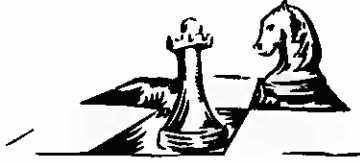


Holy Trinity Catholic School



CHESS CLASS

Why Study Chess?

Develop critical thinking skills and learn to graciously win and lose. Have great fun while stimulating your problem-solving spirit. Chess is highlighted in "How Children Succeed" a British book reviewed in "The Economist" of 01/19/13. It argues that development of character traits such as grit/determination/perseverance is as important as test scores. Focus and concentration are critical activities!

Chess In the World...

...is a game of the ages with tremendous lore. Over ten thousand books on it in English. Many Grandmasters hail from Eastern Europe where they are great celebrities.

Chess in the U.S...

Numerous families have discovered the great fun and mind developing benefits of this strategic game. Scholastic chess in the U.S. grew 700% during the 1990's. Super National competitions have set world records every four years since 1997, recently drawing over 5,000 students!

Chess Opportunities in Pittsburgh

Nationally rated tournaments for young students are held at least monthly at Universities and High Schools in the city. Ask the instructor for info. For serious players of all ages, The Pittsburgh Chess League plays one slow game per month during the school year. Enroll in September for games held Sunday afternoons at the Pitt Student Union.

Spring Class Information

A ten-week session of Tuesdays for students in grades 1-8 runs March 12th thru May 21st (skipping April 23rd) from 2:50 to 3:50 PM. The classes will be downstairs in the Art Classroom. Dismissal will be thru the Gym doors. Classes include 30 minutes of instruction followed by 30 minutes of play paired by experience and results. Students not picked up after class will be sent to "After Care".

Sign Up Today!

The fee is \$100 per student, per 10-week session. Please make your check payable to "Learn and Win" and direct it with the form below to the school office in an envelope marked "Chess".

About the Instructor

John Surlow has taught chess in local schools for over 20 years; he previously coached St. Paul's Catholic school in Los Angeles to numerous state chess championships. He is a USCF certified Senior Tournament Director, having run hundreds of scholastic competitions. He has been a multi-decade Board Member of the Pittsburgh Chess Club and currently captains a winning team in the Pittsburgh Chess League. The 12 person team includes a Holy Trinity alumnus whom he taught for years at the school. He is a former High School Math and Middle School Science teacher who spent two decades as a manager of programmers and systems analysts in Insurance and Aerospace. Both of his sons became the top-rated ten year-olds in U.S. Chess.

Have you read this flyer and still have questions? Then please email Mr. Surlow at chesspoints@yahoo.com or call him at 412- 922- 3174.

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Registration Form (One per child, please)

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade _____

Street Address: _____ Phone _____

City/Zip: _____ FAMILY EMAIL: _____ @ _____

EXPERIENCE LEVEL: Brand New _____ Played Some Games _____