

## St. Thomas's Day School Chess Program

8 Weeks beginning Tuesday Mar 8, 3:00 – 4:00pm Spring Session Dates: Apr 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

## Why should students play Chess?

Chess is a fascinating game, which can be played and enjoyed at all levels. Educational research indicates evidence of a strong positive correlation between chess and student academic performance. Multiple studies have shown that learning chess throughout the school years improves competence in mathematics and other cognitive development. The educational research is conclusive: **Chess Makes Kids Smart!** The practical application of the skills learned while playing chess are the same skills necessary for academic excellence and lifelong success:

ConcentrationStrategic PlanningAnalysisGood SportsmanshipCritical ThinkingCreativityEvaluationFun!Problem SolvingPattern RecognitionCompetitionGood Decision-making !!!

**Beginners Level Program:** How to set up the board and move the pieces, How to Capture, How to Read and Write Chess Notation, Opening Principles, Elementary Tactics and Strategy, How to Checkmate.

Intermediate Level Program: Opening Principles, Space, Time, Positional Play, Tactics and Combinations, Strategy, How to Analyze a Position, Opening Repertoire.

About the instructors: Instructors are assistant coaches of the West Haven High School State and National Championship team or members of the University of New Haven Chargers Chess Team. The Program is guided by a USCF Certified Chess Coach and USCF Senior Tournament Director, Jim Celone, Yale BA '83, MS '01. At West Haven High School, Mr. Celone taught math and chess, coached their 10-time state championship, and 2004 National Championship Renegade Knights chess team and runs local elementary school chess programs in the Greater New Haven area. He was honored as 2002 CT Chess Coach of the Year.

Students should be picked up promptly by 4:00

Questions? Direct all inquiries to Filomena Cardinale, Business Office 203-776-2123

For more info on tournaments and other programs visit www.edutechchess.com

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	Thomas's Day School.	n. No refunds for missed places. If sn	ow cancellation, we add a class to end da



