



Fall 2018

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 2018-2019.

General Contact Email for Chess

WCGSChess@gmail.com

K-1 Chess Club

New this year, there will be a chess club for K-1 students who are interested. It is not required to attend the intro to chess class (noted below) to participate in this club. Players will be encouraged to participate in some tournaments when they are ready. However, tournament participation will not be required. To sign up, email student's name, grade and homeroom to wcschess@gmail.com. Questions can also be directed to Mrs. Grandy at this email.

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 10. 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/K6HNjHhiyabWYKU72> Please complete this by September 6. Students attending the intro class may register through September 13 or register before the class and withdraw on or before September 13.

Chess after school practice dates

The team schedule is attached.

Chess meets on either Tuesday or Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. Players should attend one practice per week. The "advanced" class (ratings ≥ 550) will meet on Thursdays. However, these players can also participate on Tuesdays if needed.

Tournaments

The chess team will officially participate, as a team, in 7 tournaments.



Players **MUST** commit to attending 3 of the first 5 tournaments. Players who do not participate in tournaments will be removed from the team.

Illinois All Grade:	Saturday, November 3, 2018 (Naperville)
St John Lutheran:	Saturday, November 17, 2018 (Lombard)
Benjamin:	Saturday, December 1, 2018 (West Chicago)
All-Wheaton:	Saturday, January 12, 2019 (WCGS)
WCGS Tournament:	Saturday, February 2, 2019 (WCGS)

The team will also be attending the Illinois K-8 State tournament that will be in Bloomington, IL. This is a 2 day tournament and requires travel and an overnight stay. Additionally, the NATIONAL high school tournament will be held in Schaumburg this year. This tournament is open to all players K-12. Having a local National tournament does not happen often and so all players are encouraged to consider this tournament. This is a 3-day tournament. More information will be given about these later in the year. Players are encouraged but not required to attend these tournaments.

Illinois K-8:	March 9-10, 2019 (ISU Bone Center, Bloomington, IL) Note this is a two day tournament.
National HS:	March 15-17 (Schaumburg) Note this is a three day tournament

If you have any questions or concerns, please send them to WCGSChess@gmail.com.

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. I can possibly get discounted rates for new or renewal memberships so please email me if you are interested (wcgsschess@gmail.com)

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.

A short parent meeting will be schedule in September. More information about this will be sent out.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rose Grandy, chess parent-coordinator