



18th Annual Fox Chapel Area Chess Championship



When: Saturday, January 28, 2012 - **Mark your calendar now!**

Where: The O'Hara Elementary School Cafeteria - **Bring your chess set, board, and a pencil.**

Time: 12:30 pm - 4:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

12:30 - 12:40	Check in & seating - Please be there by 12:30pm sharp
12:40 - 12:50	Announcement of tournament rules and info
12:50 - 1:30	Round 1 Games
1:40 - 2:20	Round 2 Games
2:30 - 3:10	Round 3 Games
3:20 - 4:00	Round 4 Games
4:00 - 4:15	Calculation of Winners
4:15 - 4:30	Awards Ceremony
4:30	Parent Pickup - parents may come early for the award ceremony

5 Sections:

Grades K - 2 Beginner	-	For Unrated Players or Rated 350 & Under in K - 2
Grades 3 - 5 Beginner	-	For Unrated Players or Rated 350 & Under in 3 - 5
Advanced Beginner	-	For Players Rated 350 - 649 or Unrated in Grades 6-12
Intermediate	-	For Players Rated 650 - 899 in all grades
Championship	-	For Players Rated 900 & Over in all grades

Note: Sections may be combined or split if necessary, depending on enrollment.

Format: Everyone plays all 4 games. Swiss system pairings will be used, which means when you win, you get more challenging opponents, and when you lose, you get easier opponents. 40 minutes playing time allowed per game, with results of unfinished games being judged by Chessmaster Jerry Meyers. All entrants will receive an official chess rating (a measure of current chess strength) from the US Chess Federation.

Prizes: Trophies and ribbons will be awarded as prizes. The exact number for each section will be based on the number of entrants in that section. There will be a top girl prize in each section. **There will also be a team trophy awarded to the Top Elementary school.** To qualify as a team, your school must have 4 or more entrants. Team score is the sum of the results of the 4 highest scoring members on the team. The larger your team, the better your school's chances. All members of the winning team will receive ribbons.

Cost: Entry Fee is \$18 if postmarked by Jan 14; \$23 later. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership is required of all participants.** Membership cost varies with age - options listed below.

Questions? Call Jerry Meyers at 412-422-1770 Check your rating at: <http://www.uschess.org/msa>

Open only to students at O'Hara, Kerr, Fairview, Hartwood Elementaries, Fox Chapel Country Day, Christ the Divine, Dorseyville & Shadyside Middle, Fox Chapel H.S. & Shadyside H.S.

Entry Form -- Registration is by mail only. **Add \$5 Late fee after Jan 14** postmark date. Please mail early.

Full Name: _____ Check: Boy___ or Girl___
 Street Address: _____ School _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Total enclosed (check one) : _____ \$18 for USCF members (membership must be current until 1/31)
 Non-USCF members, age 12 & Under: _____ \$35 (price includes entry fee and annual membership)
 Non-USCF members, age 13 to 15: _____ \$40 (price includes entry fee and annual membership)
 Non-USCF members age 16 or Older: _____ \$44 (price includes entry fee and annual membership)

Make check payable to : Jerry Meyers, 4101 Windsor Street, Pittsburgh PA 15217

Please mail early - You can enter until 1/27, but there is a \$5 Late fee after January 14