

August 2019

Dear 1st – 8th Grade Parents,

Kids Play Chess, LLC will be providing after school chess instruction and playing time for interested students this coming school year.

“Kids Play Chess” provides chess sets, boards and clocks and a qualified United States Chess Federation instructor. The program will run from 3:15 to 4:15 pm on Thursdays beginning September 12th. The following is a complete list of the dates for the **fall session: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14**. There will be winter and spring sessions as well.

For more information and to sign up, parents can contact either myself (at johnjhanni73@gmail.com) or my co-owner Mark Johnson (at markjj28@gmail.com). **Payment via check** is not due to us until the second week of the program, enabling students to try it for one week and see if they are interested in continuing. Payments can be dropped off at school. Payment may also be made using PayPal on our website at <http://kidsplaychess.club/>.

Children will learn the basics of chess strategy and tactics and get to play one another under the supervision of the instructor. Students will be taught at their current skill level, and, if interested, be introduced to the local chess scene.

“Kids Play Chess” will organize a year-end tournament among participating schools and any student will be offered the opportunity to become a USCF rated tournament player. Students will also receive news about other local kid-friendly tournaments, if they wish to pursue further competition.

The cost is \$120 for a ten-week session.

Why Chess? Studies have demonstrated that students who participate in a chess enrichment program increase their test scores by 17.3% over those in other enrichment programs. The lessons about decision making, calculating, and learning the consequences of their actions give chess students a significant advantage throughout their lives.

Plus, chess is fun. It is challenging, competitive, and is not affected by gender, age, or luck. Instead, chess is logic and focus. Kids who play chess enjoy one another more – it is an activity that teaches a myriad of social skills.

Regards,

John Hanni

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