

St. Augustin Chess Club

Chess is a valuable skill that can boost confidence, as well as focus, analytical thinking, and problem solving skills. We strive to encourage good sportsmanship and courtesy as well.

Chess Club will be on Monday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Chess Club does not meet when school is not in session or dismisses early. There will be two levels of club, divided by grade. Space is limited to 12 students in Level 1 and 20 students in Level 2. Fruit snacks will be provided for each student at every club meeting. If your student(s) has allergies or dietary restrictions, please note this in the registration form and feel free to send a snack from home.

Registration is \$75 per session, and includes a Gold ChessKid.com membership. Any students wishing to play in a rated tournament will receive a free US Chess Membership as well. This year we have added a discount of \$10 per additional student registered for each session. Registration is accepted through our website, DSMChess.com. To register, go to DSMChess.com and click on the PAY NOW option in the menu bar at the top of the page. This will take you to the registration form. Payment is collected through PayPal in the online registration.

Session 1: COMPLETE

Session 2: 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 1/7, 1/14, 1/28, 2/4

Session 3: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/25, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/6

Level 1 led by Katie Freerksen
and Bill Broich, International Arbiter, US Chess rating 1400

(K-2nd grade) No previous chess experience is required but preparation is encouraged. First time students will master the rules of chess, piece movement and chess terms. Students attending multiple sessions will work on check mating strategies and basic piece development goals. In Level 1 we work on the basics of chess while helping the students to understand focus, sportsmanship, respect for their opponents, and that losing is an opportunity to learn. Students who are able to attend Level 1 for multiple sessions will gain the ability to teach others the rules of chess and will have the opportunity to learn how to record their games with algebraic notation.

Level 2 led by Jim Freerksen, US Chess rating 1798

(3rd-8th grade) Students must have a basic understanding of Level 1 chess skills**. In Level 2 students will learn tactics, openings, pawn structure, and common endgames while reinforcing and expanding on their Level 1 knowledge. Students in Level 2 will also develop transferable life skills such as self-discipline, concentration, long term planning, and the ability to learn from their mistakes.

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