



# Washington Chess Club

## 2010 - 2011

We would like to welcome you to another exciting year of Chess Club at Washington. 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.

We will have some changes this year. First, Mr. Garza will be our Faculty Manager. Be sure to challenge him to a game! Second, Chess Club will be held on **Tuesdays**. Third, Chess Club will start on the same day for everyone: September 28, 2010. We will meet from 3:15 - 4:30 in the cafeteria. Middle School students may ride the activity bus to their neighborhood school. We end our year after the Illinois State Tournament, usually held in March or April.

### **Beginners Instruction**

If your child **does not know how** to play chess, please indicate that on your registration form below. First Grade beginners will receive instruction during the school day before Chess Club starts. All other grades will receive instruction beginning September 28. It is not mandatory to commit to Chess Club to receive instruction. Sometimes students decide that they aren't ready for chess at this time. If so, they can always change their minds later.

### **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.

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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 need to learn how to play chess.
- I am interested in being a part of the Chess Team. These students are expected to attend tournaments over the year and the state tournament in the spring.
- I am only interested in Recreational Club. These students simply enjoy getting together with friends to play the game of chess. They are welcome to enter local tournaments when interested.

### **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 or  Check if your child is to be dismissed to SAC.

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

I would be willing to be contacted about volunteering. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_