

ATTENTION CHESS PLAYERS AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

SCB is offering a weekly, after-school chess program to its students this fall. The twelve-meetings of this program will be on Mondays (AUG 31; SEP 14, 21, 28; OCT 5, 12, 19, 26; NOV 2, 9, 16, 30), starting immediately at the end of school and lasting 90 minutes. Mr. Agamy will provide the materials. The meetings will be at school in a room to be announced. 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 here listed: 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 and N.O. Chess Clubs; chess coach at St. Catherine's, St. Philip's, and St. Matthew's.

There will be a charge of \$65.00 per student for the twelve-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 AUG 20th (do not attach funds). 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 AUG 21st. If a student does not receive notification of acceptance, there was insufficient space for that student. Payment from the selected students must be received in the office (**payable to St. Charles Borromeo**) by the first meeting or his/her place might be lost.

The group will be limited to 12-to-18 students. All students first through eighth are eligible to apply. It is not necessary that students attend all of the sessions, but **if a 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**. In order to improve, students will be expected to do more than just attend these meetings (e.g. attend other chess clubs, read chess books or magazines, play online, participate in tournaments, or take private or small group lessons). 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 trying to be as specific as possible about the nature of this program.

Attendees will be expected to represent SCB in scholastic (individual and team) tournaments. I have conducted similar programs during the last several years, and students from my groups 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. Please also indicate if you can volunteer to stay during any of the after school sessions.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ email address _____

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

Background in Chess: _____

Parent Volunteer: _____