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BIRTHDAYS

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

On 14 March, we celebrated **St. Patrick's Day, the Irish national holiday**, at school. During the day, you could hear Irish music, take part in a quiz, and find bulls and Irish blessings in the school building. The school family could be seen wearing green clothes.

On March 20, 11th-grade students met with the **Irish Ambassador, Mr. James Sherry**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 24 March 4 April **12DP mock exams**; 24-28 March 7th–8th grade student exchange with Mart Reiniku School; 10band 12b at the performance "Long Papers" at the Elektriteater.
- 25 March guests from the Lőrinc Szabó School in Budapest; students from grades 4a, 4b, 3a and 3b at the performance "Vai-vai vaene Vargamäe" in Vanemuine; **gynecologist-obstetrician Dr. Deniss Sõritsa** visits the 9a grade biology class.
- 26 March **Regional round of the Biology Olympiad** for basic schools; **diplomat Jüri Seilenthal** in the "Introduction to Diplomacy" lesson; 11b students on a study tour at the Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology of the University of Tartu; guests from the Lőrinc Szabó School in Budapest.
- 27 March XXVIII National Song Festival "Iseoma" children's choirs' rehearsal and II recital; 9th grade students' simulations of secondary school entrance interviews; KiVa morning for 2nd graders in the Aula; SEB Bank's retail banking **project manager Ilja Karasjov's** guest lecture; 1e–4e students in Gallery Pallas.
- 28 March **Tartu City Spelling Olympiad**; 10b on an excursion in Pärnu; Tartu secondary school Student Council meeting in the MHG Aula; Härmatis 8–9 and Härmatis C2 dance camp in Võru;
- March 29 10b on an excursion in Pärnu; Härmatis 8–9 and Härmatis C2 at the dance camp in Võru; MHLS song day in the school Aula; boys' choir song day.
- 31 March **German DSD I oral exam**; PISA information session for students in grades 8 and 9; a representative from the University of Rostock introduces students to study opportunities at Rostock University of Applied Sciences.
- 2 April 9th graders' simulations of secondary school entrance interviews;
 Minister of Education and Research Kristina Kallas speaks to 10th and 11th graders about artificial intelligence; the girls' and mixed choir perform "Carmen" in Estonia.
- 3 April girls' and mixed choir at the Estonian National Theatre at the performance "Carmen"; alumnus Krister Paris with Jüri Gymnasium principal Liina Altroff visit the course "Life in the Information Society"; 5th grade on a field trip to Taevaskoja; 3–4e in the University of Tartu museum class "The Fairytale World of Ancient Greece".
- 4 April **12th graders' baby day**; Nature Month program for 6th and 8th graders "What do the annual rings tell us?"; singing camp for girls and mixed choirs in Vara; UT Chamber Choir concert in the MHG Aula.
- 5 April singing camp for girls and mixed choirs in Vara; final round of the Economics Olympiad; 2nd rehearsal and recital for boys' choirs of the XXVIII National Song Festival "Iseoma"; Wanderer Literature Competition in the auditorium.

NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- On 9 March, the Estonian **Indoor Rowing Championships** took place. Our school students **Karel Lõhmus** (7b;TÜASK) and **Robert Vassiljev** (7b, TÜASK) participated in the boys' 1000-meter race in the C age group. **Robert Vassiljev** earned a gold medal along with the Estonian championship title.
- Timmo Tomingas (6b) won first place in his age group in the "Best Young Instrumentalist 2025" clarinet competition. The competition took place on 8 March at Keila Music School. Timmo is studying the instrument at Heino Eller Music School, and his teacher is **Tõnu Kalm**.
- On 1 March, the national round of young French horn players took place at Tartu I Music School, where **Juhan Kruus** took second place in the third age group. Juhan's teacher is **Kaido Otsing**.

 Birgit Männigo won 2nd place in the 11th grade competition at the National Religious Education Olympiad held in Tartu on 15–16 March. A very good result, as the level was consistently very high. The supervisor was Kätlin

Liimets.



The photo shows Birgit with the jury chairwoman, Olga Schihalejev. see also https://eestikirik.ee/pigem-soprus-kui-konkurents

NOTICED IN HÄRMA

Two teams from our school participated in the international mathematics competition Naboj. The older group, consisting of Karolin Ruumet, Nurkhan Torekhanov, Sherkhan Torekhanov, Uku Märt Raasik and Uku Nael, achieved 5th place in the Estonian competition, while the younger group, consisting of Lennart Sein, Leo Fišel, Sulev Möls, Ott Loper and Mattias Vija, achieved 12th place.



