Christmas lunch; 8b at Christmas lunch; 9a at Christmas lunch at the Da Vinci restaurant; 9b at Christmas lunch at Vilde ja Vine; 11b at Christmas lunch at the Humal restaurant; 11c class night.
- 20 December – **at 9:00 Christmas service and concert at St. Paul's Church**; 10b Christmas brunch at Kolm Till; 11c festive Christmas breakfast at Hõlm restaurant; 12b Christmas lunch at Drinkgeld.
- **December 21–5. January - Christmas holidays.**
- 3 January - **Teachers' Collaboration Day.**
- 6 January – **at 18:00 in the MHG Aula – “Alice in Wonderland”.**
- 8 January - DSD II oral exam.
- 9 January – VKV final competition in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry; school round of Biology Olympiad for basic school.
- 9-10 January - 11th-grade cultural trip to Riga.
- 14 January – Song Festival rehearsal for children’s choirs.
- 16 January – Regional round of the secondary school social studies Olympiad.
- January 17 – regional round of basic school Social Studies Olympiad; regional round of secondary school Biology Olympiad.

MHG MEMORABLE MOMENTS 2024

Initiatives

- We recognize and thank our employees with special souvenirs on their work anniversaries.
- We started learning the basic principles of learning in teacher study circles and will continue to develop approaches to learning.
- An Advent calendar for teachers is prepared.
- Biology clubs were initiated at the basic and secondary school levels.
- We opened Spanish language courses at the B1 level for beginners and advanced students in secondary school.
- The IB DP curriculum was supplemented with the subject of Psychology.
- Students in grade 11DP started a technology club.
- Folk dancers introduced Estonian culture at an international cultural festival in Nepal.
- A concert dedicated to Father's Day was held by the MHG 3rd–4th grade children's choir and the University of Life Sciences male choir Gaudeamus.
- A second-hand fair, "Härmakalt Härmakale", was held.
- A school-wide donor day was held.
- International classes began their studies in the Puiestee 62 academic building.

Continuity

- We share our experiences and best practices with other schools and foreign guests.
- We have a leading KiVa team.
- We are a practice school for teacher-training students.
- Our mixed choir held friendship meetings and collaborative concerts in Bielefeld and Tartu.
- A spring concert and an Advent concert took place.
- The school choirs participated in the Tartu Song Festival and the Uma Pido Festival.
- Under the leadership of the Student Council, the Citizens' Day debate between student and teacher teams was revived.
- The students organized the MHG ball.
- We will continue to cooperate in the work of the UNESCO Associated Schools Network.
- In its fifth year of operation, the Schools in Motion team has grown and is active at various conferences.

MHG MEMORABLE MOMENTS 2024

- The 10th grade orientation evening was held for the fifth time in August.
- For the fifth time, we participated in the international English language competition Best in English. This year, MHG came in second place out of 740 schools.
- The school's weekly newsletter is published for the sixth academic year.
- For the 12th year in a row, we are sending our partners a paper Christmas card drawn by a student and selected by the school family.

Achievements

- The national nominee for School Principal of the Year is our Head of school, Ene Tannberg, Tartu Secondary School Teacher of the Year, Tiiu Sasi, Basic School Teacher of the Year, Ene Sööt, and Homeroom Teacher of the Year, Age Raimets.
- 9 students graduated from secondary school with gold medals and 12 with silver medals.
- Andri Türkson won the TV show Rakett69.
- Maret Hallik won first prize in the national student research paper competition.
- Ats Johannes Kaup received the Young Scholar Scholarship.
- Our school's debaters won first place among schools at the secondary School Debate Championship, and Mia Karolina Altküla represented Estonia at the World secondary School Debate Championship.
- Külli Karask was the director of the Tartu Song Festival and Kadri Leppoja conducted the combined choir.



A memorable photo from 6 August, 2024. Photo by: alumna Kertu Valge

THE GIFT ARRIVED HOME.

- **Alumnus Tarmo Laanetu** gave the school a gift and wrote in the guest book: "Thanks to this school, many Estonian people are doing great things and good in the world. **I have the honour to present the school with a painting purchased at the Carolin Illenzeer Foundation charity auction**, which symbolizes our alumni's gratitude to all the school's teachers. Many thanks and deep bows to your school. Tarmo Laanetu, 13.12.2024".
- This is the graphic page "Belly Dancer" (1970) by artist Endel Kõks.



9TH GRADE PERSONAL PROJECT FAIR

- On 16 December, a Personal Project fair for 9th-grade students took place in the school Aula.



