



St. Mary's Catholic School Chess Club ~ Grades 2-8

Sign up for Spring 2026

AFTER SCHOOL ~ Mondays 3:00 to 4:00 pm

7 Weeks ~ 13, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18 June 1



Professional chess coach Dennis Pirello provides 15 minutes of lectures, exercises, or videos, then directs tournament play. Students compete in chess club tournament for awards. The chess club team competes in regional tournaments held on Saturdays. Qualifying students are encouraged to attend the WA State Scholastic Chess Championship in Tacoma, WA April 25, 2026.

Tuition: Family pays \$55 for each child and each child receives a \$20 scholarship.

The \$75 tuition pays for: **A.** coaching fees, **B.** coaching supplies, **C.** end of semester awards, **D.** insurance, coach development, administration costs, and, **E.** WA State sales tax.

Note: Inland Chess Academy does not contact children directly by phone, text, or email.

Parents are encouraged to attend chess club to learn and play ~ Free of charge.

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St. Mary's Catholic School Chess Club Registration for Spring 2026

Student's name: _____ Grade _____ New to Chess Club? _____

2nd Student's name: _____ Grade _____ New to Chess Club? _____

Chess Skill: ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced Played in tournament? ___Yes ___No

Allergies and/or other issues: _____

Parent: _____ Phone: _____ eMail: _____
(or Guardian)

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Address: _____ City _____ WA ZIP _____

___ \$55 Family pays per child and each child receives a \$20 scholarship to pay for the \$75 tuition.

___ \$15 **OPTIONAL** tournament style chess set for study and play at home.

___ \$18 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to www.chesskid.com a child safe study and play website.

___ \$22 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to Chess Magnet School, a child safe study website.

Total: \$ _____ Make check payable to Inland Chess Academy. Leave payment and registration with school office, or mail registration and payment to Inland Chess Academy, or bring them to first day of Chess Club.

Inland Chess Academy ~ Licensed, insured WA state non-profit, 501c3, educational organization.

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NOTICE to PARENTS: Scientific research proves the study of chess enhances academic performance, increases overall brain functions, and builds positive behavior. In order for students to realize the enormous benefits of chess, daily study is required. Research shows that a minimum of 20 minutes of daily study yields significant academic and behavioral benefits. Inland Chess Academy offers two optional child-safe websites programs for home study: Chess Magnet School and ChessKid, at discounted prices. Also available are home study workbooks. Please support chess study at home.

Contact chess@inlandchess.org or phone 509-822-9800

The Inland Chess Academy's curriculum is built on research proven methods developed by chess masters and educators, and recommended by the United States Chess Federation (USCF).

Beginner - Beginners learn and demonstrate the basics of chess play, chess rules, and etiquette.

Intermediate - Students learn algebraic notation, playing with a clock, an understanding of strategies for opening a chess game, major tactical techniques, and basic endgame theory.

Advanced - Students develop advanced competitive strategies including an opening repertoire, positional strategies, tactical combinations, endgame play, and methods of applying sport psychology to their games.

All students gain knowledge of chess history, chess news, and grow their appreciation of chess. Students are encouraged to play in regional and state tournaments for individual and team awards. *Tournament schedule: www.InlandChess.org*

The Inland Chess Academy is building a vibrant chess community:

~ Regional tournaments for students and parents, twice monthly on Saturdays.

~ Camps on holidays, spring break, and during summer.

~ Tutoring and special interest study groups.

"Chess is the only activity for our youth where they are expected to sit quietly and think long thoughts." || DIII ||

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