

## Chess Club 2012-2013 Information

Starting October 17th. and running until May 15th. (24 Sessions!)

TIME: Wednesdays 3:20pm - 5:00pm

DATES: (Oct. 17, 24) (Nov. 7, 14, 28) (Dec. 12, 19) (Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30) (Feb. 13, 20, 27) (Mar. 6, 13, 20) (Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24) (May 1, 8, 15)

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: September 12, 2012

Scholastic chess has enjoyed explosive growth in recent years and has shed its reputation as a game only for intellectuals. Beyond the sheer pleasure of playing, studies have shown that chess improves academic performance, concentration, logical thinking, and social skills.

Chess Club begins on October 17, 2012. Our club is part of an effort, initiated by our PTO's and PTA's, to improve the quality of chess instruction throughout the district. Our Chess Club is part of the larger District 112 program and enjoys great success at our local tournaments. The club is coordinated by Gary Goldstein and Phil Yontez. Gary is a founding member of the Highland Park Scholastic Chess Committee and parent volunteer who has run the chess program at Wayne Thomas for the last seven years. Phil is our head coaching coordinator and parent volunteer that is returning for his fourth year. To learn more about the efforts of the Highland Park Scholastic Chess Committee and complete district chess information please visit the website at <http://hpchess.org>.

Chess Club is open to all students from Wayne Thomas. The club will meet almost every Wednesday directly after school in the Multi-Purpose room from 3:20 to 5:00 pm. Students are not required to attend all year or to attend every session and may leave early if needed. Beginners are encouraged to attend regularly during the first two months when introductory lessons are offered at each club session. If joining later in the season additional arrangements can be made.

Intermediate and advanced lessons will be conducted at almost every session. Lessons will run 30 minutes, and members are expected to attend lessons when they are offered. Beginning students in grades K and 1 will learn in small groups led by trained student instructors. When not in lessons, students are expanding their chess skills thru peer play. In an open environment, they'll play other students at the same skill level and student instructors.

Chess sets and boards will be provided. Parents and caregivers are welcome and encouraged to help our club. Chess skills are not required. Those who wish may visit the club before deciding whether to join.

Club members will be divided into groups based on experience. The club ranks members according to their wins and losses, and the club maintains separate incentive systems for participation in lessons, progress using the club's instructional software, and helpfulness to the club. We will again play matches against other schools on some club days and will encourage students who feel ready to attend local tournaments. Local tournaments are usually held three times per year on Saturdays. Further information will be sent when available.

We encourage everyone with an interest in learning this great game to attend regardless of previous experience. In fact, our largest group last year were comprised of students in grades K-2.

The sign-up deadline is September 12, 2012. Students signing up after this date will be charged a \$20.00 processing fee which will be donated to the Wayne Thomas PTA. Please complete the forms and return them to the main school office.

If you have any questions please contact Gary Goldstein at [waynethomaschessclub@mac.com](mailto:waynethomaschessclub@mac.com)

# Chess Club Sign-up Form

Wayne Thomas

2012-2013

Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address For Notices \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print clearly as this is the only way you will be contacted for communication of notices / cancellations)**

Experience Level (check one):

- Beginner (does not know how to move the pieces)
- Intermediate (knows the moves, including en passant and castling, and some strategy)
- Advanced (comfortable with notation, knows basic principles of strategy, understands idea of positional chess, has played competitively)

Parental involvement is encouraged. We benefit especially when parents are able to attend club meetings whether or not they play chess. Please indicate below how you can help the club.

- By attending club meetings
- By helping car pool to matches or tournaments
- Some other way: \_\_\_\_\_

Anything you would like us to know about your child? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return this form to the Wayne Thomas main office by September 12, 2012.**

For questions please contact:

Gary Goldstein

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North Shore School District 112  
Extracurricular  
Parental Permission and Waiver of Liability

Program: Wayne Thomas Chess Club Start Date: October 17, 2012 - May 15, 2013

Program Description: **Wayne Thomas Chess Club, located in the WT MPR, Wednesdays after school from 3:20 to 5:00 pm.**

NSSD 112 affords every student with opportunities to explore personal interests and talents. We believe that every student can find success and pleasure in one or several before or after school activities. Participation in intramural sports, as well as any extracurricular activity or club, especially transportation to an away activity involves an inherent risk of injury. However, the Board of Education of the School District cannot assume responsibility for the safety and welfare of students while they are on or off campus beyond making reasonable provision for their supervision by representatives of the School District designated to supervise the activity.

Students requiring emergency medication, such as, but not limited to, Epi-pens, asthma inhalers or supplies for diabetes care, are encouraged to self-carry their medication. Please contact your school nurse for appropriate self-carry medication authorization forms and/or medication authorization forms. All medication authorization forms must be filled out and returned in order to participate in the activity. Accommodations for all children needing emergency medication must be arranged with the activity sponsor or coach. Please indicate on the bottom of this form if emergency medication is necessary.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize the staff of NSSD 112 to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention and I hereby authorize NSSD 112 and its employees and agents, in my behalf and stead, to administer or to attempt to administer medical aid when necessary for any injury or illness incurred while participating in a school sponsored activity and/or during the transportation to and from a school sponsored activity. I authorize treatment of my child by a qualified physician or nurse in the event he/she should require medical attention. I acknowledge that it may be necessary for the administration of first aid and/or emergency medications to my child to be performed by an individual other than the school nurse, and specifically consent to such practices. As a guardian of a student in NSSD 112, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the District, its employees and agents, either jointly or severally, except for willful and wanton conduct, from and against any and all claims, damages, causes of action, injuries, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred or resulting from the administration or attempt at administration of medical aid or the arrangement for emergency medical assistance and treatment.

I have read and fully understand that as the Parent/Guardian of this student, I accept general liability for the participation of my child in an extracurricular activity and waive and release all claims. All emergency medication requirements necessary for my child are listed on this form. I understand that all medication authorization forms need to be on file with the school nurse.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

Emergency Medication Required? Yes or No (Please circle and indicate what it is)