- In the final round of the National Mathematics Olympiad, Sherkhan
 Torekhanov received the third prize in the 11th grade category, and Karolin
 Ruumet received the third prize in the 12th grade category.
- Ruudi Johannes Õim (3a) won 3rd place in Sudoku at the Mental Sports Olympiad.

CALL-UP

If you have any soft toys you would like to bring to school for use in Physical Education class, we are waiting for them to be handed over to a Physical Education teacher by Friday. The items should be 20–25cm in size and should not have sharp or metal parts, i.e. tired cuddly toys.

Thanking you in advance
Physical Education teachers







NOTICED IN HÄRMA

- Six works from Miina Härma Gümnaasium made it to the second round of the national student research competition.
- The second round will take place on 8–9 April at the Student Science Festival at the AHHAA Science Centre.
- Maria Peedimaa's research paper "Implementation of the Estonian National Curriculum Elective Subject System and Satisfaction with It on the Example of the 113th graduating year of Miina Härma Gümnaasium", supervisor Tiia Lepik.
- Helga Kadi Leedo's research paper "The relationship between women's hospitalization and social position using the example of the University of Tartu Psychiatric Clinic in 1887–1888", supervisors Alla Vinitšenko and Anu Rae.
- Maarja-Lill Madisson's research paper "The fruit fly as a model for studying carcinogenesis", supervised by Anne Laius and Osamu Shimmi.
- Karolin Ruumet's research paper "Measuring the parameters of solar cells in artificial light using Cu2Zn(Sn1-xGex)S4 as an example", supervisors
 Jörgen Metsik and Marit Kauk-Kuusik.
- Jakob Hagu's research paper "Analysis of the dietary habits of Tallinn residents who died in the plague epidemic of 1710", supervised by Ivika Hein, Mari Tõrv and Holar Sepp.
- **Doris Poom's** research paper "Nikolai Baturin's dialect poetry insights and assessments", supervisor **Karmen Grigor**.



NOTICED IN HÄRMA

School principals' study tour to Riga on 20-21.03

Ene Tannberg, Tiia Lepik and Ilmar Tammisto from MHG participated in the study tour. In Riga, they visited a basic school with an artistic focus and a state secondary school, where it is possible to complete the DP curriculum in parallel with the Latvian curriculum (students take exams for both curricula since the Latvian state does not accept the IB curriculum as secondary education). A state secondary school is a quality mark in Latvia (based on results), not an indication of the school's ownership. People from the Riga Department of Education were met at the Town Hall, where they talked about educational policy, projects and the transition to Latvian-language instruction in all schools.

At the Embassy of the Republic of Estonia, Ambassador Eerik Marmei (an alumnus of our school) introduced the history and activities of the embassy. The embassy has moved to new premises, the official opening will take place on 26

March.







IX NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES OLYMPIAD AND EAÜS ANNUAL MEETING

On 22 March, the annual meeting of the **Estonian Society of History and Social Studies Teachers** took place at MHG. On this occasion, teachers of the relevant subjects from all over Estonia gathered to familiarize themselves with the activities of the society and ongoing projects. As part of the collaboration day, Supreme Court Judge Vahur-Peeter Liin and communications specialist Marika Koppel presented to the teachers, introducing the background and organization of the Supreme Court case competition. In addition, Vahur-Peeter Liin, chairman of the jury of the last case competition, gave an overview of the works submitted to the contest.

Traditionally, the **final round of the National Social Studies Olympiad** took place simultaneously, bringing 155 of the best students in Estonia to our school, including our 12th-grade student, **Henrik Harjus**. The final round committee included former and current MHG teachers: **Kaarel Aadli**, **Piret Tänav**, **Alla Vinitšenko**, **Urma Linnus** and **Kari Kalk**.







NOTICED IN HÄRMA

The Estonian Youth, Junior and Open Class Bench Press Championships
(with equipment) took place at the Kunda Sports Hall on 15 March. Eleriin
Sepp (12b) achieved third place in the women's juniors' absolute standings
and first place in the team standings.





• Noora Sipria (10c) won a gold medal in the U21 girls' age group in the Estonian Indoor Archery Championships held on 19–20 April.





NOTICED IN HÄRMA

The Estonian Ten-Dance Championships took place in Tartu on 22-23
March. Roberta Anette Annuk (7b) won 1st place in the junior 2 solo
category and is the Estonian 10-dance champion.





• **Bianca Sõritsa** (4b) took 2nd place in the children's two solo category and 6th place as a pair in the junior one category. One of her coaches is MHG alumna Kaisa Oja-Mehine, whose dance school Bianca trains at.





NEWSLETTER

We are looking forward to welcoming 9th grade students to the MHG Open House on April 23rd at 4:00 PM or 5:00 PM.

Register: <u>HERE</u>

