

St. Monica Chess Club

A new chess club for K5 through 8th grade students will begin January 18th. New players welcome! The club will be led by a professional chess teacher, Bob Patterson-Sumwalt. Bob has been coaching chess for many years and has led clubs to state and national tournaments in Colorado and Kansas before moving to Milwaukee in 2004. He is the founder of Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation. At the club students will have lessons, play matches with other students and have the opportunity to participate in tournaments in the Milwaukee area. The club will meet 8 times on Mondays 3:30-4:30 beginning January 18th and ending March 15th (no meetings when school is out on Jan. 25 and March 1). Parents are asked to volunteer 3-6 hours. Parents do not need to play chess to help. Cost of term will be \$20.00. Fees will pay for professional instruction, chess boards, chess clocks and lesson resources. For more information please call Jennifer Deslongchamps at 906-9969 or Bob Patterson-Sumwalt at 262-240-0019 or email a bobsumwalt@sbcglobal.net. Please fill out the form below and return to the school office. Checks can be made out to: **St Monica Home and School**. If the financial requirement is an obstacle, please contact Jennifer.

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Parent(s)Name _____ **Phone** _____

Email(s) _____ **WorkPhone** _____

Mailing Address _____

Parents, please check one or more:

- _____ know a little bit about chess _____ know a lot about chess
_____ could serve as treasurer and registrar
_____ could help with supervision during club meetings

Chess is played by 100's of thousands of school age children across America. Many studies have shown chess to improve students abilities in reasoning, logical thinking, etc. Parallels exist between chess playing and higher reading and math scores. Many articles can be found on the internet touting the benefits of chess (<http://www.deanofchess.com/benefits.htm>) .

“The Game of Chess is not merely and idle amusement; several very valuable qualities of the mind, useful in the course of human life, are to acquired and strengthened by it, so as to become habits ready on all occasions; for life is a kind of Chess, in which we have often points to gain, and competitors or adversaries to contend with, and in which there is a vast variety of good and ill events, that are, in some degree, the effect of prudence, or the want of it” -Benjamin Franklin