

Mark Twain PTSA Chess Club Registration Form

Deadline: September 11, 2009

Date Registered: _____

Fall session: 9-11, 9-18, 9-25, 10-9, 10-16, 10-23, 10-30, 11-6, 11-13, 11-20

Please make check payable to: Mark Twain PTSA

Fee: \$250 for Group A / \$80 for Group B

Returned checks subject to \$20 NSF fee

My child, _____, would like to join (circle one) **Group A / Group B**

Grade ____ Chess Experience (√ one): ____ **BEGINNER** ____ **INTERMEDIATE** ____ **ADVANCED**

Parent's name _____ Contact # during chess club _____

Email (for confirmation and updates) _____

In order to ensure the safety of our students, one PTSA Parent Volunteer is required per class. Be prepared to assist with one class per session. A sign- up sheet will be available at the class.

Please acknowledge (√) below:

I understand that in order for my child(ren) to participate in the after school chess program, I must be a PTSA member with a current background check. This applies to other family members such as grandparents, aunts, uncles or siblings over 18 years, etc.

Circle 1 date to assist for **Fall session: 9-11, 9-18, 9-25, 10-9, 10-16, 10-23, 10-30, 11-6, 11-13, 11-20**

--✂-----**Submit with check to Twain PTSA Chess Club**-----

***** **Chess Club Goal** *****

Our club will help develop players' readiness for participating in scholastic chess tournaments. Our club will engage in at least 2 tournaments per school year. To achieve the expected level of performance and maintain interest in chess, your participation & commitment will help us reach this goal.

Group A intermediate/advanced chess skills **with 2 or more** consecutive years with the club. Must participate in at least 4 qualifying chess tournaments per school year. Please see page 2 for more detailed expectations.

Fee \$250 per student for 10 classes. (3-4.45pm) Start date: 11 Sept 09. Class length: 1hr 45mins. Venue: TBD

Group B beginners are welcome with no experience necessary. Chess players with less than 2 consecutive years with the club are encouraged to participate in at least 2 Beginners or Local Tournaments per school year. Watch for announcements for upcoming local tournaments.

Fee \$80 for 10 classes (1hr each). Start date: Sept 11. Class length: 60mins. Venue: TBD

Chess Workbook supplements each lesson by reinforcing the player's understanding and improving their analytical skills. The workbook will be completed during the last 15 minutes of the session.

Thank you for your participation

Doris Wee, Twain PTSA Chess Club

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***** **About Our Coaches from Chess Star Academy** *****

Elena Donaldson, principal and coach master of Chess Star Academy teaches **Group A**. Click link to View Elena's chess school and students <http://www.chessplayer.com/champions.htm>

Joshua Sinanan – Instructor, National Master, top WA State Player, winner of many local tournaments, rating 2200+, teaching experience 4+ years, teaches school club groups as big as 24 and more students of all levels. Coach Joshua teaches **Group B**

***** **Our Volunteers** *****

Christopher Brumley and Sean Wee, junior high students, active chess players who compete in open category chess tournaments. Christopher assists the intermediate group, and Sean works well with the beginners.

Group A: Mark Twain Chess Team competitive class.

Goal: To prepare Mark Twain chess players who are interested in competing and excelling in local and national chess tournaments.

Class size: Minimum 10 - maximum 14

Coach: **Elena Donaldson**, Principal and coach master of Chess Star Academy

Requirements:

- ✓ Student has been playing competitively in chess tournaments
- ✓ Student understands basic rules and moves but wishes to play competitive chess
- ✓ **HOMEWORK** is required, at least 1.5 hrs each week. It will include playing games at home, solving puzzles, and assignments from the Chess Academy workbook.
- ✓ Students must participate in at least one tournament each month during chess season October-April.
- ✓ Parents are asked to follow up on students homework.

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What to Expect: As a result of this hard work, students can achieve top results in individual and team competition. Many students will improve 400+ points in rating. Improvement in chess will help students' academic performance and overall development.

Questions? Please contact Doris Wee at dlimeng@hotmail.com or (425)822-9182