

# 2016-7 Somerset Elementary School (WA) Chess Club

SOMERSET PTSA and Coach David Hendricks and Tim Campbell are pleased to offer a school chess club from 10/24/2016 to 4/24/2017. Classes are held from 3:30 to 5 pm on Mondays, and there will be 16 sessions. The enrollment for the current year has closed (current roster: <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/roster.php?tournamentid=206>). Enrollment information for 2017-8 will be announced through PTSA eNews newsletters in 2017 fall.

Students are divided into two classrooms:

- Beginners class: held in the Staff/Faculty Room on the second floor, nearly above the auditorium, Coach Tim (425-777-6035),
- Intermediate/Advanced class: held in Portable 3, Coach David (425-269-7949),

according to the following guidelines:

1. I will first look at a chess rating if there is one, anyone 500 or above would be moved into the advanced class.
2. Next I will look at how many years of previous chess club each kid has - 2 or more would be moved into the advanced class.
3. Then I will look at the grade, the older grades would be moved into the advanced class.
4. Then I will ask how many kids still in the beginning class want to take a test to see if they can move into the advanced class. If they can show they know the basics, can do simple checkmates, tactics, endgames, they are candidates to move up.
5. We will try to achieve a division of about 25 beginners and 25 advanced players and draw the line in the middle.
6. We will monitor the kids for the first few weeks, some movement can still happen then once we see how kids are answering questions in class.

Homework:

- We use <http://www.chessmagnetschool.com> for homework.
- User name and password are sent to each parent by Coach David by email. If you cannot find it (it may go to the spam folder), please followup with Coach David.
- Students should spend at least 15 min per day doing the exercises.

Tournaments:

- Tournaments are an essential aspect of the training for chess students when they reach a certain level.
- Every tournament has multiple sections with name like K-3U800, K-3Open, 4-6U900, etc. The letter U stands for "under". The part before U refers to grades and the part after U refers to rating. Thus K-3U800 is for kids in K-3 with ratings under 800 and K-3Open is for kids in K-3 with ratings above 800.
- There are many Scholastic tournaments (so-called State qualifiers) over the course of the school year, building up to the State tournament in late April. Per tradition our club pay for the State tournament registration fees, up to \$55 (early registration costs less and later costs more), for any student who participates. To qualify for the State tournament, players need to participate and get 3 points (1 win 1 pt, 1 draw 1/2 point) in one of the State qualifiers.
- All students in the advanced class and many in the beginner class are ready for tournaments. At a minimum, students should at least have moved up 2 levels on ChessMagnetSchool to "Count" (1=Squire, 2=Baron, 3=Count). More information about tournaments can be found [here](#).

Volunteer information:

- The chess club would not be possible without volunteer help.
- The signup sheet is at [here](#).
- All parent volunteers need to have a [volunteer application form](#) on file, and have annually renewed [membership to Somerset PTSA](#).

Past announcements:

- 11/28/2016 Team Somerset took 1st place out of 55 schools competing in the Thanksgiving Scholastic Chess Tournament held Nov 25th in Lynnwood, WA. Ten Chess Club members and alumni competed, and the total score was 30. [Trophy](#).
  - K-3U800 section: 26 players
 

Taiki Ito	3.5	3.5 Trophy, 7 <sup>th</sup> Place, qualified for state!
Ethan Fong	2.5	
Raymond Zhu	2.5	First timer medal
  - 4-6U900 section: 34 players
 

Nathan Nguyen	4.5	4.5 Trophy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, undefeated, qualified for state!
Ethan Do	3.5	3.5 Trophy, 8 <sup>th</sup> place, qualified for state!
Anderson Foong	2.5	
Ethan Hu	2.5	
Alansha Jiang	2.0	
  - 4-6Open section: 28 players
 

Brandon Luo	3.5	3.5 Trophy, 6 <sup>th</sup> place, qualified for state!
Ethan Luo	3.0	3.0 Trophy, 7 <sup>th</sup> place, qualified for state
- 10/3/2016 Email sent about tuition rates and signup for classroom supervision duty.
- 10/2/2016 Registration is full. If you are registered but change your mind, you can go to the [roster page](#), click on your student's name, and then click on Modify. Please drop me a line too, so I can update signups. If you are not registered but still like to, you can check the number of registered students on the roster page to see if there are spots open up.
- 9/25/2016 Registration site open. Limited space is available, registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and registration process, please see <http://nwchess.com/calendar/SomersetRegistration2016-2017.pdf>. (Note that for students in the school aftercare program, their teachers will pick them up when class ends.)