



**Fall 2019**

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 2019-2020.

**General Contact Email for Chess**

[WCGSChess@gmail.com](mailto:WCGSChess@gmail.com)

**K-1 Chess Club**

Again 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 participate will not be required. To sign up, email student name, grade and homeroom to [wcgsschess@gmail.com](mailto:wcgsschess@gmail.com). Questions can also be directed to Mrs. Grandy at this email. The fee for the K-1 Chess Club is \$75.

**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 9. 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](mailto:WCGSChess@gmail.com)

**Registration form**

The registration form is online this year. Please access it here: <https://forms.gle/u5dGfMsbcmoA9RZQ6>  
Please complete this by September 9. Students attending the intro class may register through September 12 or register before the class and withdraw on or before September 16.

**Chess after school practice dates**

The team schedule is attached.

Chess meets on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30.

Depending on interest and availability of parents to assist, we may add a second practice day starting in October.

**Coaching**

We are fortunate this year to have Grandmaster Nikola Mitkov to train our team. He will be supported by parents and also several WCGS alumni. The fee for Chess Team is \$150.



### ***Tournaments***

The chess team will officially participate, as a team, in 6 tournaments. Players **MUST** commit to attending 3 of the tournaments. Players who do not participate in tournaments will be removed from the team.

Elite Chess All Grade:	Saturday, November 2, 2019 (Naperville)
St John Lutheran:	Saturday, November 16, 2019 (Lombard) - tentative
Benjamin:	Saturday, December 7, 2019 (West Chicago)
All-Wheaton:	Saturday, January 11, 2020 (TBA) - tentative
WCGS Tournament:	Saturday, February 8, 2020 (WCGS)
Illinois State:	Saturday, March 21 AND March 22, 2020 (Schaumburg)

Please note state is a 2 day tournament.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send them to [WCGSChess@gmail.com](mailto: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)

### ***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.

If you have any questions, please contact Rose Grandy at [WCGSChess@gmail.com](mailto:WCGSChess@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rose Grandy, chess parent-coordinator