

SJA Chess Club (4th-8th grade only) December 2009



The winter session of Chess Club is scheduled for the dates listed below.

Thursday, January 14 th	Rm 6 & 7 PAR	2:30-3:30
Thursday, January 21 st	Rm 6 & 7 PAR	2:30-3:30
Thursday, January 28 th	Rm 6 & 7 PAR	2:30-3:30
Thursday, February 25 th	Rm 6 & 7 PAR	2:30-3:30
Thursday, March 4 th	Rm 6 & 7 PAR	2:30-3:30
Thursday, March 11 th	Rm 6 & 7 PAR	2:30-3:30

- ❖ The fee to join is **\$50 (made payable to Chess Now)** which includes the instruction.
- ❖ **Children will need to be picked up promptly at 3:30** from the south lot (please follow regular carpool line procedures). Any children without a ride at 3:30 will be brought to the extended day or JHASA program (for which there is a fee).
- ❖ It is important that the 4th-8th graders joining the club are doing so because they want to learn and/or improve at the game of chess. We expect all members to behave appropriately, follow directions, and show respect to their teachers, parent volunteers and fellow members so that the environment is fun, yet conducive to learning and chess play.
- ❖ Please read through all of the important points on the back of this page. If you and your child decide this is something s/he wishes to join, then please complete the permission form below and submit it with your check for \$50 made payable to Chess Now.



Franklin

"The game of Chess is not merely an idle amusement. Several very valuable qualities of the mind are acquired and strengthened by it and become habit ready on all occasions. Foresight, circumspection, caution. Not getting discouraged. For life is a kind of chess"
Benjamin Franklin

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM & SUBMIT IT WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$50 MADE PAYABLE TO CHESS NOW. FORMS DUE IN THE SJA OFFICE BY THURSDAY, January 7th.

Student Name (print) _____ Homeroom _____

Parent Name(s) _____ E-mail address _____

Phone # where parent can be reached between 2:15-3:30p.m. _____

Which of the meeting dates are you available to be a parent volunteer? (no experience necessary, but must have completed Protecting God's Children). . A parent helper schedule will be e-mailed separately.

Jan. 14

Jan 21

Jan 28

Feb 25

Mar 4

Mar 11

"According to research, Test scores improved by 17.3% for students regularly engaged in chess classes, compared with only 4.6% for children participating in other forms of enriched activities," states 4-time World Champion Susan Polgar in a recent interview. In approximately 30 nations across the globe, including Brazil, China, Venezuela, Italy, Israel, Russia and Greece, etc., chess is incorporated into the country's scholastic curriculum. Just as athletics are a part of the required agenda at schools in the United States, Chess has been that way in the European Nations abroad.

Other important points:

- ❖ Chess Club members will need to bring a note from a parent each Thursday to inform their homeroom teacher that they will be meeting the Chess Club parent helper in the junior high lobby after school (it will be Mrs. Carballo or another parent). Chess club members may bring a small snack to eat. Water bottles will be provided.
- ❖ It will prove beneficial for our novice players to learn the names of the chess pieces before starting in the club so that the instructions are easier to understand. Some excellent books at your public library or the Internet are good places to look for this basic information.
- ❖ Each week's meeting will consist of 20 minutes of review, 20 minutes of new material (lesson) & 20 minutes of playing. Chess sets, boards and handouts will be provided as part of the fee for joining the club. Members need only bring their attentive self.
- ❖ Chess-Now Ltd. from Glen Ellyn (www.chess-now.com) will be doing the instruction and has a tremendous reputation for working with young chess players. Mr. Jim Egerton has coached many SJA students in years past including Doug Jennings, Mitchell Kinn, Nick Carballo & Danny Sobolewski in addition to the SJA students who participated in Chess Club over the past two years at SJA.
- ❖ Questions??? Call parents Julie Carballo or Suzanne Kinn. For instruction-related questions, contact Mr. Egerton via his website.

Please read, discuss and sign.

- ❖ We have discussed that the Chess Club is an after school activity that will involve review, instruction and open chess play for SJA students in grades 5-8.
- ❖ We have also discussed that there is an expectation that the students will behave appropriately, follow directions, and show respect to others so that this is a positive experience for all.
- ❖ We understand that the students should meet in the junior high lobby at 2:20 on the designated Thursdays and be **picked up promptly at 3:30** in the south lot.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

(PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE OTHER SIDE OF FORM, TOO).