



Feb. 24, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Congratulations to our players and grade-level teams for their recent tournament success! At the last CCF tournament in January, the K-4 Novice team earned a 1st place trophy, while the K-6 Novice team also got an award with a 2nd place finish. At the Greater Chicago Championships at the beginning of this month, the K-3 and K-9 Reserve teams both earned 1st place honors. There were several individual awards as well. This is great momentum for the upcoming championship season in March and April.

- Before we get to March, however, we have a special Leap Day tournament on Feb. 29 hosted by the Chicago Chess Foundation at Nobel School. See the details on the back, and please return the permission slip by next Tue. (2/25).
- Please note that there will be one upcoming practice schedule change. I will be out of the building on Mar. 3, so we are moving both the All-Stars and Club practices to Wed. Mar. 4. Thank you for planning ahead and for your understanding. The Mar./Apr. calendar of events has been updated. Please see the attached schedule.
- This week I presented a Chesskid Challenge to the students. The goal is to login to their accounts at least once per day to work on their lessons and other practice features on the website (puzzles, videos, workouts, etc.). They don't need to stay on the site for long (10-15 min.), but I'm hoping this habit will give the Bateman players adequate time to build their skills outside of our practice sessions. Chesskid.com can be accessed from any device, including apps on phones.
- Today is the early entry fee deadline for the K-12 Championships on Apr. 3-5 in Columbus, OH. I will be confirming plans with any parents who expressed interest in participating in this event. There is still the opportunity to participate, so if you have any interest, please contact me ASAP.
- Although the IL State K-8 Championships are not until March, we have some early deadlines to keep in mind. Thank you to those of you who turned in the interest forms sent home a couple weeks ago. We will be using those to help build our roster and prepare for registration. If you have any questions or concerns about the tournament, please let me know.
- We are just about set to put in our apparel order. Thank you for your patience as we have been working on a new design and ordering procedure. Look for an ordering form next week for shirts, hoodies, and our newest addition: embroidered track jackets!
- Remember: You can always keep up to date on Bateman's chess activities on the website: <http://bateman.cps.edu/bateman-chess.html> or via our parent Facebook page (search Bateman Elementary Chess Team).

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at [acgeisler@cps.edu](mailto:acgeisler@cps.edu) or (773)534-5055.



Sincerely, Mr. Geisler

[Member: U.S. Chess Federation, Illinois Chess Association, Chicago Chess Foundation]

## **CCF Tournament on Sat. Feb. 29**

Alfred Nobel Elementary School 4127 W. Hirsch (1400 N)

**Schedule:** Check-in 8:30 - 9:15am

-All players must check-in at the tournament site by 9:15!

Tournament 10:15am - 3:30pm

-Late arrivals will not be paired in the first round.

Trophy Presentation 4:00 (est.)

**6 Sections:** Novice K-1 (Pawns), Novice 2-3 (Knights), Novice 4-5 (Bishops),  
Novice 6-8 (Rooks), Intermediate, Advanced

Unrated, no entry fee; Swiss-style, 5 rounds (est.), USCF standard tie-breaks

**Awards:** Individual trophies to the top 7 in all sections. Team trophies to the top two teams in all novice sections; top team in Intermediate and Advanced. Team score calculated by top four scores in novice sections, top three scores in advanced.

**Behavior:** Remember that you are representing yourself and your school. You are expected to follow the Blaze Ways and our Core Values wherever you go.

**Volunteers:** In order to keep their tournaments free, CCF relies heavily on the help of volunteers to provide the best experience for all competitors. Parent volunteers can sign up in advance via: [www.chicagochessfoundation.org](http://www.chicagochessfoundation.org) (You can also just let Mr. Geisler know if you would like to volunteer.)