



Fall 2017

Dear Chess Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new year of chess at WCGS! Whether you're new to the team or a returning family, we're glad to have you and excited about what this year will bring.

This letter contains key notes for the start-up of the WCGS Chess team for 2017-2018.

General Contact Email for Chess

WCGSChess@gmail.com

Intro to Chess class

For anyone new to the chess team, this class will be the jump start you need. The first class is September 11. It will run for 4 consecutive days after school until 4:30. If you are joining chess for the first time please plan to attend this class. If you have any questions please send them to WCGSChess@gmail.com

Registration form

The registration form is online this year. Please access it here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Dd8I5SKm0u96EmRq1> Please complete this by September 8. Students attending the intro class may register through September 15.

New chess group assignments/practice dates

The team schedule is attached. Please note this very important change to practice times.

Tuesday practice 3:30-5:00 will include players with USCF Ratings ≥ 550 .

All other players will meet either Tuesday or Thursday 3:30-4:30. You can indicate your preference on the sign-up form.

If you have any questions about placement, please ask.

Tournaments

The chess team will officially participate, as a team, in 7 tournaments. Six of these tournaments are local. All players will be expected to attend at least 3 tournaments. If at all possible, we would like all players to participate in the state championship in March (it will be held in Schaumburg). If you have any questions or concerns, please send them to WCGSChess@gmail.com. Also please note that two of the tournaments are hosted by WCGS (February 3 and March 17) for which we will need the support of the chess parents.



Elite K-12: Saturday, November 4, 2017 (Naperville)
Illinois All Grade: Saturday, November 11, 2017 (Peoria)
St John Lutheran: Saturday, November 18, 2017 (Lombard)
Benjamin: Saturday, December 2, 2017 (West Chicago)
WCGS Tournament: Saturday, February 3, 2018 (WCGS)
Illinois K-8: March 10-11, 2018 (Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg)
Note this is a two day tournament.. We would like all players to plan to attend.
All-Wheaton: March 17, 2018 (WCGS)

USCF number

Because all players will be expected to participate in tournaments, all players will need a USCF number. USCF #s can be obtained at <https://secure2.uschess.org/webstore/member.php>. The cost for a one year membership is \$17 for age 12 and under or \$22 for ages 13-15.

Team shirts

All players need a team polo. Players who were on the team last year should have them already. If you need a different size or are new to chess, please indicate what you need on the form. If you have one that no longer fits, we are collecting "spares". The cost of polos is about \$20 and will be billed through the school.

We hope to see you at the short parent meeting on **SEPTEMBER 19th** after school in the library. During this meeting we will discuss the plans for the year and answer any questions.

If you have any questions, please contact Rose Grandy at WCGSChess@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rose Grandy, chess parent-coordinator
Mr. Nathan Houlihan, chess coach



WCGS CHESS TEAM 2017-2018 SCHEDULE



September 11-14	Intro Class for New Players
September 19	Parent Meeting in Library
September 19/21	Chess Team Practice
September 26/28	Chess Team Practice
October 3/5	Chess Team Practice
October 10/12	Chess Team Practice
October 17/19	Chess Team Practice
October 24/26	Chess Team Practice
October 31	Chess Team Practice
November 2	NO CHESS PRACTICE (1/2 day of school)
Saturday, November 4	Tournament: Elite Chess at Naperville North
November 7/10	Chess Team Practice
Saturday, November 11	Tournament: All-Grade State (Peoria)
November 14/16	Chess Team Practice
Saturday, November 18	Tournament: St John Lutheran in Lombard
Tuesday, November 21	NO CHESS PRACTICE (Thanksgiving/Grandparents' day)
November 28/30	Chess Team Practice
Saturday, December 2	Tournament: Benjamin School in West Chicago
December 5/7	Chess Team Practice
Tuesday, January 16	CHESS PRACTICES RESUME
January 16/18	Chess Team Practice
January 23/25	Chess Team Practice
January 30/February 2	Chess Team Practice
Saturday, February 3	Tournament: WCGS Tournament at WCGS
February 6/8	Chess Team Practice
February 13/15	Chess Team Practice
February 20/22	Chess Team Practice
February 27, March 1	Chess Team Practice
March 6/8	Chess Team Practice
March 10-11	State Tournament: Illinois K-8 at Hyatt Schaumburg (All Players Expected)
March 13/15	LAST REGULARLY SCHEDULED CHESS PRACTICE
Saturday, March 17	Tournament: All-Wheaton at WCGS
March 21, 2018	End of Year Party