

ATTENTION CHESS PLAYERS AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

SCB will be again offering a weekly, after-school chess program to its students this spring. The fourteen-meetings of this program will be on Mondays (JAN 11, 25; FEB 1, 8, 22; MAR 1, 8, 15, 22; APR 5, 12, 19, 26; MAY 10), starting immediately at the end of school and lasting 90 minutes. I will provide sets, hand-outs, etc. The meetings will be at school in the library. Students must have a timely way to get home after each meeting, or be enrolled in aftercare at the school.

The program moderator will be Gregory Agamy, B.A., M.S., M.S.W. Some of Mr. Agamy's qualifications and chess-related experiences are listed below.

*LA certified teacher (1st – 8th grades) *adjunct faculty member at Nunez Community College
*lifetime U.S.C.F. member *U.S.C.F. and L.S.C.L. tournament director *member of Metairie & N.O. Chess Clubs *chess coach at St. Philip Neri and St. Matthew the Apostle

There will be a charge of \$70.00 per student for the fourteen-meeting program. Acceptance into the program is NOT automatic, NOR is it on a first-come-first-served basis. In order to be considered, this (completed) form must be returned to the school office by NOV 16th (with a check made out to SCG). In addition to returning this form, the student must be in good academic standing, have a positive behavior history, be interested in representing the school in competition, be willing to be photographed, and be selected in order to participate. Accepted students will be informed of their selection on or before NOV 30th. If a student does not receive notification of acceptance, there was insufficient space for that student.

The group will be limited to about 12-to-15 students. All students in grades 1 and above are eligible to apply. It is not necessary that students attend all of the sessions, but **if it is known that a certain student will miss several sessions or all of the scholastic competitions, it would be better to leave the slot for another student.** Students are not required to have any substantial background in chess, but **they must demonstrate an interest in chess and be willing to work to improve** (this is **not and will not become** a daycare program). New students are welcome. In order to improve, students must do more than just attend these meetings (e.g. attend other chess clubs, read chess books or magazines, play online, participate in tournaments, take private or small group lessons). I do not expect anyone student to do all of these things, but everyone should be doing at least one item on this list. If your child cannot meet these requirements (conflicts, lack of time, etc.) please do not allow him or her to apply. As this is a new program at SCB, I am being as specific as possible.

Attendees will be expected to represent SCB in scholastic (individual and team) tournaments. The L.S.C.L. team championships (free entry for our team members) will be held on JAN 16 & 30, FEB 20, and on MAR 6 (IF we are in the playoffs & 20 (IF we are in the final four). There will also be a 1-day state championship on a Saturday in April. I have conducted similar programs during the last several years, and students from my schools have been very successful in competition (winning numerous city, state, and regional championships). This is an achievement/competition/success oriented program. Students are afforded the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, planning, strategy, effective time management, and decision making under conditions of uncertainty. If your child does not enjoy achievement and competition, this program is probably not a good choice for him/her.

I can be contacted through email (rookington@bellsouth.net) if more information is desired.

Please fill-out, detach, and submit the lower portion of this form to the office if you wish to apply.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ email address _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Telephone# _____