



HAWK Chess Club 2024 / 2025

Sign-ups are now underway for students to join the HAWK Chess Club. All HSCS students are eligible. **Our goal is to learn to play chess, improve our skills, and have fun.** We will have a chess tournament at the end of the school year. The Club is divided into two groups. The Elementary School Group includes Kindergarten to fifth grades and the Middle School Group includes sixth to eighth grades. We will meet on Wednesdays after school for about an hour. Each group meets on alternating Wednesdays. Players must have an approved way home after the meeting. This could be EDEP, car pick-up, or walk home. Play for the School Year 2024 / 2025 will begin on September 11, 2024 with the Elementary School Group. Play is divided into three phases:

- Learning Games ... this is at the beginning of the year. Players will learn the basics of the game and can improve their skills through games against contemporaries.
- Competitive Games ... these will begin after the Winter Break. Each player will play ten games and wins, losses, and draws will be recorded to develop a seeding chart for the last phase.
- Single-Elimination Games ... Players will be seeded in accordance with their win / loss record from the Competitive Games phase. Players will compete to be the Annual Elementary School and Middle School Champions.

Attached are the basic ground rules / etiquette we expect all chess club members to follow. Also attached is a schedule of meeting dates. Note the Elementary School Group has its first meeting on September 11 and the Middle School Group has its first meeting on September 18. Each group will meet every other Wednesday. Students must have parent's permission prior to participation. There is no membership fee. Please turn completed forms into the Front Office, the Middle School Media Center, or to Mr. Thomas.

Student: I agree to comply with the Ground Rules / Etiquette of the Club.

Student's Name (Printed): _____ Date: _____

Parent: I give my child permission to participate in the HAWK Chess Club.

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____