



# Washington Chess Club

## 2009 - 2010

We would like to welcome you our second exciting year of Chess Club aw Washington Wolves. The Chess Club mission is to provide a fun place where students can play chess. We support students as they pursue their individual goals for learning and competition.

### Beginners Instruction

Chess Club will start on Monday, September 21 with a three-week class **only for Beginners**, those students **who do not know** how to play chess. Beginners should plan on attending all 3 weeks of this class. It is not mandatory to commit to Chess Club to receive this instruction. Sometimes students decide that they aren't ready for chess at this time. If so, they can always change their minds later. We will meet from 3:15 - 4:15 in the cafeteria.

### Recreational Chess Club Information

Chess club for all members will begin on October 19. We meet in the cafeteria from 3:15 - 4:15 every Monday we have school. Middle School students may stay until 4:30 and ride the activity bus to their neighborhood school. We end our year after the Illinois State Chess Championships, usually held in March or April.

### Chess Team

Chess Team is for students interested in studying chess strategy and participating in local and regional tournaments. Coaches will meet students in the cafeteria, move to a classroom for instruction and return students to the cafeteria. Students may be excluded from Chess Team for not demonstrating a commitment to learning and competition.

### Volunteers

Please have a family member consider volunteering to help out with chess club. We always need one or two helpers to monitor students at club. We also need someone to help with the snack sale each week.

### Rules

1. I will sign in to chess club each week. Students will be released to a parent who signs them out, to the SAC or, for Middle School students, to the activity bus. Check for messages in the note section of the sign-in sheet.
2. I will arrive at chess club ready to play chess. After each game, I will quickly seek out a new partner.
3. I will respect other players by playing quietly and entering and leaving with as little disruption as possible.
4. I will respect Chess Club equipment by handling chessboards, pieces, etc. carefully.
5. The chess club adviser and coaches have the right to exclude players who are not following these rules or who demonstrate a pattern of not being picked up on time.

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Sign-up form - Return only this section

I have read these rules and agree to abide by them. Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents' name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Club Participation - I'm interested in:

- I am a beginner and will attend the three weeks of Beginner's classes.
- Chess Team - regularly scheduled instruction on skills and strategies to improve their chess game, students expected to attend several tournaments over the year and the state tournament in the spring
- Recreational Club - for students who simply enjoys getting together with friends to play the game of chess. They are welcome to enter local tournaments to compete with students from other Rockford area schools.

### Parents / Guardians permission section

I hereby give permission for my child to attend the Washington Chess Club meetings this year. I will ensure that my child has timely transportation home at the end of each meeting.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return the sign-up form to **Mrs. Beach**