NOTICED AT HÄRMA

- In the preliminary round of the Informatics Olympiad held on 8 December, **Märt Mattias Alas** (5b) achieved 30th place among secondary school students (109 students participated!). Märt Mattias came in 4th place among basic school students.
- The first stage of the **Estonian Secondary School Debate Championship** took place on 7–8 December. Team Härma Hirmud (**Eliisabet Jürimäe**, **Adele Mikelsaar**, **Anna Margaret Petrone**) reached the semi-finals, and team Administrative Royalist Party Jr (with **Brent Gregor Smirnov**) reached the quarter-finals.
- In the **Open Physics Competition** held on 30 November, **Lennart Sein** (8a, teacher Aile Einola) took 3rd place in the 8th-grade competition, **Ott Loper** (9b, teacher Aile Einola) took 11th place in the 9th-grade competition, and **Kaisa Tullus** (9a, teacher Aile Einola) took 18th place. In the 11th grade category, **Uku Nael** (11DP, teacher Leo Siiman) came in 2nd place, **Jeližaveta Štšura** (11DP, teacher Leo Siiman) came in 8th place, **Sherkhan Torekhanov** (11DP, teacher Leo Siiman) came in 10th place, **Nurkhan Torekhanov** (11DP, teacher Leo Siiman) came in 14th–15th place and **Uku Märt Raasik** (11DP, teacher Leo Siiman) came in 19th place. In the 12th-grade category, **Erik Julius Lindgren** (12b, teacher Kristjan Vällik) came in 12th place, and **Karolin Ruumet** (12a, teacher Riina Murulaid) came in 20th place.
- **We thank 12th-grade students Annabel Raig and Andri Türkson for introducing our school to the 9th-grade students of Tartu Hansa School on 28 November!**
- On 12 December, the Tartu secondary school amateur mixed volleyball Christmas tournament took place at HTG. Our school team achieved a good 3rd place. We were represented by: **Gertrud Alice Kala** (10b), **Helena Kolbin** (10b), **Meribel Võimre** (12c), Laura Kirke Bertel Pertel (11.a), Uku Raudmäe (10.b), Pärtel Pirsko (11.b), Tinto Kuusk (11.b).
- Our secondary school's senior year student **Adri Türkson**, who won the TV show Rakett69 last season, was included in **Postimees' 100 Faces!**
Read more: [HERE](#)



BEST IN ENGLISH

- On 21 November, the **international English language competition Best in English took place again**. This time, there were participants from 740 schools and 31 countries, a total of 29,106 students. MHG took part in the competition for the fifth time. **Tambet Uustare** (21st place, 9b, teacher Tiiu Müür) and **Erik Meriloo** (38th place, 10c, teacher Anne Aluvee) made it to the top 100 in the world. Among the first thousand were also: **Johan Talvis** (104th place, 12b, Anne Aluvee), **Kaisa Tullus** (116th place, 9a, Tiiu Müür), **Uku Raudmäe** (118th place, 10b, Erika Puusemp), **Uku Märt Raasik** (119th place, 11DP), **Hendrik Napritson** (253rd place, 9b, Tiiu Müür), **Miriam Elisabet Ööbik** (308th place, 11DP), **Hebe Linn Caceres** (314th place, 9b, Heiki Puusepp), **Kristel Reimus** (357th place, 10c, Erika Puusemp), **Andri Türkson** (421st place, 12b, Anne Aluvee), **Marian Herodes** (476th place, 9b, Tiiu Müür), **Rasmus Politanov** (671st place, 11DP), **Daniel Erin** (724th place, 11a, Anne Aluvee), **Marta Paalo** (731st place, 10c, Kaisa Jõgi), **Kärt Kuusik** (733rd place, 10b, Kaisa Jõgi), **Grete Elisabeth Laumets** (791st place, 12c, Erika Puusemp), **Mia Kaasik** (834th place, 12c, Annabel Moltsaar), **Kristiina Sellis** (890th place, 9b, Heiki Puusepp), **Norah Elisabeth Ratas** (937th place, 12c, Anne Aluvee), **Marian Pärn** (952nd place, 12c, Anne Aluvee), **Tinto Kuusk** (976th place, 11b, Erika Puusemp), **Ekke Laanoja** (979th place, 11c, teacher Kaisa Jõgi).
- In the school category, we achieved second place among 740 schools!



BEST IN ENGLISH

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CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

19.12



THE DAY WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR

**ON 19 DECEMBER PUT ON YOUR UGLIEST/NICEST CHRISTMAS
SWEATER AND HELP TO RAISE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT
SCHOOL.
SHOW OFF YOUR BEST SWEATER TO THE WHOLE SCHOOL!**

CHRISTMAS  **VISION**
5.-8. GRADE CHRISTMAS PARTY



DEC

18

18:00-21:30

2024



**PERFORMANCES AND A
CHRISTMAS DISCO!**





MIINA HÄRMA'S GOT TALENT

WILL YOUR CLASS BE SANTAS NEXT
TOP ELVES?

FEATURING GUEST JUDGES, WITTY HOSTS AND
PERFORMANCES THAT WILL LEAVE YOU
SPEECHLESS!

19TH 9 - 12TH GRADE
DEC 6.00PM - 9.30 PM

YOU CAN BUY SNACKS AND
BEVERAGES!

ALICE IMEDEMAAL

Kabevaatuseline näidend Lewis Carrolli „Alice Imedemaal” ainetel

Näitlejad: Miina Härma Gümnaasiumi õpilased

Lavastajad: Margaret Roost

Helene Teder

Esmaspäeval, 6.jaanuaril kell 18:00

Miina Härma Gümnaasiumi aulas

Tavapilet 2€

Toetajapilet 5€



MIINA HÄRMA BALL 2025

Happily ever after

8. VEEBRUAR

9.-12. KLASSIDELE

UKSED AVATAKSE 18.00

ROHKEM INFOT FACEBOOKIS!

