

Mark Twain PTSA Chess Club Registration Form

Deadline: December 4, 2009

Date Registered: _____

Winter session: 4-12, 11-12,8-1, 15-1, 22-1, 29-1, 5-2, 19-2, 26-2, 5-3

Please make check payable to: Mark Twain PTSA

Fee: \$80

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.
- I agree to assist 1 class per session.

This applies to other family members such as grandparents, aunts, uncles or siblings over 18 years, etc.

- Circle 1 date for **Winter session:** 4-12, 11-12,8-1, 15-1, 22-1, 29-1, 5-2, 19-2, 26-2, 5-3
- I prefer to assist group **A / B** circle one only.

--X-----**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 competitive playing **with 2 or more** consecutive years with the club. Have participated at least 4 qualifying chess tournaments per school year or a rating over 800. Please read page 2 for more details.

Note: Players will be notified by email on start date/fee. **Class length: 1hr. Day: Friday. Venue: Library**

Group B beginners/intermediate recreation class. 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. Start date: Dec 4. Class length: 1hr. Venue: Cafeteria

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

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

Elena Donaldson, principal and coach master of Chess Star Academy. 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 Competitive Chess Team.

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

Class size: Maximum 12

Coach: Parents' volunteer

Requirements:

- ✓ Student readiness and must participate one tournament each month as a team.
- ✓ **HOMEWORK** is required, at least 1.5 hrs each week. It will include playing games at home, solving puzzles and online chess.

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