

SCHOOLHOUSE CHESS[®]

Making Learning Fun!

After-School
Enrichment
Program

We make learning chess easy.

Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes

Each child receives a magnetic chess set

Appropriate for grades 1-6

- Chess pieces come to life through creative personalities.
- A take-home summary card with activities is provided each week.
- Classes are a combination of chess lessons and play.

Return registration & payment to:
St. Croix Catholic School
Course: Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced Chess
School: St. Croix Catholic School
Grades: K - Gr 5
Details: Tue 3:40 PM - 4:40 PM
Dates: 1/27/2015 to 3/3/2015
Fee: \$65/6 Weeks
Questions to Peggy Doeksen 651-439-5581 Ext. 322

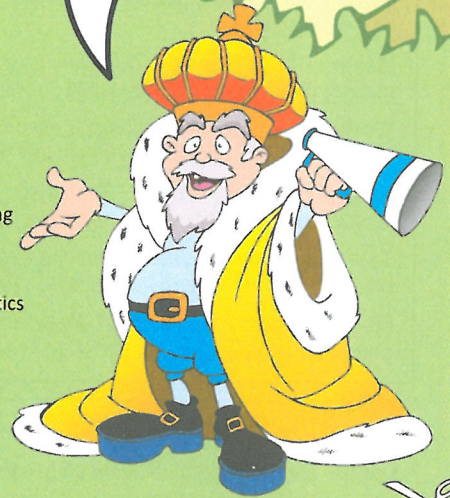
Register early. Enrollment is limited.
Registration deadline is January 13, 2015

Schoolhouse Chess
This program brings chess pieces to life using creative personalities that fascinate and make learning fun. Participants receive their own magnetic chess set and weekly worksheets

Beginner class
Introduction to chess pieces, setup, basic rules including checking, castling and material value will be covered.

Intermediate class
Students learn the higher concepts of chess notation, "en passant", forks, pins, and swarming along with tactics and strategies. This course is for players who have already mastered the beginner level core concepts.

Advanced class
Learn refined chess tactics & strategies to make you a chess winner! Topics covered include principles of openings, mid-game strategies, and how to play the endgame. Registrants must have taken the intermediate course or have commensurate chess



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Return registration to: **St. Croix Catholic School, 621 S 3rd Street, Stillwater, MN 55082**

Name _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Emergency Phone _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

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Select Level Beginner Intermediate Advanced **(1/27/2015 to 3/3/2015)**

Hands-on learning fee: \$ 65 Make checks payable to: **St. Croix Catholic School**

Person authorized to pick up child other than parent _____

Special needs or health concerns _____



If two or more levels are offered at your school, which class is most appropriate?

Please use the following definitions as guidelines to assess your child's skill level. Students in primary grades typically repeat the Beginner curriculum to build their confidence and skills before moving to the Intermediate level.

1. Beginning Class – Student has not played chess before or is still learning the fundamentals (as listed under “Beginning”)
2. Intermediate Class - To get the most out of this course, students must already have a clear understanding of these concepts taught in the Beginning Class: ■ How pieces move and capture ■ Check and checkmate ■ Castling ■ Pawn promotion ■ Concept of material
3. Advanced Class -To be successful in this class, registrants must have a working knowledge of these concepts taught in the intermediate class: ■ Chess notation ■ En Passant ■ Forks ■ Pins ■ Attacking the “f” pawn

Classes progress through lessons as students learn each topic. Beginner students receive a travel size magnetic chess set. Beginner and Intermediate students receive a resource comic book. Students in all courses receive weekly worksheets.

Beginning Chess Course

Welcome to the World of Chess! *Beginning Lesson 1*—Meet the chess pieces, how they move, learn how to set up the board and the basic rules of play. Discover a special move called pawn promotion.

Where's the check? *Beginning Lesson 2*—You win the game when your opponent cannot move his/her King to safety. Learn the difference between check and checkmate.

Two Moves in One! *Beginning Lesson 3*—Protect your King by moving him to a safe place in one of his “castles.” It is a weird move called castling

Making Che\$\$ Money! *Beginning Lesson 4*—Become skilled at making good trades. This is called knowing material

Working Together! *Beginning Lesson 5*—Use your pieces together to become a winning team against your foe's King.

King of the Best Fortress! *Beginning Lesson 6*—The theme of this lesson is basic strategy and controlling the center of the board.

Train Your Chess Eyes! *Beginning Lesson 7*—Your eyes and brain combine to find the right moves! Meet your mentor: “CHAD”

Meet a Master: Paul Morphy! *Beginning Lesson 8*—The past reveals one of the greatest natural chess geniuses in history.

Intermediate Chess Course

Just Checking *Intermediate Lesson 1*—Assesses the student's knowledge of beginning course content.

The Chess Language *Intermediate Lesson 2*—Students will be taught how to record chess moves or notation.

The Weakest Link *Intermediate Lesson 3*—Discover a great tactic: attacking the “f” pawn.

En Passant – The Weird Pawn Move *Intermediate Lesson 4*—En Passant is a very difficult concept in chess – it does not fit with the other moves in the game.

Forks: The Multi-attack Tactic! - *Intermediate Lesson 5*—Forks are a devastating basic tactic in intermediate chess play.

Pins: Sticking to it! *Intermediate Lesson 6*—The ability to pin piece one to another makes long range pieces so dangerous.

Swarming Your Opponent : *Intermediate Lesson 7*—Students will be taught the importance of counting attackers and defenders.

Meet a Master: Jose Capablanca *Intermediate Lesson 8* - Cuban born, Capablanca never read a chess book yet became a champion.

Advanced Chess Course

Let the Games Begin! *Advanced Lesson 1*—The first move of a game often determines who wins. Learn some great openings.

The Great Escape! *Advanced Lesson 2*—Types of draws and stalemate.

The King and I! *Advanced Lesson 3*—Win with only a King and a Pawn.

Endgame Secrets! *Advanced Lesson 4*—Most common endgame positions will be covered.

Chess Eureka! *Advanced Lesson 5*— Discovered attacks and double attacks.

Keystone Defenders! *Advanced Lesson 6*—Your opponent's structure crumbles when you take out the key defenders.

Midgame Attacks! *Advanced Lesson 7*— Use: Hanging Pieces, Exposed King, and Overworked Pieces to win.

Meet a Master: Judith Polgar! *Advanced Lesson 8*—One of three sisters who are remarkable chess players.

